The Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency (the Agency) presents its compliments to the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Member States and to the relevant International Organizations and has the honour to inform them that the Agency will hold a technical meeting (TM) on *Radiation safety in the scrap metal and recycling industry*, at its Headquarters in Vienna, Austria, from 11 to 13 December 2006.

The purpose of this meeting is to review a draft Safety Guide on Arrangements for Dealing with Orphan Radioactive Sources in the Metal Recycling Industry. The scrap metal supply chain has a history of discoveries of orphan radioactive sources. Identification and recovery of discovered orphan sources is resource intensive and problematic. On occasions the discovery has been made only after the orphan source has been melted. Both radiological and economical consequences of these events can be very significant. For regulatory authorities, there are clear benefits in being able to respond effectively, evaluate disposition options and engage with affected stakeholders. This Safety Guide will provide recommendations to States on the strategic management of orphan sources discovered in the scrap metal supply chain.

The Scientific Secretary of the TM will be Mr. Vilmos Friedrich of the Division of Radiation, Transport and Waste Safety.

The Agency’s Secretariat would be grateful if nominations by Governments and International Organizations could reach it not later than 10 November 2006. Nominations should be submitted through the official channel for the attention of Mr. Vilmos Friedrich, Division of Radiation, Transport and Waste Safety, Tel.: (+43 1) 2600 21067; Fax: (+43 1) 2600 7; E-mail: V.Friedrich@iaea.org. The nominations should include the full name(s) and complete contact details of the designated participant(s), including: mailing address, telephone and fax numbers, and Email.

The Secretariat of the International Atomic Energy Agency avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Member States and the International Organizations the assurance of its highest consideration.