

## **Exemption levels and acceptance criteria for NORM residues in Belgian NORM regulations.**

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The Belgian radiation protection authority (Federal Agency for Nuclear Control – FANC) has published in March 2013 a decree regulating the acceptance of NORM residues by non-radioactive waste treatment facilities. This regulation is based on the concept of “*work activities involving natural radiation sources*” in the sense of article 40 of the 96/29/EURATOM directive. It introduces generic exemption levels above which the processing or disposal of NORM residues will be considered as a “work activity” and submitted to declaration according to the Belgian radiation protection regulations. On basis of this declaration, specific acceptance criteria are assigned to the disposal or processing facility. FANC has published a methodological guide for the operators of the concerned facilities and recently organized a round-table gathering both NORM industries and waste processing industries.