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**NORM IN NON-NUCLEAR INDUSTRIES
IN THE USA**

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ABSTRACT

Long-lived naturally occurring radioactive nuclides are in the working material and waste streams of many industries, many of which are unaware of the fact. Unlike the nuclear fuel cycle, which is federally regulated, the regulation of naturally occurring radioactive material (NORM) has remained under the purview of the individual states.

The sources, volumes and concentrations of NORM occurring in various industries have been identified in the United States and a waste characterisation and preliminary risk assessment has been carried out by the US Environmental Protection Agency.

The paper will discuss the types and magnitude of the problems with NORM in the USA, identify some of the anomalies in the current regulations and suggest policies to alleviate the current situation.