

**Activities undertaken by the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)  
in 2003 in the context of radioactive waste management and the oceans**

- The International Atomic Energy Agency is an organization within the UN family with

of radioactive material.

- In June 2002 the IAEA's Commission on Safety Standards (CSS) endorsed an "as amended" version of the 1996 edition of the Agency's Transport Regulations, which, although containing some substantial changes vis-à-vis the 1996 edition, will not affect the certification of package designs. In a further decision the CSS directed the Agency to

world oceans and seas. The MARIS will be available in 2004 to Member States via IAEA website and CD-ROMs. The data stored in the radionuclide database (GLOMARD) has

been recently used in the EU project MARINA II, assessing the impact of marine radioactivity in the Northern European Seas on the population of the European Union.

- IAEA-MEI has been running the Analytical Quality Control Services (AQCS) programme

for radionuclides in the marine environment with the aim to assist laboratories in data quality management by organizing intercomparison exercises, proficiency tests, production of certified reference materials and provision of training. The intercomparison exercise IAEA 414 (Irish Sea and North Sea fish) has recently been completed