



Regulatory Approach in the implementation of the CPPNM and its Amendment:

The ARN experience

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The Nuclear Regulatory Authority approach on Physical Protection

Nuclear Regulatory Authority (ARN)

Overview

Argentine
Presidency

General Secretariat
of the Presidency



Nuclear Safety

Radiological Safety

Physical Protection/Security

Safeguards and Non-Proliferation

**Nuclear Activity National Law
– Act N ° 24.804**

- ✓ Technical and legal **independence**
- ✓ Leading role in **emergencies**
- ✓ Own **technical assessment** capabilities
- ✓ Strong emphasis on competence **building and training**
- ✓ International **links**



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Installations under
regulatory control



Nuclear Regulatory Authority (ARN) cont.

Functions

- Regulatory standards.
- Licenses, permissions or authorizations.
- Inspections and audits.
- Sanctions.



Regulation



Control



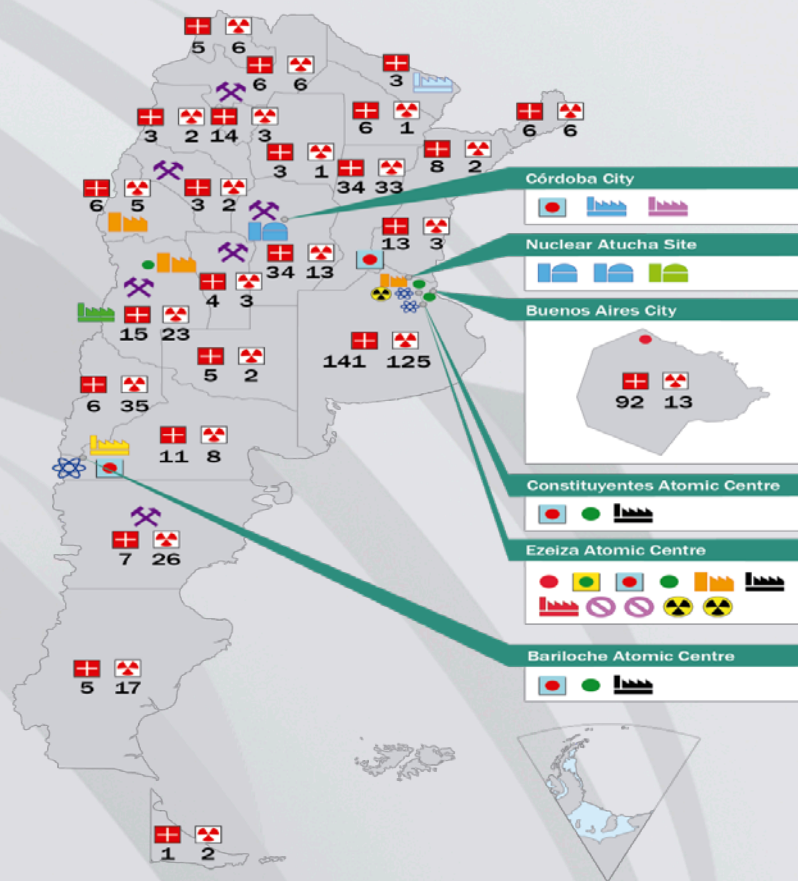
Enforcement

Physical Protection

- The ARN has the authority to require a complete system of physical protection for nuclear material and facilities.
- It is the Competent Authority and National Point of Contact of the A/CPPNM.



Facilities under regulatory control (2022)



Main facilities under regulatory control 2022	
●	ARN Headquarters (CABA) ARN Laboratories and Regional Training Centre (Ezeiza Atomic Centre)
⚛	Atomic Centres (Bariloche - Constituyentes - Ezeiza)
⚙	Nuclear Power Plants (CNA I, CNA II and CNE)
🏗	RA-10 Multipurpose Reactor (under construction) (Constituyentes Atomic Centre)
🏗	CAREM 25 Prototype Reactor (under construction) (Lima, Buenos Aires)
🔬	Research reactors and critical assemblies
⚙	Class I particle accelerators (Bariloche Atomic Centre, Buenos Aires, Mendoza)
☢	Radioisotopes production plants
🏗	Irradiation plants
⚙	Nuclear Fuel Cycle facilities
🏗	Pilcaniyeu Technological Complex (Río Negro)
⚙	Nuclear Fuel Element Factory (CONUAR - Constituyentes Atomic Centre)
⚙	Córdoba Factory Complex (CNEA - Dioxitek, Córdoba)
⚙	Uranium Dioxide Industrial Plant
⚙	Uranium Dioxide Processing Plant under construction (DIOXITEK, Formosa)
🏗	Córdoba Factory Complex out of service (CNEA)
⊗	Radioactive Waste Management Area (CNEA) (Ezeiza Atomic Centre)
⚙	Former Factory mining complex out of service
🏗	Malargüe Site, Mendoza
⚙	Nuclear medicine, radiotherapy, PET and blood irradiators facilities (431)
⚙	Industrial gammagraphy and industrial applications facilities (337)
⚙	Other minor uses facilities (not included in map) (280)
Total of facilities 1.135	

- 31 facilities with NM under physical protection.
- 9 facilities with RM.



Regulatory Standards

- 64 regulatory standards
- 10 regulatory guides



Standard of Physical Protection of Nuclear Materials and Installations – AR 10.13.1, Rev. 1

- **Performance Character:** non-prescriptive.
- **Aim:** to establish general criteria for the physical protection of nuclear materials and facilities.
- **Scope:** applicable to protected materials, within the relevant facilities, in storage and during transport.
- **Sections:** objective and scope, explanation of terms, criteria, levels of physical protection and responsibilities, annexed table of classification of protected material.
- **PPS:** set of people and available means with the capacity to prevent, delay or avoid intentional acts. It also establishes desirable characteristics.
- **Emphasis:** prevention and deterrence through the use of passive measures.

<https://www.argentina.gov.ar/arn/instalaciones-practicas-y-personal-regulado/marco-regulatorio/normas>



License responsibility

- The **responsibility** for physical protection rests with the **holder** of the license/permit/authorization granted by the ARN.

The **Responsible Entity** must:

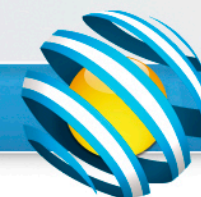
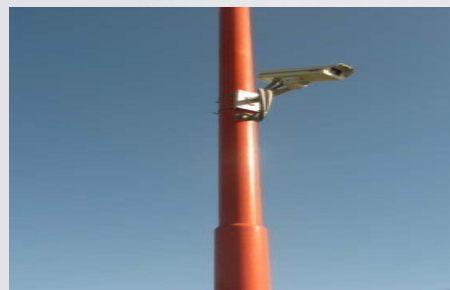
- ✓ Ensure physical protection of materials and facilities.
- ✓ Designate a person responsible for the PP for each facility or transport.
- ✓ Ensure confidentiality of information.
- ✓ Submit technical documentation.
- ✓ Conduct internal audits to verify the correct implementation of the PPS.
- ✓ Establish and maintain a communication system with the response force.



Inspections



Year	Nuclear Facilities	Class I Radioactive Facilities
2021	60	30
2022	66	12
2023	66	15



Sanctions

- Sanctions Regime for Nuclear Power Plants, approved by Resolution of the Board of ARN No. 63 (05/05/99)
- Sanctions Regime for Relevant Facilities, approved by Resolution of the Board of ARN No. 24 (11/11/99)



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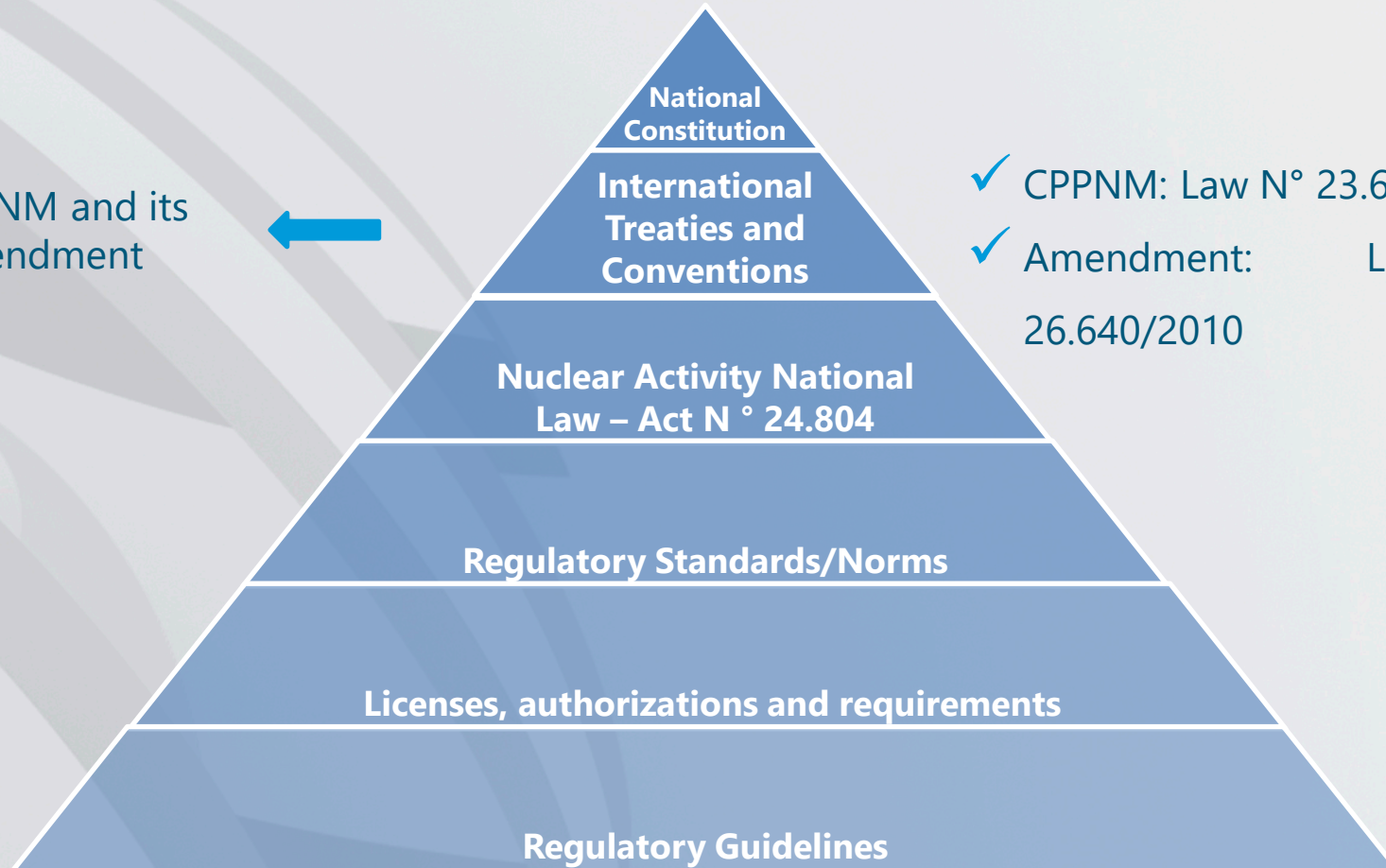


The Adoption of the CPPNM and its Amendment in Argentina

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National framework

CPPNM and its Amendment



- ✓ CPPNM: Law N° 23.620/1988
- ✓ Amendment: Law N° 26.640/2010

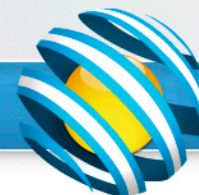


Active participation

- Designation and updating of PoCs and competent authority
- Provision of information in accordance with Article 14.1
- Negotiation of the Amendment text



- Participation in different international initiatives
- Country position before the IAEA governing bodies
- Specific clause in government-to-government agreements



Final considerations

- **Responsibility** of the holder of the license for physical protection
- Spaces **to raise awareness** of the importance of the CPPNM and its Amendment.
- Importance of **partnership** with other organizations.
- **Key role of the IAEA** in coordinating efforts.



Thank you!
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