

# RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT A KENYAN PERSPECTIVE

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# MAIN SOURCES OF RADIOACTIVE WASTE

Disused sealed radioactive sources and Norm

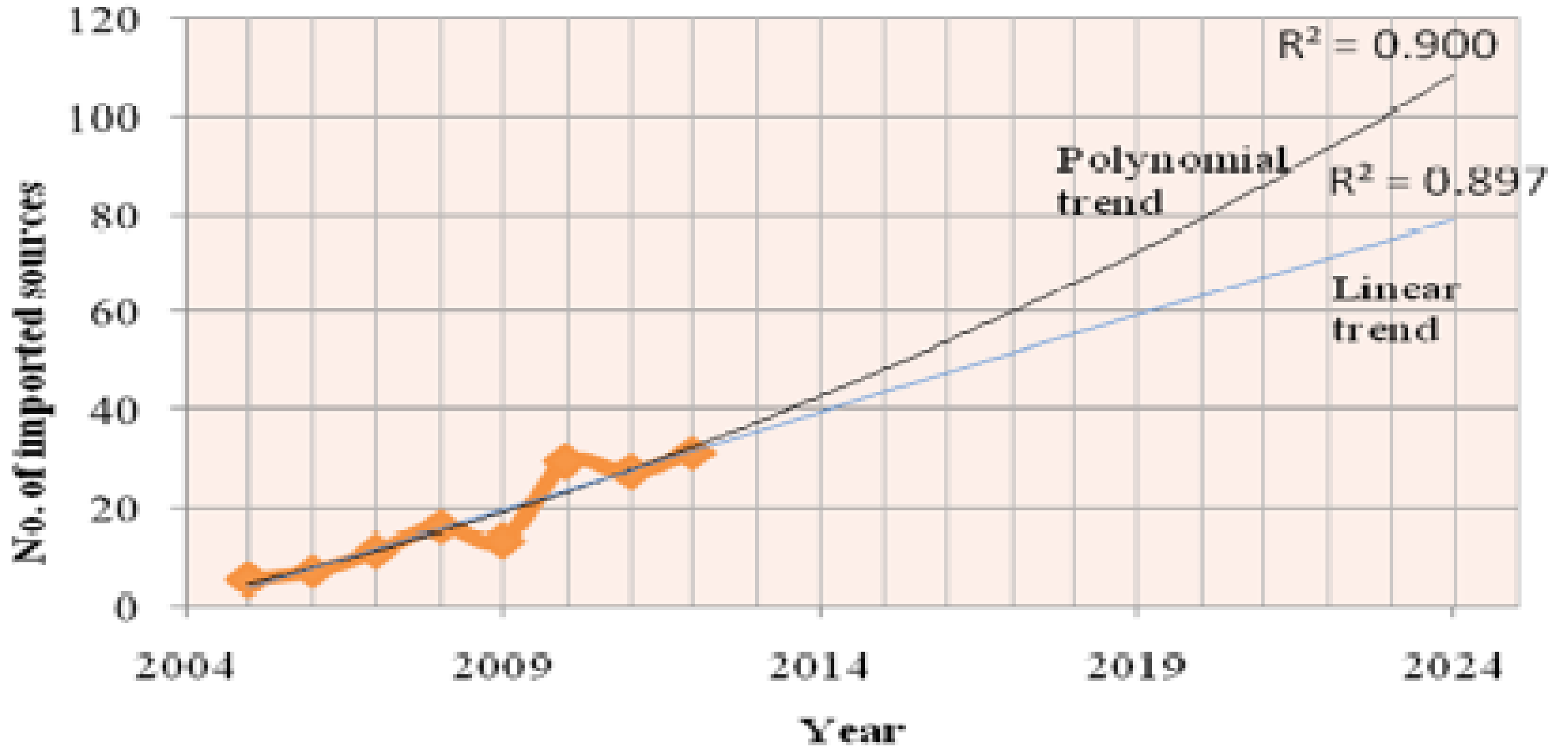
- Hospitals
- Industry
- Research

No research reactors or spent fuel

# NATIONAL WASTE INVENTORY

SOURCE (No.)		SOURCE (No.)		SOURCE (No.)	
Cs 137 (56)		Ra 226 (120)		I 125 (15)	
Mo 99 (4)		Ni 63 (5)		Fe 59(1)	
Am 241 (82)		Cf 252 (3)		Cr 50 (3)	
Co 60 (33)		DU 238 (5)		H 3 (3)	
Kr 85 (6)		Cd 109 (11)		S 35 (4)	
Ir 192 (31)		Fe 55 (11)		C14 (114)	
Sr 90 (27)		Th 232 (4)		P32 (11)	
Th228 (6)		Ba 133 (22)		I 131 (11)	
Na 22 (8)	Mn 54(2)	Co 57 (12)	Sr 89 (2)	Tc 99 (12)	Y 90 (17)

# INCREASE IN IMPORTATION OF SOURCES SINCE 2005



# NATIONAL POLICY / NATIONAL PLAN FOR MANAGING RW

## The Radiation Protection Board (RPB)

Established by an act of parliament in 1984

- oversee matters of radiation safety,
- security of radioactive materials,
- control of contamination of food and environment
- Maintains a register of radiation facilities and workers, dealers in radioactive devices and materials

- Presently there is no National Policy on management of radioactive waste
- Radioactive waste is conditioned and stored at a location operated by the Materials and Testing Research Laboratory (MTRD).
- DSRS are also stored by the Radiation protection board

# INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK FOR MANAGING RW (REGULATOR, OPERATOR, TSO)

Regulator-Radiation protection board ;

- Provides guidelines, standards and regulations

Operator/Generator ;

- safety and security of generated radioactive waste

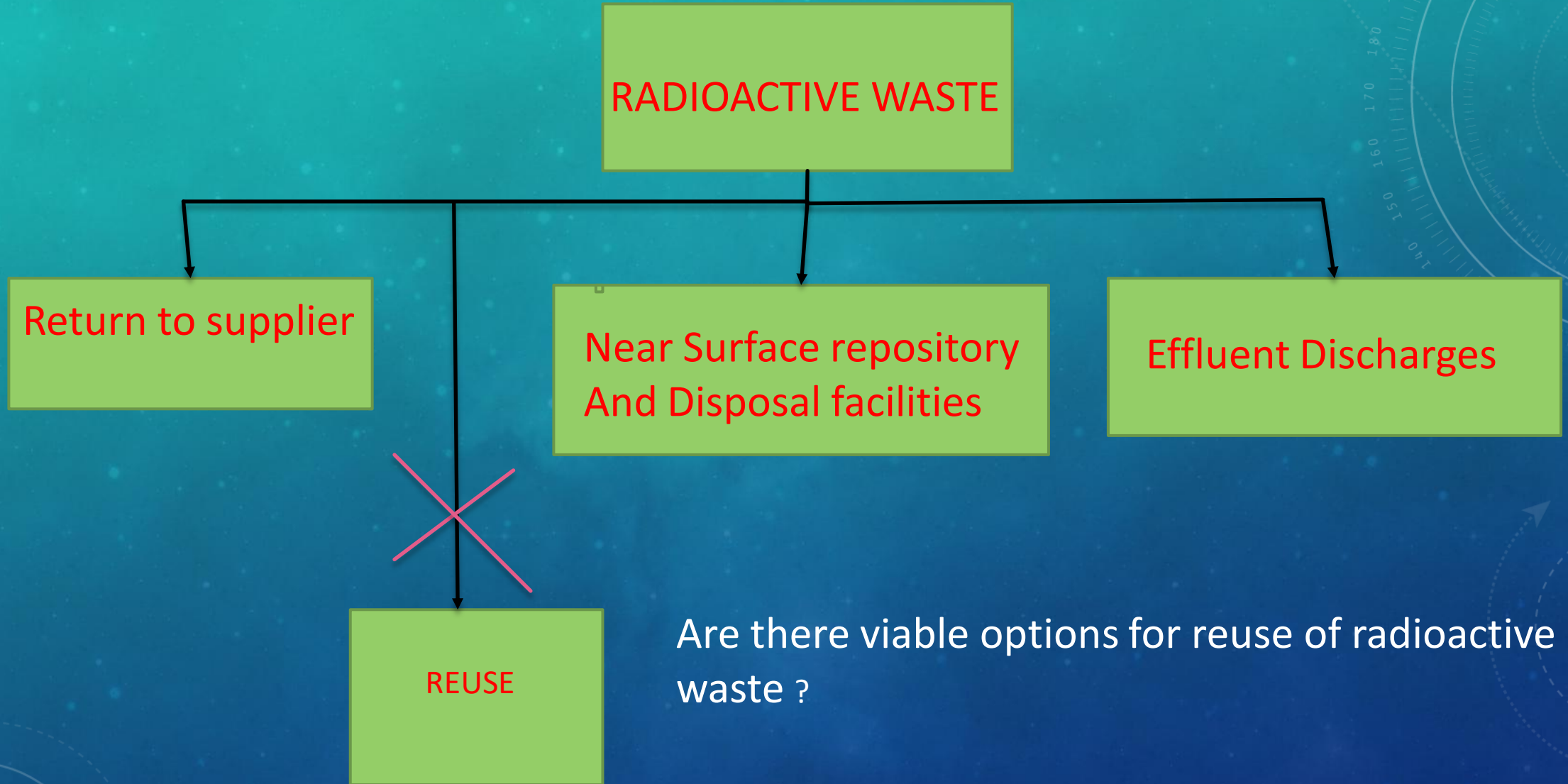
Technical support organizations

- Materials testing and research Laboratory (MTRD)
- Kenya Nuclear Electricity Board (KNEB)
- Institute of Nuclear Science and Technology (INST)

Resources (human and financial)

- Trained human resource is available however the financial implications of sustaining them is limited.
- Limitations in equipment acquisition and training

# MANAGEMENT OPTIONS CONSIDERED FOR DSRS, NORM, LLW,



Are there viable options for reuse of radioactive waste ?

# CONCERNS, PROBLEMS, CHALLENGES IN MANAGING RW

- Security
- Local TSOs
- Illegal trafficking of sources
- Lack of a National policy



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