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This information sheet is an updated review of the answers to the following questions, and replaces the previously published Q&As:

- Are we still able/allowed to buy radioisotopes?
- What are the requirements to keep radioactive sources?
- Some of the old radioactive materials we have in a lead box are leaking and I have been told not to open/touch it. Where or who do we contact for disposal of these old radioactive materials?
- Our school recently found a cardboard box of radioactive minerals which have been stored at the back of the cupboard. Do these minerals need to be stored in a metal container or glass jar like our radioactive samples or is the original box still okay? Will these samples also produce Radon gas? One of the minerals from what I can see is Uraninite.

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