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ARPANSA Licence Holder Forum

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ARPANSA Compliance Monitoring Programme
2010/11

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ARPANSA Licence Statistics 2009/10

In 2009/10:-

- 58 ARPANSA source licences held
- 33 ARPANSA facility licences held
- 39 ARPANSA licensees

Several licensees have multiple licences eg ANSTO has currently 17 facility licences, and 3 source licences



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ARPANSA Inspection Programme 2009/10

- In the period 1 July 09 – 30 June 10 ARPANSA inspectors undertook 38 inspections of its licensees
- The inspection program is informed by a risk assessment methodology utilising a 3 x 3 risk ranking matrix of control and hazard
- In addition to risk ranking, other factors are taken into consideration eg date of last inspection, compliance history, concurrent inspections happening in the same area



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Risk ranking matrix

HAZARD					
CONTROL	1	2	3		
Good	1	2	3		
Satisfactory	2	4	6		
Poor	3	6	9		

Low risk

Medium risk

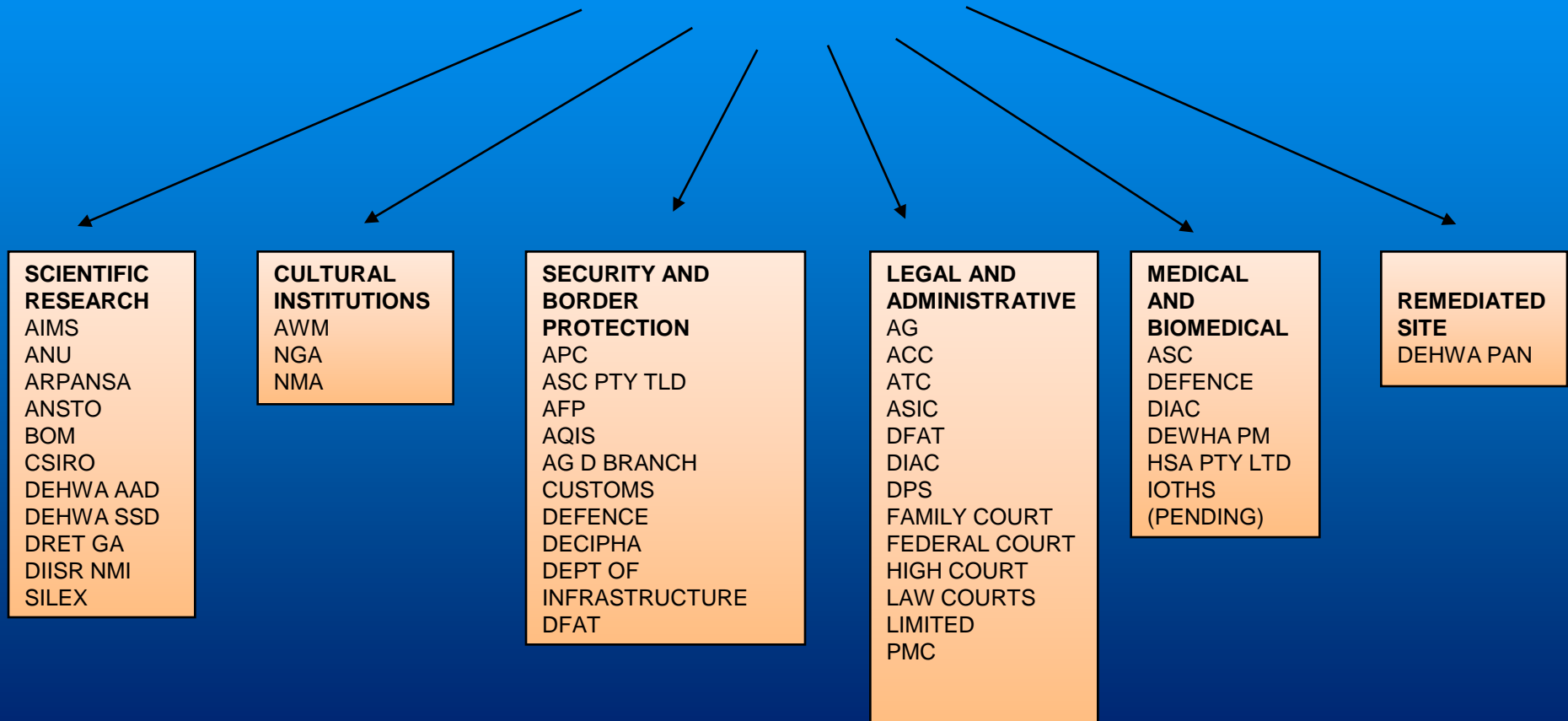
High risk



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ARPANSA licensee core business

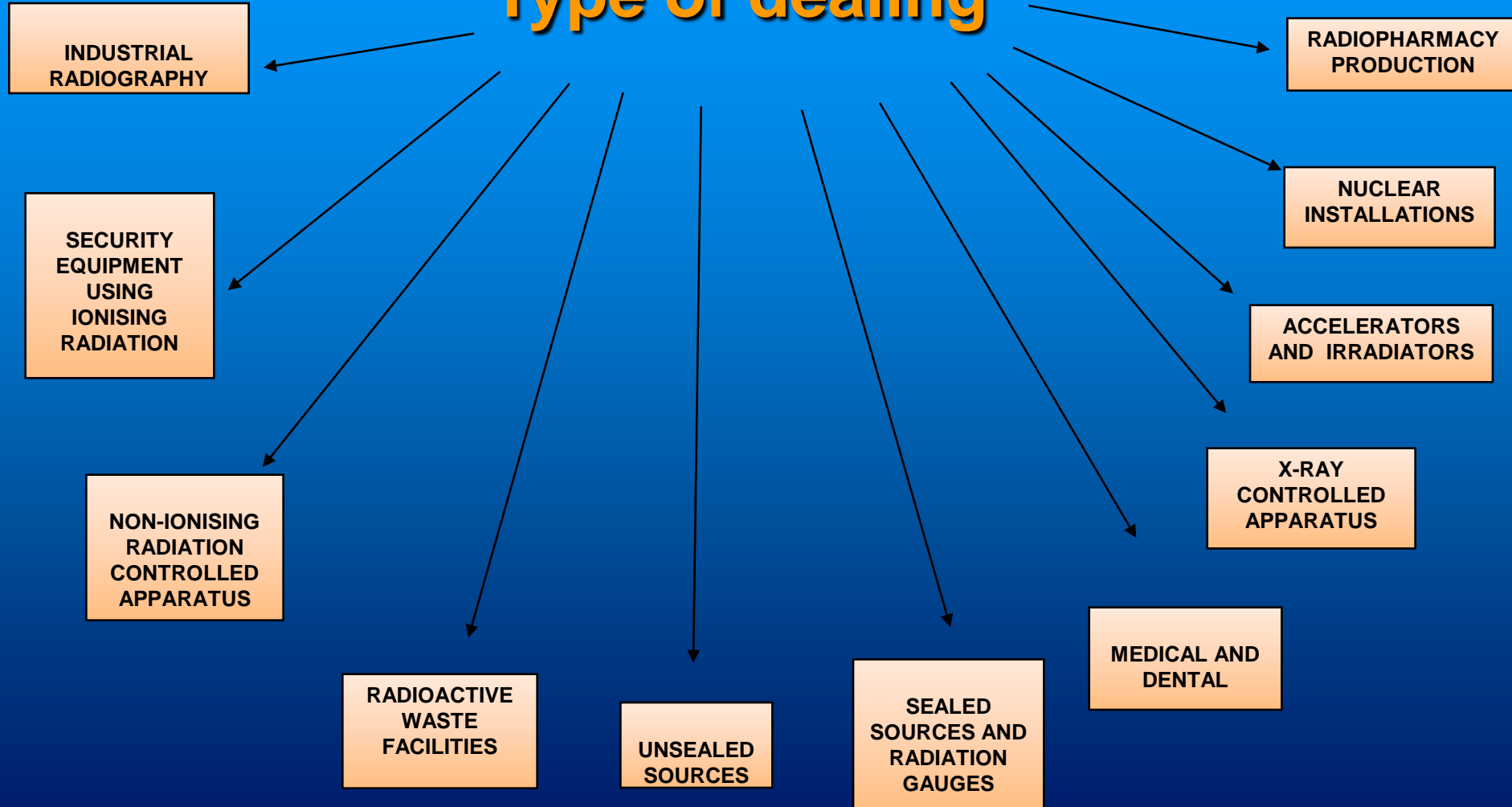




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Type of dealing





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What's planned for 2010/11?

Two components:-

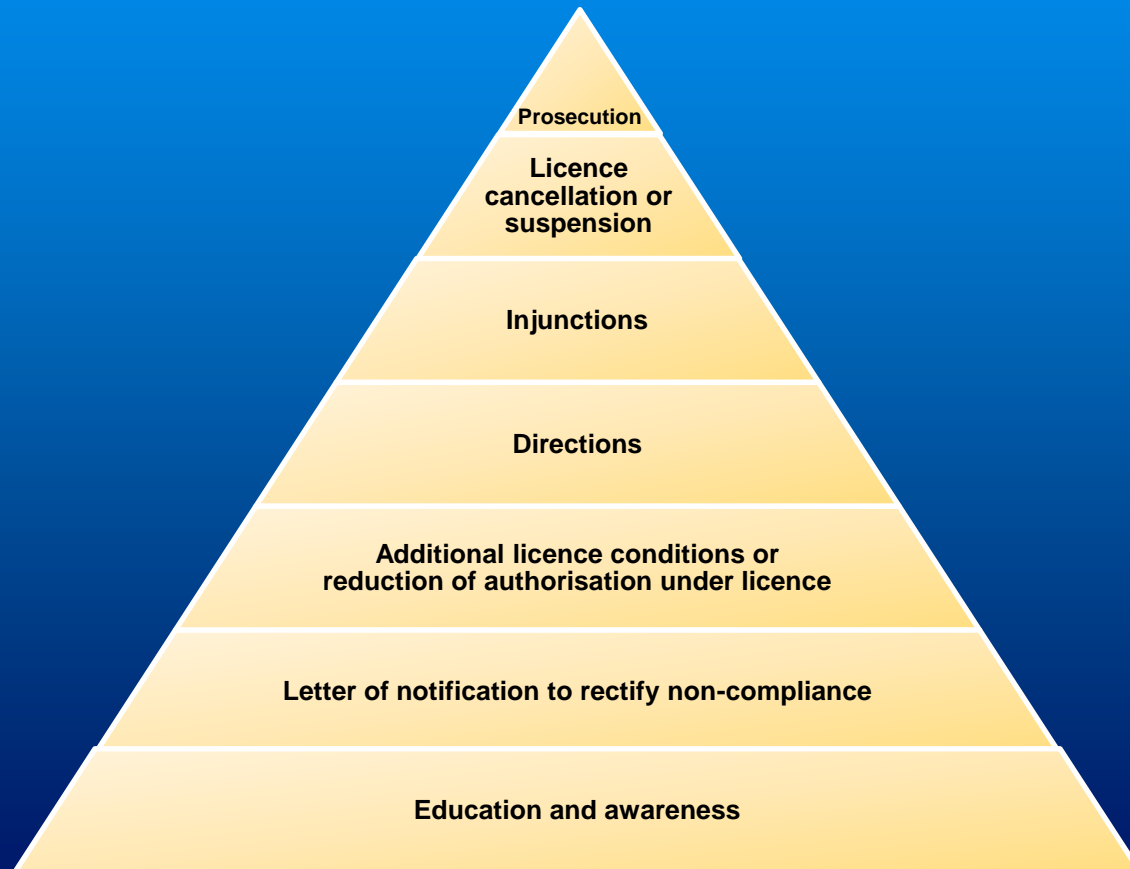
- Regulatory awareness and stakeholder communication initiatives
- Planned inspection programme



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ARPANSA Regulatory Response Pyramid





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Planned activities in 2010/11

- Series of licence holder forums (LHF), with three planned for the financial year
- Second LHF proposed for March 2011 on the topic of the implementation of the Code of Practice for Security of Radioactive Sources (RPS 11)
- Presentations to the CSIRO Radiation Safety Officer meeting in November 2010
- Regulatory awareness seminars planned in Canberra for specific licensee groups where recurrent regulatory issues have arisen



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Regulatory Awareness Initiatives

It has been identified that many non-compliances have been due to a lack of regulatory awareness.

This can be addressed by a programme of regulatory awareness raising initiatives with ARPANSA licensees. The proposed programme will comprise:-

- Presentations by ARPANSA
- Bilateral meetings with licensees
- Attendance at licensee Radiation Safety Committees
- Increased use of online methods to circulate information such as the licence administration mailbox and regulatory bulletin board



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Regulatory Awareness Initiatives (cont)

- Encourage use of the website by licence holders, and to provide feedback on what content they would like on the site
- Focus on licence holder Quarterly Reports and self-assessment of compliance
- Review strategy for licence holder communication to ensure awareness of regulatory requirements
- Proactive advertising campaign using professional journals, licence holder newsletters etc



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Inspection Programme 2010/11

It is anticipated that less inspections will be undertaken in the forthcoming year than 2009/10, with more focus on educational and stakeholder communication activities.

Nevertheless, a series of inspections is planned for the period 1 July 2010 – 30 June 2011. This inspection programme is informed by several factors, viz.

- Licence holder risk ranking which is derived according to the Regulatory and Policy Branch procedure RPB-COM-SUP-270F
- Date last inspected
- Recent compliance history



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Conclusions

A series of educational and stakeholder communication activities is planned for the FY 2010/11 in addition to a planned inspection programme.

A compliance analysis has been undertaken for the FY 2009/10 to inform the inspection programme - a separate presentation will be made today on the results of this analysis.



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Questions?

