

## **The Next Exercises**

**NPL Environmental Radioactivity Proficiency Test  
Exercise 2007 Workshop**

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- **Good news:** NMS funding 2007-2010 to organise three exercises instead of two (12- vs. 18-month interval)
- **Bad news:** NMS funding 2007-2010 for this project decreased with ~25%
- Per exercise:  $2 / 3 * 75\% = 50\%$  of the current funding

At the moment, there is a nominal fee of £135 per sample which covers only a small amount of the costs

## Possible solutions:

- Simplify the exercise (less samples, less nuclides)
- Charge a participation fee
- Increase the sample fee significantly (by factors)
- Find more participants
- Two-tier exercise (both relatively cheap simple aqueous samples and more expensive “challenging” samples)
- Charge overseas participants more than UK participants
- A combination of the above

Feed-back this exercise and preferences for the next one

-General discussion (5-10 minutes)

-Post-it notes

- I) Costs of the next exercises
- II) Nuclides
- III) Matrices (aqueous and solid)
- IV) Activity levels

Thank you