

## **Colombia joins CSI**

The government of Colombia has agreed to inspect U.S.-bound exports for nuclear and radiological material by participating in the Container Security Initiative.

Under the agreement, the Department of Energy, through its Megaports Initiative, will loan large-scale radiation detection equipment to Colombia to scan containers before they are placed on a vessel. Customs and Border Protection officers will be stationed at the Port of Cartagena to point out containers that Colombian Customs should inspect with high-tech machines.

The DOE has radiation detection equipment operating in six foreign ports and is in the process of setting up devices in 12 more countries.

When the program becomes operational, Cartagena will be the 51st foreign port participating in CSI.