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Honeywell Site Microshield Assessment for Scrap Metal Disposal

Microshield Input Parameters

A microshield computer simulation was used to calculate the approximate dose to a truck driver during transport and handling of the scrap metal from the Honeywell site located in Metropolis, IL to Waste Control Specialists (WCS) in Andrews, TX. A detailed description of the analysis is provided below. The maximum dose to the truck driver transporting the material is .025 mrem per shipment. The details of the truck driver scenario were obtained from a similar waste disposal request submitted to NRC by Cabot Corporation on June 7, 2000. Honeywell has agreed to perform actions to verify that the uranium concentration of the material is under 500 ppm described in the July 19, 2000 letter.

Microshield Parameter	Value	Units
source material concentration @ 0.05 wt%	339 total Uranium	pCi/g
natural relative isotopic abundance of U	165.7 U-238 165.7 U-234 7.6 U-235	pCi/g
scrap metal density	7.86	g/cm ³
*50% packing efficiency in loaded truck	3.93	g/cm ³
50% packing efficiency @3.93	6.5 E-4 U-238 6.5 E-4 U-234 3.0 E-5 U-235	microCi/cm ³
* truck bed dimensions (length, width, height)	18 7.5 5	feet
*shielding thickness for steel truck/cab wall	1/16	inches
*time it takes for loading/maintenance	5	hours
*time it takes to drive shipment	28	hours
*time allowed for truck driver to rest	16	hours
*average receptor distance for loading/maintenance	3	feet
*average receptor distance for driving	7	feet
*average receptor distance for resting	2	feet

dose from loading	5.2 E-3	mrem
dose from driving	6.1 E-3	mrem
dose from sleeping	1.4 E-2	mrem
total dose to truck driver per load	2.5 E-2	mrem

* Assumptions made to run simulation. Similar assumptions were made in the Cabot June 7, 2000 submittal.

Conclusions/Findings

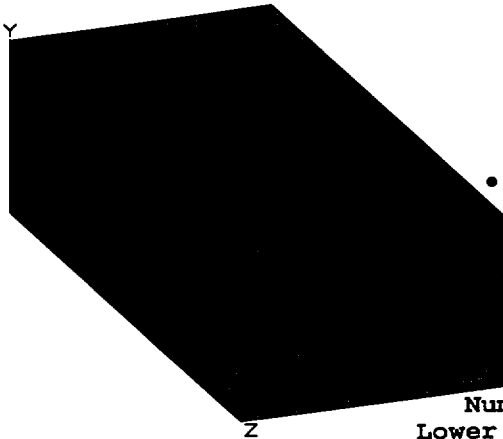
The NRC staff has performed a dose calculation using Microshield computer model to ensure that disposal of this material during transport to the WCS facility would not result in a dose to the public exceeding 25 mrem/yr. The maximum resulting dose, .025 mrem with a total loading and driving time of 49 hours to a truck driver transporting the material from Honeywell site to WCS is significantly less than 25 mrem/yr.

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Case Title: Honeywell - Driver
Description: Driver 3 ft from truck side; u238,u234,u235, 50yr decay
Geometry: 13 - Rectangular Volume

	Source Dimensions		
Length	228.6 cm	7 ft	6.0 in
Width	548.64 cm		18 ft
Height	152.4 cm	5 ft	0.0 in



	Dose Points		
	<u>X</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Z</u>
# 1	320.04 cm	76.2 cm	274.32 cm
	10 ft 6.0 in	2 ft 6.0 in	9 ft

	Shields		
<u>Shield Name</u>	<u>Dimension</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Density</u>
Source	675.0 ft ³	Iron	3.93
Shield 1	.005 ft	Iron	7.86
Air Gap		Air	0.00122

Source Input
 Method : Standard Indices
 Number of Groups : 25
 Lower Energy Cutoff : 0.015
 Photons < 0.015 : Excluded

<u>Nuclide</u>	<u>curies</u>	<u>becquerels</u>	<u>μCi/cm³</u>	<u>Bq/cm³</u>
Ac-227	3.0294e-007	1.1209e+004	1.5849e-008	5.8643e-004
Bi-210	2.2021e-008	8.1476e+002	1.1521e-009	4.2627e-005
Bi-211	3.0180e-007	1.1167e+004	1.5790e-008	5.8422e-004
Bi-214	6.0071e-008	2.2226e+003	3.1428e-009	1.1628e-004
Fr-223	4.1806e-009	1.5468e+002	2.1872e-010	8.0927e-006
Pa-231	6.0625e-007	2.2431e+004	3.1718e-008	1.1736e-003
Pa-234	1.9878e-005	7.3550e+005	1.0400e-006	3.8480e-002
Pa-234m	1.2424e-002	4.5969e+008	6.5000e-004	2.4050e+001
Pb-210	2.2044e-008	8.1563e+002	1.1533e-009	4.2672e-005
Pb-211	3.0180e-007	1.1167e+004	1.5790e-008	5.8422e-004
Pb-214	6.0071e-008	2.2226e+003	3.1428e-009	1.1628e-004
Po-210	2.1385e-008	7.9125e+002	1.1188e-009	4.1397e-005
Po-211	8.2392e-010	3.0485e+001	4.3106e-011	1.5949e-006
Po-214	6.0059e-008	2.2222e+003	3.1421e-009	1.1626e-004
Po-215	3.0180e-007	1.1167e+004	1.5790e-008	5.8422e-004
Po-218	6.0084e-008	2.2231e+003	3.1435e-009	1.1631e-004
Ra-223	3.0180e-007	1.1167e+004	1.5790e-008	5.8422e-004
Ra-226	6.0120e-008	2.2244e+003	3.1453e-009	1.1638e-004
Rn-219	3.0180e-007	1.1167e+004	1.5790e-008	5.8422e-004
Rn-222	6.0084e-008	2.2231e+003	3.1435e-009	1.1631e-004
Th-227	2.9806e-007	1.1028e+004	1.5594e-008	5.7697e-004
Th-230	5.5907e-006	2.0686e+005	2.9250e-007	1.0822e-002
Th-231	5.7342e-004	2.1216e+007	3.0000e-005	1.1100e+000
Th-234	1.2424e-002	4.5969e+008	6.5000e-004	2.4050e+001
Tl-207	3.0098e-007	1.1136e+004	1.5747e-008	5.8262e-004
U-234	1.2424e-002	4.5969e+008	6.5000e-004	2.4050e+001
U-235	5.7342e-004	2.1216e+007	3.0000e-005	1.1100e+000
U-238	1.2424e-002	4.5969e+008	6.5000e-004	2.4050e+001

Buildup
 The material reference is : Shield 1

Integration Parameters	
X Direction	10
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Z Direction	20

Results

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<u>Energy</u> MeV	<u>Activity</u> photons/sec	<u>Fluence Rate</u> MeV/cm ² /sec		<u>Exposure Rate</u> mR/hr	
		<u>No Buildup</u>	<u>With Buildup</u>	<u>No Buildup</u>	<u>With Buildup</u>
0.015	3.991e+04	0.000e+00	7.970e-30	0.000e+00	6.836e-31
0.02	1.017e+02	1.195e-151	3.193e-32	4.139e-153	1.106e-33
0.03	3.111e+06	3.694e-49	1.341e-27	3.661e-51	1.329e-29
0.04	9.590e+02	4.206e-27	5.141e-27	1.860e-29	2.274e-29
0.05	5.435e+05	7.678e-15	1.037e-14	2.045e-17	2.762e-17
0.06	1.809e+07	5.783e-09	8.656e-09	1.149e-11	1.719e-11
0.08	3.148e+06	4.655e-06	8.402e-06	7.367e-09	1.330e-08
0.1	3.062e+07	1.209e-03	2.527e-03	1.850e-06	3.866e-06
0.15	3.538e+06	2.449e-03	6.256e-03	4.032e-06	1.030e-05
0.2	1.325e+07	2.519e-02	7.067e-02	4.446e-05	1.247e-04
0.3	6.148e+04	2.998e-04	8.548e-04	5.686e-07	1.621e-06
0.4	4.892e+04	4.091e-04	1.121e-03	7.970e-07	2.185e-06
0.5	6.716e+04	8.283e-04	2.155e-03	1.626e-06	4.229e-06
0.6	2.751e+05	4.611e-03	1.140e-02	9.000e-06	2.225e-05
0.8	1.527e+06	4.111e-02	9.346e-02	7.820e-05	1.778e-04
1.0	4.880e+06	1.889e-01	4.027e-01	3.483e-04	7.423e-04
1.5	1.034e+05	7.650e-03	1.467e-02	1.287e-05	2.468e-05
2.0	1.387e+04	1.593e-03	2.888e-03	2.463e-06	4.466e-06
TOTALS:	7.932e+07	2.743e-01	6.087e-01	5.041e-04	1.118e-03

Conversion of calculated exposure in air to dose

FILE: P:\MICROSHI\DATA\HONEY-1.MS5

Case Title: Honeywell - Driver

This case was run on Thursday, October 5, 2000 at 4:28:34 PM

Dose Point # 1 - (10.5,2.5,9) ft

<u>Results (Summed over energies)</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Without Buildup</u>	<u>With Buildup</u>
Photon Fluence Rate (flux)	Photons/cm ² /sec	4.120e-001	9.802e-001
Photon Energy Fluence Rate	MeV/cm ² /sec	2.743e-001	6.087e-001
Exposure and Dose Rates:			
Exposure Rate in Air	mR/hr	5.041e-004	1.118e-003
Absorbed Dose Rate in Air	mGy/hr	4.401e-006	9.764e-006
"	mrad/hr	4.401e-004	9.764e-004
Deep Dose Equivalent Rate (ICRP 51 - 1987)			
o Parallel Geometry	mSv/hr	5.182e-006	1.156e-005
o Opposed	"	4.217e-006	9.337e-006
o Rotational	"	4.217e-006	9.337e-006
o Isotropic	"	3.751e-006	8.312e-006
Shallow Dose Equivalent Rate (ICRP 51 - 1987)			
o Parallel Geometry	mSv/hr	5.497e-006	1.224e-005
o Opposed	"	5.215e-006	1.159e-005
o Rotational	"	5.215e-006	1.159e-005
o Isotropic	"	4.008e-006	8.884e-006
Effective Dose Equivalent Rate (ICRP 51 - 1987)			
o Anterior/Posterior Geometry	mSv/hr	4.621e-006	1.030e-005
o Posterior/Anterior	"	4.139e-006	9.194e-006
o Lateral	"	3.146e-006	6.957e-006
o Rotational	"	3.698e-006	8.207e-006
o Isotropic	"	3.199e-006	7.088e-006

at 3' from slab
of truck

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 Run Date: October 5, 2000
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 Date: _____
 By: _____
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Case Title: Cabot - Driver
Description: Driver 2ft and 7ft from truck end; u238 series
Geometry: 13 - Rectangular Volume

	Source Dimensions	
Length	548.64 cm	18 ft
Width	228.6 cm	7 ft 6.0 in
Height	152.4 cm	5 ft 0.0 in

	Dose Points		
	<u>X</u>	<u>Y</u>	<u>Z</u>
# 1	609.6 cm	76.2 cm	114.3 cm
	20 ft 0.0 in	2 ft 6.0 in	3 ft 9.0 in
# 2	762 cm	76.2 cm	114.3 cm
	25 ft	2 ft 6.0 in	3 ft 9.0 in

	Shields			
	<u>Shield Name</u>	<u>Dimension</u>	<u>Material</u>	<u>Density</u>
	Source	1.91e+07 cm ³ ✓	Iron	3.93 ✓
	Shield 1	.317 cm ✓	Iron	7.86 ✓
	Air Gap		Air	0.00122



Source Input
Grouping Method : Standard Indices
Number of Groups : 25
Lower Energy Cutoff : 0.015
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U-235	5.7342e-004	2.1216e+007	3.0000e-005	1.1100e+000
U-238	1.2424e-002	4.5969e+008	6.5000e-004	2.4050e+001

Buildup
The material reference is : Shield 1

Integration Parameters

X Direction	10
Y Direction	20
Z Direction	20

Results - Dose Point # 1 - (609.6,76.2,114.3) cm

Energy MeV	Activity photons/sec	Fluence Rate		Exposure Rate	
		MeV/cm ² /sec		mR/hr	
		No Buildup	With Buildup	No Buildup	With Buildup
0.015	3.991e+04	0.000e+00	8.016e-30	0.000e+00	6.876e-31
0.02	1.017e+02	0.000e+00	3.212e-32	0.000e+00	1.113e-33
0.03	3.111e+06	6.096e-110	1.349e-27	6.042e-112	1.336e-29
0.04	9.590e+02	9.368e-54	6.357e-31	4.143e-56	2.811e-33
0.05	5.435e+05	4.890e-29	5.728e-28	1.303e-31	1.526e-30
0.06	1.809e+07	1.308e-17	2.149e-17	2.599e-20	4.268e-20
0.08	3.148e+06	3.139e-10	6.789e-10	4.967e-13	1.074e-12
0.1	3.062e+07	3.531e-06	9.660e-06	5.401e-09	1.478e-08
0.15	3.538e+06	1.412e-04	5.545e-04	2.325e-07	9.132e-07
0.2	1.325e+07	3.457e-03	1.681e-02	6.102e-06	2.967e-05
0.3	6.148e+04	7.745e-05	4.109e-04	1.469e-07	7.794e-07
0.4	4.892e+04	1.409e-04	7.170e-04	2.744e-07	1.397e-06
0.5	6.716e+04	3.422e-04	1.604e-03	6.717e-07	3.148e-06
0.6	2.751e+05	2.174e-03	9.342e-03	4.243e-06	1.823e-05
0.8	1.527e+06	2.335e-02	8.579e-02	4.442e-05	1.632e-04
1.0	4.880e+06	1.220e-01	3.942e-01	2.248e-04	7.267e-04
1.5	1.034e+05	5.974e-03	1.542e-02	1.005e-05	2.594e-05
2.0	1.387e+04	1.368e-03	3.121e-03	2.116e-06	4.826e-06
TOTALS:	7.932e+07	1.590e-01	5.280e-01	2.931e-04	9.748e-04

Results - Dose Point # 2 - (762,76.2,114.3) cm

Energy MeV	Activity photons/sec	Fluence Rate		Exposure Rate	
		MeV/cm ² /sec		mR/hr	
		No Buildup	With Buildup	No Buildup	With Buildup
0.015	3.991e+04	0.000e+00	2.447e-30	0.000e+00	2.099e-31
0.02	1.017e+02	0.000e+00	9.803e-33	0.000e+00	3.396e-34
0.03	3.111e+06	5.807e-110	4.116e-28	5.755e-112	4.079e-30
0.04	9.590e+02	8.943e-54	1.940e-31	3.955e-56	8.581e-34
0.05	5.435e+05	4.666e-29	2.129e-28	1.243e-31	5.672e-31
0.06	1.809e+07	1.207e-17	1.982e-17	2.398e-20	3.937e-20
0.08	3.148e+06	2.488e-10	5.364e-10	3.938e-13	8.488e-13
0.1	3.062e+07	2.328e-06	6.289e-06	3.562e-09	9.621e-09
0.15	3.538e+06	6.766e-05	2.530e-04	1.114e-07	4.167e-07
0.2	1.325e+07	1.425e-03	6.347e-03	2.515e-06	1.120e-05
0.3	6.148e+04	2.786e-05	1.302e-04	5.285e-08	2.471e-07
0.4	4.892e+04	4.720e-05	2.075e-04	9.197e-08	4.044e-07
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1.0	4.880e+06	3.390e-02	9.508e-02	6.249e-05	1.753e-04
1.5	1.034e+05	1.545e-03	3.534e-03	2.599e-06	5.947e-06
2.0	1.387e+04	3.395e-04	6.977e-04	5.250e-07	1.079e-06
TOTALS:	7.932e+07	4.491e-02	1.306e-01	8.280e-05	2.410e-04

MicroShield v5.05 (5.05-00274)
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Conversion of calculated exposure in air to dose

FILE: P:\MICROSHI\DATA\CABOT-2.MS5

Case Title: Cabot - Driver

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Dose Point # 1 - (609.6,76.2,114.3) cm

<u>Results (Summed over energies)</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Without Buildup</u>	<u>With Buildup</u>
Photon Fluence Rate (flux)	Photons/cm ² /sec	1.790e-001	6.231e-001
Photon Energy Fluence Rate	MeV/cm ² /sec	1.590e-001	5.280e-001
Exposure and Dose Rates:			
Exposure Rate in Air	mR/hr	2.931e-004	9.748e-004
Absorbed Dose Rate in Air	mGy/hr	2.559e-006	8.510e-006
"	mrad/hr	2.559e-004	8.510e-004
Deep Dose Equivalent Rate (ICRP 51 - 1987)			
o Parallel Geometry	mSv/hr	2.958e-006	9.864e-006
o Opposed	"	2.467e-006	8.193e-006
o Rotational	"	2.467e-006	8.193e-006
o Isotropic	"	2.189e-006	7.270e-006
Shallow Dose Equivalent Rate (ICRP 51 - 1987)			
o Parallel Geometry	mSv/hr	3.157e-006	1.052e-005
o Opposed	"	3.015e-006	1.004e-005
o Rotational	"	3.015e-006	1.004e-005
o Isotropic	"	2.337e-006	7.765e-006
Effective Dose Equivalent Rate (ICRP 51 - 1987)			
o Anterior/Posterior Geometry	mSv/hr	2.647e-006	8.821e-006
o Posterior/Anterior	"	2.394e-006	7.966e-006
o Lateral	"	1.845e-006	6.122e-006
o Rotational	"	2.146e-006	7.136e-006
o Isotropic	"	1.866e-006	6.198e-006

at 2' from end of truck (in cab)

MicroShield v5.05 (5.05-00274)
US NRC

Conversion of calculated exposure in air to dose

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Case Title: Cabot - Driver

This case was run on Thursday, October 5, 2000 at 5:09:47 PM
Dose Point # 2 - (762,76.2,114.3) cm

<u>Results (Summed over energies)</u>	<u>Units</u>	<u>Without Buildup</u>	<u>With Buildup</u>
Photon Fluence Rate (flux)	Photons/cm ² /sec	5.271e-002	1.640e-001
Photon Energy Fluence Rate	MeV/cm ² /sec	4.491e-002	1.306e-001
Exposure and Dose Rates:			
Exposure Rate in Air	mR/hr	8.280e-005	2.410e-004
Absorbed Dose Rate in Air	mGy/hr	7.228e-007	2.104e-006
"	mrad/hr	7.228e-005	2.104e-004
Deep Dose Equivalent Rate (ICRP 51 - 1987)			
o Parallel Geometry	mSv/hr	8.375e-007	2.448e-006
o Opposed	"	6.962e-007	2.023e-006
o Rotational	"	6.962e-007	2.023e-006
o Isotropic	"	6.179e-007	1.796e-006
Shallow Dose Equivalent Rate (ICRP 51 - 1987)			
o Parallel Geometry	mSv/hr	8.933e-007	2.607e-006
o Opposed	"	8.523e-007	2.484e-006
o Rotational	"	8.523e-007	2.484e-006
o Isotropic	"	6.598e-007	1.918e-006
Effective Dose Equivalent Rate (ICRP 51 - 1987)			
o Anterior/Posterior Geometry	mSv/hr	7.491e-007	2.187e-006
o Posterior/Anterior	"	6.768e-007	1.971e-006
o Lateral	"	5.205e-007	1.510e-006
o Rotational	"	6.063e-007	1.765e-006
o Isotropic	"	5.268e-007	1.531e-006

*at 7' from end
of truck (in cab)*

Honeywell Site

RESRAD Assessment for Scrap Metal Disposal

Introduction

Honeywell International, Inc. requested (letter dated May 25, 2000) to transfer approximately 90,000 cubic feet (2520 m³) of scrap metal, under 10 CFR 40.13, "Unimportant Quantities of Source Material," to Waste Control Specialists Inc. (WCS), in Texas. The scrap metal contains source material at an average uranium concentration of 500 ppm (339 pCi/gm).

RESRAD Input Parameters

A computer simulation was used to calculate the approximate dose to an individual who resides on the WCS land in the future. The input parameters for RESRAD were those provided in Policy and Guidance Directive PG-8-08 for the resident farmer scenario, except for certain site specific parameters described below. This scenario represents a conservative prediction of the land use after site closure. The resident farmer scenario assumes that a farmer lives on the land and 50% of the resident's grain, vegetable and fruit diet is assumed to be produced from the garden. The scenario also assumes that all of the resident's milk and 50% of the resident's meat diet are produced on site. It assumes produce is irrigated with water drawn from a well at the site boundary, immediately downgradient of the contaminated area. Well water is also used to water the livestock on site. All of the resident's drinking water is produced from the well on site. This scenario is conservative considering that the future use of this land will probably not be a resident farmer. However, the model assumes that the contaminated material is soil. Although the actual material to be disposed of is contaminated scrap metal, the RESRAD model is limited to doses from contaminated soil. The maximum dose to the resident farmer derived from this scenario was calculated to be 3.39×10^{-2} mrem/yr at 16,000 years. The site specific parameters were obtained from a submittal to the NRC dated June 7, 2000 from Cabot. The Cabot submittal contains a detailed description of the WCS facility.

RESRAD parameter	Value	Units
soil concentration	339 U-238	pCi/g
area of contaminated zone	1300	m ³
thickness of contaminated zone	2	m
cover depth	5	m
density of cover material	2.35	g/cm ³
cover depth erosion rate	1.83E-6	m/yr
evapotranspiration coefficient	0.8	
precipitation	0.355	m/yr
irrigation	0.00	m/yr

runoff coefficient	0.05	
unsaturated zone thickness	300	m
unsaturated zone soil density	2.35	g/cm ³
unsaturated zone effective porosity	6.00E-02	
hydraulic conductivity	1.00E-03	m/yr
total porosity of the cover material	4.27E-01	
volumetric water content of the cover material	4.18E-01	

Conclusions/Findings

The NRC staff has performed a dose calculation using the RESRAD computer model to ensure that disposal of this material at the WCS facility would not result in a dose to the public exceeding 25 mrem/yr. The conservative resident farmer scenario, using hydrogeologic parameters specific to the WCS facility, was analyzed. The maximum resulting dose, 3.39×10^{-2} mrem/yr at 16,000 years, was significantly less than 25 mrem/yr.

References

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Policy and Guidance Directive PG-8-08, Scenarios for Assessing Potential Doses Associated with Residual Radioactivity, May 1994.

Letter from J. William Lessig (Honeywell Plant Manager) to the NRC dated May 25, 2000, Subject: Radioactive Waste Burial Scrap Metal Less than 0.05% by Weight.

Letter from Timothy Knapp (Cabot Radiation Safety Officer) to the NRC dated June 7, 2000, Re: License SMB-920.

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Contaminated Zone Dimensions Initial Soil Concentrations, pCi/g
 Area: 1300.00 square meters U-238 3.390E+02
 Thickness: 2.00 meters
 Cover Depth: 5.00 meters

Total Dose TDOSE(t), mrem/yr

Basic Radiation Dose Limit = 30 mrem/yr

Total Mixture Sum M(t) = Fraction of Basic Dose Limit Received at Time (t)

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t (years): 0.000E+00 1.000E+00 3.000E+00 1.000E+01 3.000E+01 1.000E+02 1.003E+03 1.011E+04 1.000E+05

TDOSE(t): 0.000E+00 7.662E-13 2.067E-11 7.636E-10 2.046E-08 7.373E-07 5.267E-04 3.090E-02 1.851E-02

M(t): 0.000E+00 2.554E-14 6.891E-13 2.545E-11 6.819E-10 2.458E-08 1.756E-05 1.030E-03 6.172E-04

Maximum TDOSE(t): 3.388E-02 mrem/yr at t = 1.6029 n * years

Total Dose Contributions TDOSE(i,p,t) for Individual Radionuclides (i) and Pathways (p)
 As mrem/yr and Fraction of Total Dose At t = 1.603E+04 years

Water Independent Pathways (Inhalation excludes radon)

Radio-	Ground	Inhalation	Radon	Plant	Meat	Milk	Soil						
Nuclide	mrem/yr	fract.	mrem/yr	fract.	mrem/yr	fract.	mrem/yr	fract.					
U-238	0.000E+00	0.0000	0.000E+00	0.0000	3.388E-02	1.0000	0.000E+00	0.0000	0.000E+00	0.0000	0.000E+00	0.0000	0.000E+00
Total	0.000E+00	0.0000	0.000E+00	0.0000	3.388E-02	1.0000	0.000E+00	0.0000	0.000E+00	0.0000	0.000E+00	0.0000	0.000E+00

Total Dose Contributions TDOSE(i,p,t) for Individual Radionuclides (i) and Pathways (p)
 As mrem/yr and Fraction of Total Dose At t = 1.603E+04 years

Water Dependent Pathways

Radio-	Water	Fish	Radon	Plant	Meat	Milk	All Pathways*						
Nuclide	mrem/yr	fract.	mrem/yr	fract.	mrem/yr	fract.	mrem/yr	fract.					
U-238	0.000E+00	0.0000	0.000E+00	0.0000	0.000E+00	0.0000	0.000E+00	0.0000	0.000E+00	0.0000	0.000E+00	0.0000	3.388E-02
Total	0.000E+00	0.0000	0.000E+00	0.0000	0.000E+00	0.0000	0.000E+00	0.0000	0.000E+00	0.0000	0.000E+00	0.0000	3.388E-02

*Sum of all water independent and dependent pathways.