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ABSTRACT

This report describes the INVENT module and a set of FORTRAN subroutines which were developed for use with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Total-System Performance Assessment (TPA) computer code. The report describes the structure of the INVENT module and provides instructions for its general use. The new module is a unique integration of: (i) a graphical user interface (GUI) development program, (ii) a relational database program, and (iii) a computer code that calculates the radionuclide inventory for spent fuel. The basic output of the INVENT module is a set of radionuclides and their associated time-dependent curie content per metric ton of heavy metal for spent fuel. Because the radionuclide inventories are repetitively required in the TPA code, a set of simplified FORTRAN subroutines have been developed which allow the efficient storage and retrieval of the inventories of a few key radionuclides.

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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

API	Application Programming Interface
BWR	Boiling Water Reactor
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
Ci	Curie
СМ	Consequence Module
CNWRA	Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses
DOE	U.S. Department of Energy
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
Exec	Executive Module
GUI	Graphical User Interface
GWTT	Groundwater Travel Time
HLW	High-Level Waste
IPA	Iterative Performance Assessment
MTU	Metric Ton (= 1,000 kg) of Uranium
MTIHM	Metric Ton of Initial Heavy Metal
MWd	Mega Watt days
NRC	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
NWPA	Nuclear Waste Policy Act
ORNL	Oak Ridge National Laboratory
PA	Performance Assessment
PWR	Pressurized Water Reactor
SNL	Sandia National Laboratories
TPA	Total-System Performance Assessment Code
TSPA	Total-System Performance Assessment

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FOREWORD

In accordance with the provisions of the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982 (see Nuclear Regulatory Commission, 1991), the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has the responsibility of evaluating and granting a license for the first and subsequent, if any, geological repositories for high-level radioactive waste (HLW). This act was amended in 1987 to designate one site in the unsaturated region of tuffaceous rocks of Yucca Mountain in southern Nevada for detailed characterization. The Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses (CNWRA) at Southwest Research Institute is a Federally Funded Research and Development Center created to support the NRC in its mission of evaluating and licensing the proposed HLW repository. To meet its licensing function, the NRC will review the application submitted by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). One critical section of the license application will deal with the assessment of the future performance of the repository system, which has to meet certain minimum standards established by regulations.

The INVENT module, described in this report, is designed to function as a component of the Total-System Performance Assessment (TPA) computer code. This module was developed by integrating three general computer programs: (i) GALAXY, a graphical user interface (GUI) development software package, (ii) ORACLE, a relational database program, and (iii) ORIGEN2, a radionuclide inventory model. The INVENT module was developed to facilitate the calculation of radionuclide inventories for spent nuclear fuel. In addition to the stand-alone INVENT module, a set of FORTRAN subroutines have been developed for the efficient storage and repetitive retrieval of the inventories of a few key radionuclides. These FORTRAN subroutines are designed to be used in the TPA code.

1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 REGULATORY AND TECHNICAL BACKGROUND

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), in conjunction with the Center for Nuclear Waste Regulatory Analyses (CNWRA), is developing an independent performance assessment (PA) capability to:

- Aid in developing an independent understanding of the processes, conditions, and events important to predicting long-term repository performance and their relative significance in such predictions
- Provide an independent capability for reviewing the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) demonstrations of compliance with the overall system and subsystem performance objectives
- Aid in the detailed technical review of the DOE iterative total-system and subsystem PAs
- Contribute to the development of guidance to the DOE on the adequacy of site characterization data and repository design, with respect to demonstrating compliance with the regulations

This independent PA capability is designed to quantitatively calculate estimates of repository performance. To make predictions of performance and comparisons with regulatory performance measures, the Total-System Performance Assessment (TPA) computer code has been developed to provide computational algorithms for estimating values of various performance measures [See Sagar and Janetzke (1993) for the description of the TPA code]. To estimate the performance measures, the TPA computer code contains a set of Consequence Modules (CMs) that are independent computational units.

Regulations applicable to the performance objectives of high-level radioactive waste (HLW) geological repository were promulgated by the NRC in 10 CFR Part 60—Disposal of High-Level Radioactive Wastes in Geologic Repositories. Two sections of 10 CFR Part 60 pertain specifically to post-closure performance. These sections include 10 CFR 60.112—Overall System Performance Objective for the Geologic Repository After Permanent Closure; and 10 CFR 60.113—Performance of Particular Barriers After Permanent Closure. 10 CFR 60.112 makes reference to satisfying the generally applicable environmental standards for radioactivity established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). These environmental standards referred to in 10 CFR 60.112 were promulgated by the EPA in 40 CFR Part 191 in 1985. However, on litigation, certain provisions of these standards were remanded by a federal court. Proposed revisions of 40 CFR Part 191 were under review in early 1993. In late 1992, the U.S. Congress enacted a new law known as the Energy Policy Act, according to which the EPA will develop standards applicable specifically to Yucca Mountain that may be different from those in 40 CFR Part 191.

Three different performance measures are used in 40 CFR Part 191. These measures are: (i) release of radioactivity over the entire accessible environment boundary (integrated over areal space) cumulated over a 10,000-yr period (integrated over time) after closure must not exceed specific limits at specified levels (40 CFR 191.13—Containment Requirements), where the preferred method of representing this performance measure is through a Complementary Cumulative (Probability) Distribution Function (CCDF); (ii) dose to humans in the first 1,000 years after repository closure must not exceed specified limit (40 CFR 191.15—Individual Protection Requirements), this requirement is deterministic; and (iii) concentration of alpha-, beta-, and gamma-emitting radionuclides must not exceed specified limits (40 CFR 191.16—Groundwater Protection Requirements), this requirement is also deterministic. While the first performance measure is to consider all future credible scenarios, the other two apply only to undisturbed performance.

In addition, three other performance measures are used in 10 CFR 60.113 to define performance of individual barriers (in contrast to the total system). These performance measures are: (i) life of the waste package must exceed specified limits [10 CFR 60.113(a)(1)(ii)(A)—Substantially Complete Containment Requirement]; (ii) release from engineered barriers must be less than specified limits [10 CFR 60.113(a)(1)(ii)(B)—Groundwater Release Requirement]; and (iii) Groundwater Travel Time (GWTT) must be greater than specified limits [10 CFR 60.113(a)(2)—Groundwater Travel Time Requirement].

In all, there are six distinct performance measures. In general, a TPA computer code must allow for estimation of the three measures related to 40 CFR Part 191 and preferably, but not necessarily, for the other three related to 10 CFR 60.113. The steps for the assessment of the six performance measures include model conceptualization of process, assembly of data suitable for input to the mathematical models, consequence analysis, sensitivity uncertainty analysis, and regulatory compliance assessment. The proposed utilization of INVENT as a central inventory information source is beneficial, since it provides both uniformity and flexibility, and can easily be customized for the related models in each TPA code.

1.2 TOTAL-SYSTEM PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT BACKGROUND

To estimate the performance measures, the TPA computer code contains a set of CMs that are computationally independent units, with their execution controlled by an Executive Module (Exec) (Sagar and Janetzke, 1993). The Exec acts as the manager and assures that CMs are executed in the desired sequence and that appropriate values of the common parameters are passed to CMs. The Exec of the TPA directs data flow between different subprocesses and controls their execution. After incorporation of INVENT into this system, all the required inventory information will be supplied from this common source. INVENT will be connected to the rest of the system through Exec intermodule communication interfaces.

1.3 PURPOSE OF SOFTWARE

The purpose of the INVENT module is to generate and store radionuclide inventory data for use by the TPA computer code. A strength of the INVENT module is that the user can easily change the key parameters which dictate the radionuclide inventory without being an expert in the ORIGEN2 software (the ORIGEN2 code performs the detailed calculations necessary to generate the radionuclide inventories). The software has been designed for the user to readily change the list of radionuclides of interest, the Pressurized Water Reactor/Boiling Water Reactor (PWR/BWR) mixture of fuel, the burnup of the fuel, the presence/absence of the cladding material, and the times at which the inventories are desired. A set of predefined choices have been implemented in the graphical user interface (GUI) software to facilitate these choices. Off-the-shelf software used for the INVENT module included GALAXY for providing a graphical application development environment, ORIGEN2 for calculating the decay and buildup of the radionuclides, and the ORACLE database for storing and reporting results. GALAXY is an application developmental tool, and its Application Programming Interface (API) is utilized to provide the graphical development environment. ORIGEN2 is an existing FORTRAN code developed by Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) that can calculate radionuclide decay values for any desired time. ORACLE is a database application program. Although both FORTRAN and C compatibility is possible, the current implementation of ORACLE requires C code to access it (additional software would need to be purchased from Oracle Corporation to allow FORTRAN callable access to the ORACLE database). A more detailed description and capability information on these codes are provided in Chapter 4. In addition to the standalone INVENT module, a set of FORTRAN subroutines have been developed to efficiently store and retrieve the inventories of select radionuclides. It is envisioned that the FORTRAN subroutines can be used directly in the TPA code.

2 INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE OF THE INVENT MODULE

An executive routine of the INVENT module was developed using the GALAXY software to provide a user-friendly, window-type environment. The routine invent allows the user to select the characteristics of the spent fuel to be considered. The routine works by creating and issuing operating system commands that are used to run the ORIGEN2 and ORACLE software.

The routine and input files necessary for running ORIGEN2 were prepared in advance from which the user can select via the GUI. The software can be expanded to allow automatic edits of the input files using information from the GUI.

C programs for storing the data from files generated by ORIGEN2 into an ORACLE database and for generating reports were developed. Chapter 3 provides descriptions of the programs and Chapter 4 provides descriptions of external softwares used.

2.1 SOFTWARE CAPABILITIES ASSUMPTIONS

In order to use the INVENT module, the following must be satisfied:

- The GALAXY, ORIGEN2, and ORACLE software are installed
- The users .cshrc file is correct. A typical file is included in Appendix A
- The user's running environment is correctly configured, especially the DISPLAY environment variable

2.2 PROCEDURES FOR RUNNING THE INVENT MODULE

The invent program was developed on a SUN Workstation. The invent program can be created using the procedures outlined in Appendix B. It can be started by typing "invent &" at the prompt. The Graphical menu INVENT MODULE will appear (Figure 2-1). Clicking the RUN ORIGEN2 button with the mouse will run the codes and produce the selected inventory report. Other reports are generated based on the selections made. The possible selections are listed below.

FUEL MIXTURE 40% BWR / 60% PWR 100% BWR 100% PWR OTHER (not supported at this time)

CLADDING MATERIAL? NO YES

BURNUP

LOW 27,500 (BWR) 33,000 (PWR) MWd/MTIHM MEDIUM 30,000 (BWR) 45,000 (PWR) MWd/MTIHM (not supported at this time)

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RADIONUCLIDE INVENTORY CALCULATION USING ORIGEN2
<i>FUEL MIXTURE</i> 40% BWR / 60% PWR
CLADDING MATERIAL ?
<i>BURNUP</i> _ <u>▼</u> LOW 27,500 (BWR) 33,000 (PWR) MWd/MTIHM
DECAY TIMES
RADIONUCLIDES OF INTEREST
<i>REPORT TYPE</i> _▼_ BY RADIONUCLIDE

Figure 2-1. Main window for INVENT module showing an example of selections for fuel mixture, cladding, burnup, decay times, radionuclides, and report type

HIGH 40,000 (BWR) 60,000 (PWR) MWd/MTIHM (not supported at this time) OTHER (not supported at this time)

DECAY TIMES

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OTHER (not supported at this time)

RADIONUCLIDES OF INTEREST

- * SNL TSPA-91 (list from SNL TSPA-91 report, Barnard et al., 1992)
- * NRC IPA-1 (Iterative PA Phase 1 Radionuclides, Codell et al., 1992)
- * NRC IPA-2 (Iterative PA Phase 2 Radionuclides, Wescott et al., 1994)
- ALL (all radionuclides that ORIGEN2 produced)

OTHER (not supported at this time)

REPORT TYPE

SORT BY RADIONUCLIDE SORT BY TIME

RUN ORIGEN2 BUTTON

When this button is selected, the appropriate C shell program (Figure 2-3) will run the ORIGEN2 code with the proper input files to produce the desired result file. Then the database build program will store the results in the ORACLE database (Figure 2-4). Finally the report program will run and produce the desired report (Figure 2-5).

HELP BUTTON

When this button is selected, the help dialog will appear (Figure 2-2).

QUIT BUTTON

This button terminates the invent program.

* Note: Refer to Help Dialog (Figure 2-2) for complete list of radionuclides.

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<i>BURNUP</i> T ir	This field is used	l to describe the ations. The only	burnup that is used in the valid choice at this time is LOW.	
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Figure 2-2. Help dialog window for the INVENT module

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Figure 2-2 (Cont'd). Help dialog window for the INVENT module

OTHER This selection is to allow a user to specify his own list. This feature is not implemented	
<i>REPORT TYPE</i> This field is used to produce the following ORACLE reports.	
BY RADIONUCLIDE A report is generated for each radionuclide showing the results at each output time.	1
BY TIME A report is generated for each output time showing a list of radionuclides.	
RUN ORIGEN2 Button This button runs the ORIGEN2 code and produces a report.	
QUIT Button This button stops the INVENT program.	
HELP Button This button is used to bring up the help dialog box.	
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Figure 2-2 (Cont'd). Help dialog window for the INVENT module

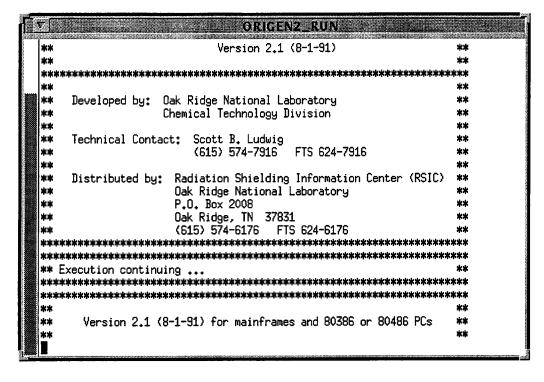


Figure 2-3. Example of a window from an ORIGEN2 run generated by the INVENT module

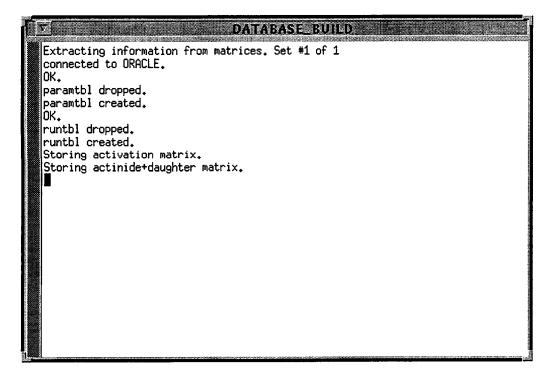


Figure 2-4. Example of a window from an ORACLE database operation generated by the INVENT module

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ACTINIDE	1000.0	3.716e-04	3.716e-03	
ACTINIDE	1200.0	4.314e-04	4.314e-03	
	1500.0 2000.0	5.492e-04 7.263e-04	5.492e-03 7.263e-03	
ACTINIDE ACTINIDE	2500.0	9.031e-04	9.031e-03	
ACTINIDE	3000.0	1.079e-03	1.079e-02	
ACTINIDE	3500.0	1.256e-03	1.256e-02	
ACTINIDE	4000.0	1.431e-03	1.431e-02 1.781e-02	
ACTINIDE ACTINIDE	5000.0 6000.0	1.781e-03 2.129e-03	2.129e-02	
ACTINIDE	8000.0	2.820e-03	2.820e-02	
ACTINIDE	10000.0	3,500e-03	3.500e-02	
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ACTINIDE	25000.0	8,285e-03	8,285e-02	
ACTINIDE	30000.0	9.731e-03	9.731e-02	
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ACTINIDE	50000.0	1.472e-02	1.472e-01	
ACTINIDE	60000.0	1.674e-02	1.674e-01	
ACTINIDE	80000.0	1.998e-02	1.998e-01	
ACTINIDE	100000.0	2.237e-02 2.404e-02	2.237e-01 2.404e-01	
ACTINIDE ACTINIDE	120000.0 150000.0	2.404e-02 2.562e-02	2.562e-01	
ACTINIDE	200000.0	2,688e-02	2,688e-01	
ACTINIDE	250000.0	2.735e-02	2.735e-01	
ACTINIDE	300000.0	2,752e-02	2.752e-01	
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Figure 2-5. Example of a window containing the final INVENT module radionuclide inventory report

3 DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENT MODULE SOFTWARE

3.1 OVERVIEW OF SOFTWARE

The objective of this task is to develop an application that allows a user to interact with the inventory software using a GUI. The purpose of the application is to obtain an inventory report for a selected list of radionuclides for various combinations of fuel mixture, burnup, and cladding materials. In addition, the user must specify the times at which the radionuclide inventories are desired; this is referred to as the decay time resolution.

3.2 TECHNICAL APPROACH

3.2.1 External Software Required

The INVENT module utilized two commercial software packages and an off-the-shelf computer code to produce the radionuclide inventory for use in TPA. The two commercial packages are: (i) GALAXY, and (ii) ORACLE. The actual inventory computations are performed by ORIGEN2, a code obtained from Oak Ridge National Laboratory. The function and use of these programs are described below. The version that was used is indicated in parenthesis.

3.2.1.1 Program Control Using GALAXY (Version 1.2)

The control of INVENT is accomplished using a main program configured by the user. The configuration is accomplished by allowing the user to specify his requests via a GUI composed of windows created using the GALAXY software.

3.2.1.2 Inventory Calculations Using ORIGEN2 (Version 2.1)

The inventory is a function of fuel mixture, burnup, and cladding material. The ORNL Isotope GENeration and depletion code (ORIGEN2) is used for the determination of the inventory. The software allows the user to select from various C shell scripts written to execute the ORIGEN2 code with different input files to produce the desired results. This selection occurs automatically, dependent on the information entered via the GUI.

3.2.1.3 Inventory Information Storage and Retrieval Using ORACLE (Version 6.0)

After ORIGEN2 is run, the inventory information is written in an ASCII file containing more information than required, and in a format which makes retrievability difficult. The design of INVENT incorporates a commercial database system (ORACLE) to simplify the retrieval of inventory information.

The program origdb was written to extract information from the ORIGEN2 output file and place it in the ORACLE database. This program is automatically executed by the INVENT main program invent described in Sections 3.4 and 3.5.

3.2.1.4 Inventory Reporting Using ORACLE

Reporting of the inventory is accomplished using the program rptdb, which was written to produce reports using the information retrieved from the ORACLE database. Section 3.6 provides a detailed description of rptdb program. The program can produce a report sorted by either time or radionuclide.

3.2.1.5 Other

The current version of the INVENT module is designed to run on computers using a UNIX operating system with an X windows software. The design also assumes that an ANSI C compiler and other standard libraries are available.

3.2.2 Hardware Required

The INVENT module assumes that the workstation has sufficient capability to support UNIX Operating System with an X windows software, ORIGEN2, ORACLE, GALAXY, and other required software.

3.3 ENVIRONMENT

This section requires a basic understanding of UNIX and X windows because it describes the environmental details necessary for the INVENT module to run. The version of INVENT described in this report was developed for a SUN Workstation running the SunOS 4.1.3 operating system. The proper environment must exist before the INVENT module is run. The software assumes that the directory structure is fixed relative to a home position. The environment variables REPORTS_HOME and ORIGEN2_HOME must be set to the appropriate home directories. This setting of home directories is normally done in the user's .cshrc file (refer to Appendix A, Setup Files). The software uses the variables in constructing the paths to files needed at run time. This setup should be created with the assistance of someone experienced in both X Windows and UNIX.

Example:

setenv REPORTS_HOME /user3/goliath/jcornel/db/origen2 setenv ORIGEN2_HOME /user3/goliath/alozano/origen2

The DISPLAY environment variable must be set to the computer that is running the X Window server.

Example:

setenv DISPLAY geordi.space.swri.edu:0.0

The user's account must be setup so that the user has access to the ORACLE software.

3.4 DESCRIPTION OF DATA FLOW FOR INVENT MODULE

The INVENT module is made up of several processes which pass and receive information fom each other. This section is a verbal description of the information flow represented graphically in Figure 3-1. This figure represents only the information flow which is considered part of the INVENT module.

3.4.1 Preliminary INVENT Operation

Before the main operation can be performed, a table containing the half-life values for each radionuclide in the Decay library must be constructed for use in the main INVENT operation. This flow is depicted in Figure 3.1. The human runs the process hlgen and causes the half-lifes to be extracted and then stored in the database via the ORACLE processor. This information is later used in the report displays.

3.4.2 Main INVENT Operation

The INVENT module user is the initiator of the code execution sequence that eventually results in a display consisting of the radionuclide report that is requested. The main program is invent. The following are the steps that occur in the main INVENT operation.

- (i) The human configures the INVENT module by making selections from the Main window for INVENT, Figure 2.1.
- (ii) When the human presses the RUN ORIGEN2 button, the parameters which are not contained in the ORIGEN2 output files are written to a file for use by origdb (database builder).
- iii) After the files are written, an xterm window is started with the appropriate C-shell program. The xterm provides the terminal emulation for an application that requires a terminal. The C-shell program that is executed is determined from the selections made in step (i).
- (iv) The C-shell program defines all the appropriate input files and then runs the ORIGEN2 software that produces an ORIGEN2 output file. This file contains the selected radionuclide information in ASCII form.
- (v) After the ORIGEN2 run is completed, the invent program runs the program origdb. This program places the information from the parameters file, extracts the radionuclide inventory information from the ORIGEN2 output file, and stores all the information, including half life, in an ORACLE database using the ORACLE processor. Although not shown in the figure, origdb runs in an xterm window so that print commands within the program can be viewed.
- (vi) When all the data has been stored in the database, **invent** runs the program **rptdb** with arguments indicating the desired report type and radionuclide list. The program **rptdb** constructs the appropriate SQL query to extract the desired data. The SQL commands are

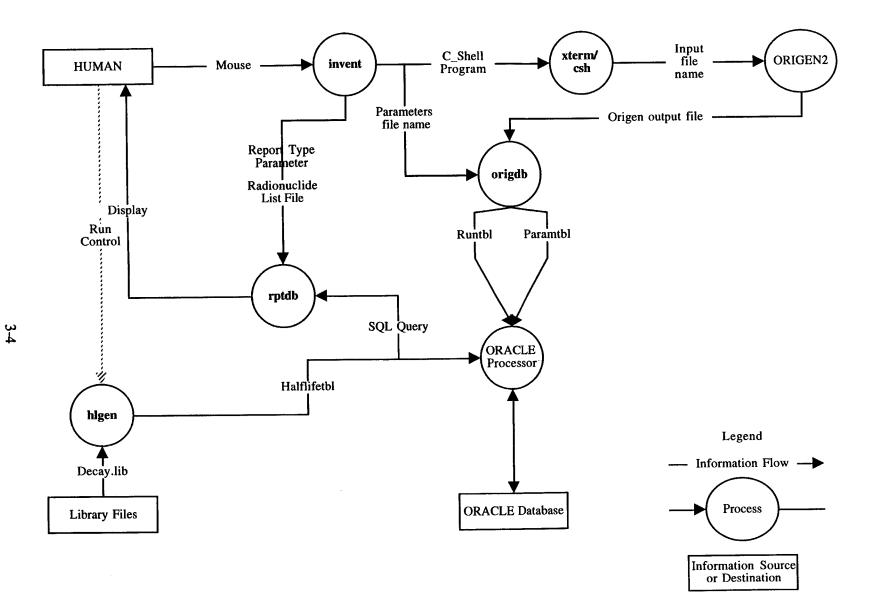


Figure 3-1. Overall data flow diagram for INVENT module

executed by the ORACLE processor and the appropriate information is returned. Although not shown in the figure, **rptdb** runs in an xterm window so that print commands within the program can be viewed.

(vii) As rptdb executes, the radionuclide report is displayed on the xterm window. The xterm supplies a scroll bar so that all data that is displayed can be viewed at completion. This xterm display closes the loop by visually reporting the requested information to the human.

3.5 DESCRIPTION OF invent

Most processing in programs using a GUI occurs in the event handler, not in the main program. The branching to functions is handled through a registration process of assigning functions to buttons, menus, etc. Branching within this type of program is impossible to describe accurately because events interrupt the flow; however, a functional flowchart can be developed by showing the event handlers as branches of decision diamonds. These assigned functions are called notify functions.

The main program for running the INVENT module is **invent**. The following sections provide a functional description of the software. Much of the functionality is not visible in the source code because it is handled within the GALAXY and X software. Most of the boxes in the main flowchart are implemented as calls to GALAXY functions. Some decision diamonds in the event handler flowchart represent the mechanism used within GALAXY to determine which notify function to call based on a user event. The boxes in the branches from these diamonds are implemented as notify functions and are visible in the source code.

3.5.1 Description of Main Program

Figure 3-2 is a flowchart of the invent main program and a listing of the source code is included in Appendix C. The numbered boxes in Figure 3-2 are described below. The purpose of this section is to expand on the information provided in the figure.

1. START

Begin the program.

2. SET DEFAULTS

The main program sets the appropriate data structures to defaults that match the startup settings of the GUI.

3. GETENVIRONMENT VARIABLES FOR REPORTS HOME AND ORIGEN2 HOME

The environment parameters are obtained so that the program can properly locate data and program files.

4. INITIALIZE GALAXY

Initialize the GALAXY software.

5. LOAD THE MAIN DIALOG

Action specific for GALAXY to initialize the Main (see Figure 2-1).

6. LOAD THE HELP DIALOG

Actions specific for GALAXY to initialize the Help window box (see Figure 2-2).

7. SETUP NOTIFY FUNCTION FOR MAIN DIALOG CLOSE

Actions specific for GALAXY to assign functions to main window quit menu selection when a user activates main window buttons.

8. SETUP NOTIFY FUNCTIONS FOR THE RUN, HELP, AND QUIT BUTTONS

Actions specific for GALAXY to assign functions to Run, Help, or Quit buttons.

9. SETUP NOTIFY FUNCTIONS FOR THE MENU ITEMS FOR THE MIXTURE, CLADDING, BURNUP, DECAY TIMES, RADIONUCLIDES, AND REPORTS MENUS

Actions specific for GALAXY to assign functions to menu items.

10. OPEN THE MAIN DIALOG WINDOW

Item 10 represents the GALAXY call to make the main window visible to the user.

11. CALL EVENT HANDLER FUNCTION

The program remains within this function until a call to a GALAXY function is made that stops event processing. This call occurs when the user presses the window quit button or selects quit from window manager menu.

12. DESTROY HELP DIALOG

Make help window invisible and cleanly release system resources.

13. DESTROY MAIN DIALOG

Make the main window invisible and cleanly release system resources.

14. END

Terminate the Main program.

FUNCTIONAL FLOWCHART

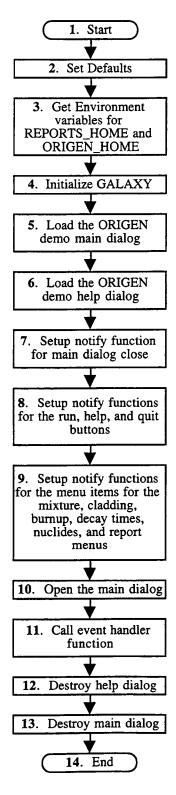


Figure 3-2. Main program flowchart for invent

3.5.2 Description of Event Handler

Figure 3-3 is a flowchart representing the event handler and Notify functions which is from Box 11 in Figure 3-2. The WAIT FOR EVENT box represents the GALAXY event handler function. The decision diamonds for MIXTURE, CLADDING MATERIAL, BURNUP, DECAY TIMES, RADIONUCLIDE LIST, REPORT, HELP, RUN, and QUIT are not a part of the code, but are actually calls to the previously registered functions by the event handler. Each branch from these diamonds is a separate function in the code. The numbered boxes in Figure 3-3 are elaborated further.

1. START EVENT HANDLER

This item represents the event handler initialization.

2. WAIT FOR EVENT

This item represents the event idle state.

3. MIXTURE?

Was the event a mixture event?

- if YES
 - 4. SET MIXTURE TO 40%BWR/60%PWR, 100%BWR, 100%PWR, or OTHER

Go to 2. This item represents the setting from the mixture menu.

- if NO Continue
- 5. CLADDING?

Was the event a cladding event?

- if YES
 - 6. SET CLADDING TO YES OR NO

Go to 2. Yes means include cladding materials; no means do not include cladding materials.

- if NO Continue
- 7. BURNUP?

Was the event a burnup event?

if YES

8. SET BURNUP TO LOW, MEDIUM, HIGH, OR OTHER

Go to 2.

- if NO Continue
- 9. DECAY TIMES?

Was the event a decay times event?

if YES

10. SET DECAY TIMES TO COARSE, FINE, OR OTHER

Go to 2.

- if NO Continue
- 11. NUCLIDE LIST?

Was the event a radionuclide list event?

- if YES
- 12. SET RADIONUCLIDES TO ALL ORIGEN2, SNL TSPA-91, NRC IPA-1, NRC IPA-2, OR OTHER

Go to 2.

- if NO Continue
- 13. REPORT?

Was the event a report event?

if YES

14. SET REPORT TO SORTED BY RADIONUCLIDE OR SORTED BY TIME

Go to 2.

if NO Continue

15. HELP?

Was the event the help event?

if YES

16. OPEN THE HELP DIALOG WINDOW

Go to 2.

Make the help dialog visible. The help dialog can remain visible as an aid to setting the main dialog.

- if NO Continue
- 17. RUN?

Was the event the run event.

- if NO Go to 48
- if YES Continue

18. OPEN PARAMETERS FILE

Information written into this file is used by the report program rptdb.

19. IS ANY PARAMETER SET TO OTHER?

if YES

20. RUN xterm AND OTHER.COM C SHELL PROGRAM

This is a filler path that could be expanded to fit other cases in the future. The other.com C shell program is run within an xterm window.

21. CLOSE PARAMETERS FILE

Close the parameters file. Go to 2.

if NO Continue

22. IS BURNUP SET TO MEDIUM OR HIGH?

if YES

23. RUN xterm AND BURNUP.COM C SHELL PROGRAM

This is a filler path that could be expanded to fit the medium and high cases in the future. The burnup.com C shell program is run within an xterm window, a virtual terminal within an X window.

24. CLOSE PARAMETERS FILE

Close parameters file. Go to 2.

- if NO Continue
- 25. IS THIS THE FIRST RUN OR HAS A SETTING FOR MIXTURE, CLADDING, BURNUP, OR DECAY TIMES CHANGED FROM PREVIOUS RUN?
- if NO Go to 44

Skip the ORIGEN2 run and the ORACLE database build, and proceed directly to the report generation.

- if YES Continue
- 26. MIXTURE 40%BWR 60%PWR?

if YES

- 27A. CONSTRUCT FILENAME BASED ON BURNUP LOW bwr_low_pwr_low MEDIUM bwr_medium_pwr_medium HIGH bwr_high_pwr_high
- 28A. WRITE PARAMETERS TO PARAMETERS FILE Go to 31.
- if NO Continue
- 29. MIXTURE 100%BWR?
- if YES
 - 27B.CONSTRUCT FILENAME BASED ON BURNUP LOW bwr_low_ MEDIUM bwr_medium_ HIGH bwr high_
 - 28B.WRITE PARAMETERS TO PARAMETERS FILE Go to 31.

if NO Continue

30. MIXTURE 100%PWR?

if YES

27C.CONSTRUCT FILENAME BASED ON BURNUP LOW pwr_low_ MEDIUM pwr_medium_ HIGH pwr_high_

28C.WRITE PARAMETERS TO PARAMETERS FILE Go to 31.

- if NO Continue
- 31. CLADDING case?

if NO

- 32. APPEND "nclad_" TO FILENAME
- 33. WRITE PARAMETERS TO PARAMETERS FILE Go to 36.
- if YES Continue
- 34. APPEND "wclad_" TO FILENAME
- 35. WRITE PARAMETERS TO PARAMETERS FILE
- 36. CLOSE PARAMETERS FILE
- 37. DECAY TIMES COARSE?

if YES

- 38. APPEND "coarse.com" TO FILENAME Go to 41. See description in item 40.
- if NO Continue
- 39. DECAY TIMES FINE?

if YES

40. APPEND "fine.com" TO FILENAME Go to 41.

Note: Up to this point, an input filename is created. The filename is that of a previously prepared C shell program that configures the libraries and input files to run ORIGEN2 for the requested conditions.

Example: For a mixture of 40%BWR 60%PWR with cladding materials at low burnup and fine decay time resolution, the filename is "bwr_low_pwr_low_wclad_fine.com". The com file is described in more detail in Appendix D.

- if NO Continue
- 41. RUN xterm AND CONSTRUCTED FILENAME C SHELL PROGRAM (ORIGEN2)

The constructed filename C shell program is run within an xterm window (see Appendix D for a listing of ORIGEN2 command files and Appendix E for a listing of ORIGEN2 input files). This C shell program runs ORIGEN2 with the requested condition and produces a flat output file containing the results.

42. SETUP INPUTS FOR origdb PROGRAM

The inputs are command line arguments. The form of the command string is "origdb < ORIGEN2 OUTPUT FILE> 6 < PARAMETERS FILE>". The integer 6 is the setting for the FINE decay times resolution and 1 for the COARSE resolution.

43. RUN xterm AND origdb PROGRAM (ORACLE database build)

Reports Section

- 44. IS PARAMETERS FILE OPEN?
- if NO Go to 46
- if YES Continue
- 45. CLOSE PARAMETERS FILE
- 46. SETUP INPUTS FOR **rptdb** PROGRAM

The inputs are command line arguments. The form of the command string is "rptdb < Radionuclide List Filename > 0". The integer 0 means sort the results by radionuclide name and 1 means sort the results by time. The Radionuclide List Filename is a file that contains the list of radionuclides requested for the report.

47. RUN xterm AND rptdb PROGRAM (ORACLE database report)

48. QUIT?

Was the event the quit event?

- if YES Go to 50
- if NO Continue
- 49. MAIN WINDOW CLOSE?
- if YES Go to 50
- if NO Go to 2
- 50. STOP EVENT HANDLER
- 51. RETURN

This box represents the termination of the event loop, which will allow the main program to execute to completion.

Each branch from these diamonds is implemented as a set of notify functions. The function from the set that is called is based on the selection made by the user.

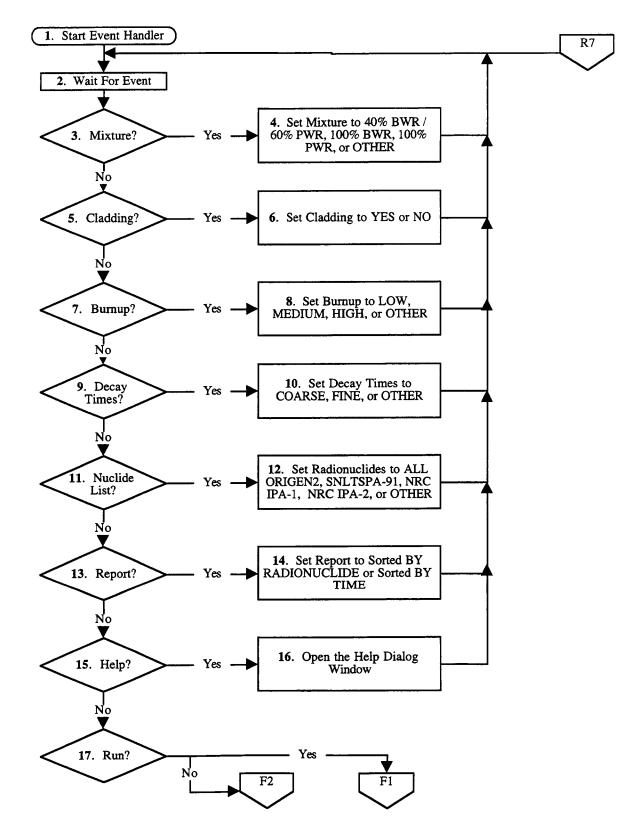


Figure 3-3. Event handler flowchart for invent

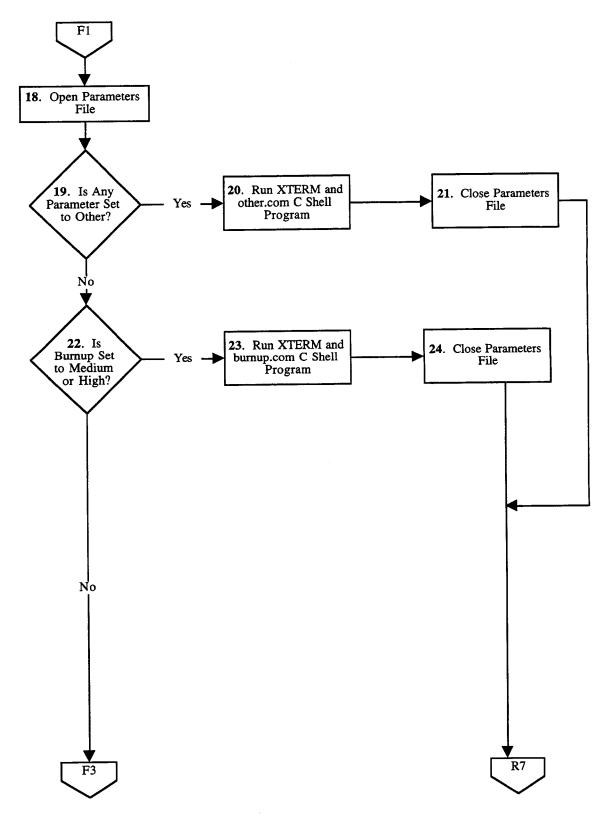


Figure 3-3. (Cont'd). Event handler flowchart for invent

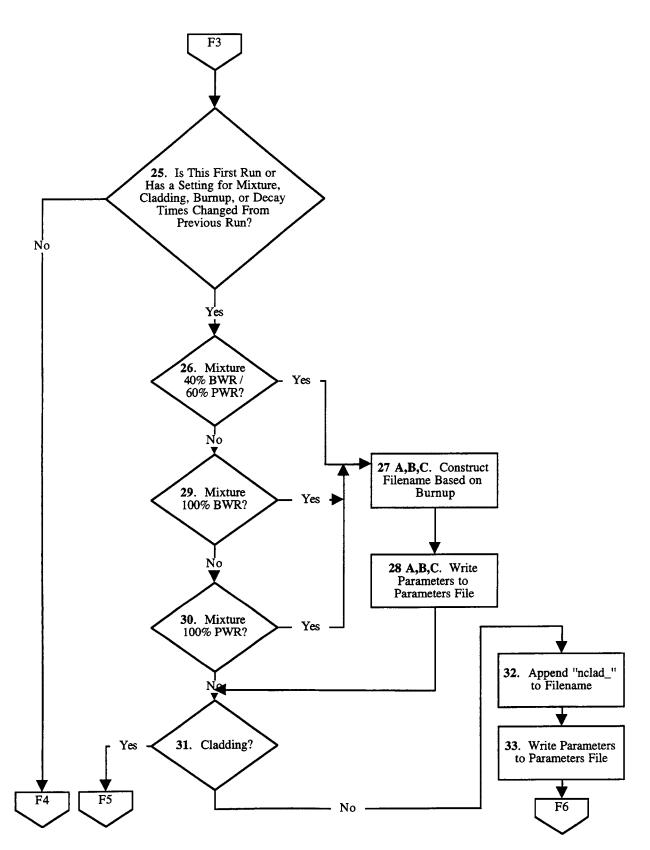


Figure 3-3 (Cont'd). Event handler flowchart for INVENT

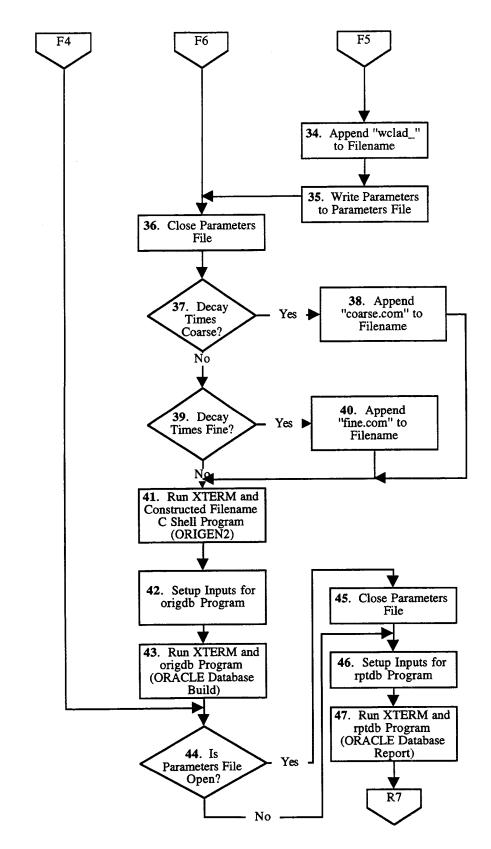


Figure 3-3 (Cont'd). Event handler flowchart for INVENT

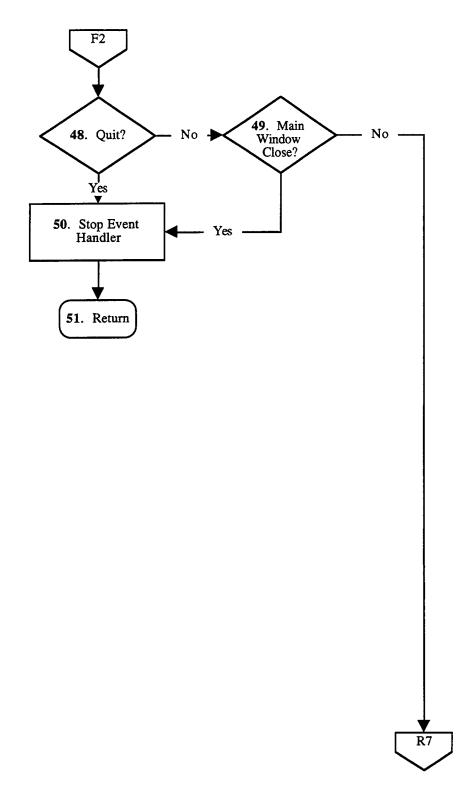


Figure 3-3 (Cont'd). Event handler flowchart for INVENT

3.6 DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF origdb

A listing of the source code for **origdb** is included in Appendix C. The program **origdb** deletes and creates a new ORACLE database using the radionuclide inventory data from the ORIGEN2 output file. The system call is as follows:

origdb <ORIGEN2 file> <# of sets> <parameter file>

where:

<origen2 file=""></origen2>	=	the name of the ORIGEN2 output file.		
<# of sets >	=	the number of runs executed within the ORIGEN2 program. So far, only 1 (corresponding to coarse) or 7 (corresponding to fine) are valid.		
<parameter file=""></parameter>	=	the name of the file in which the parameter information is stored (i.e., BWRburnup, BWRbwrpctoftotfuel, PWRburnup, PWRpwrpctoftotfuel, and Cladding?). The first four parameters in <pre>parameter file> are floating point numbers, while the last parameter is a Y or N.</pre>		

3.7 DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF rptdb

The program **rptdb** takes a file containing a list of query parameters and generates a final report containing the radionuclides of interests. A listing of the source code for **rptdb** is included in Appendix C. Sample query files and a sample report are included in Appendices F and G, respectively. The system call is as follows:

rptdb <query param file> <report type>

where < query param file> is the name of the query parameter file to be processed against the database. The file must be in the following format (all parameters must be justified left and capitalized):

Nuclide Name(1) or Time(1) Nuclide Name(2) or Time(2) . . . Nuclide Name(n) or Time(n) Nuclide Name is the name of the desired radionuclide (capitalized with no spaces). Time is a number (i.e., 0, 10, 20, 30, etc.). To report on all elements, place the keyword ALL (capitalized) anywhere within the file.

<report type> is either a 0 (sorted by radionuclide name, time, radionuclide type) or a 1 (sorted by time, radionuclide name, radionuclide type).

3.8 DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF hlgen

The program higen reads the ORIGEN2 decay. lib library and extracts the halflife information and stores the information in an ORACLE database. This program is considered a utility and supports the INVENT module. The program is run in stand-alone mode by typing higen from the directory where higen is located. A listing of the source code is included in Appendix C.

3.9 DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF DIRECTORIES

The following is a listing of the directories and files required to run the INVENT software. ORIGEN2_HOME and REPORTS_HOME are environments variables which are set to the top level directories.

albert/origen2_ifc-invent program source ORIGEN2_HOME/code-ORIGEN codes ORIGEN2_HOME/libs-ORIGEN libraries (cross-section, decay, etc.) ORIGEN2_HOME/invent/inputs/bwr-input files ORIGEN2_HOME/invent/inputs/bwr_pwr-input files ORIGEN2_HOME/invent/inputs/decay-input files ORIGEN2_HOME/invent/inputs/decay-input files ORIGEN2_HOME/invent-command and input files ORIGEN2_HOME/invent INVENT command files

REPORTS_HOME/origdb-code to build database REPORTS_HOME/rptdb-code to generate reports

3.10 SOFTWARE BUILDING PROCEDURE

The software is built by changing to the directory that contains the appropriate source code and then typing "make". The details on how to build the software are contained within UNIX makefiles. Refer to Appendix B for more information.

3.11 FORTRAN SUBROUTINES

This section describes a set of three FORTRAN subroutines which allow the efficient retrieval of radionuclide inventory data as required in the TPA code. It was originally envisioned that the TPA code could directly access the ORACLE database. This option is still available, however, it requires the purchase of an optional pre-compiler from the Oracle Corporation. Because of the relatively straightforward nature of storing and retrieving radionuclide inventory data, it was considered beneficial to abstract the radionuclide inventory data stored in ORACLE, and store the data in a FORTRAN database (i.e., array) with access via FORTRAN callable subroutines. Figure 3-4 describes the FORTRAN subroutines that allow storage and retireval of radionuclide inventory data. The details of the storage of the data is effectively hidden from a user so that the user need only consider the data input/output for the three subroutines. The source code for the three subroutines is included in Appendix H.

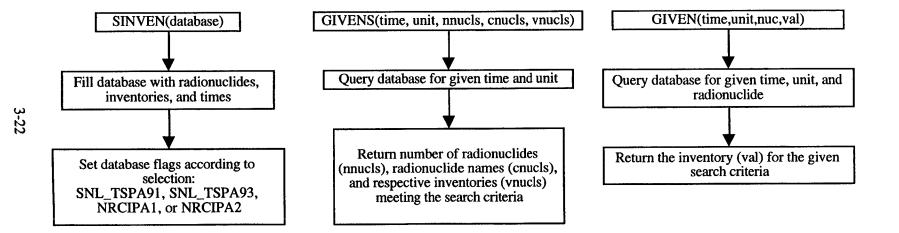


Figure 3-4. Flowcharts for FORTRAN subroutines which store and retrieve the radionuclide inventory data

3.11.1 Subroutine siven

Subroutine siven is called once before either subroutine givens or given is called. Subroutine siven is passed one argument (character*10) which is used to select which database will be utilized. The argument must either be 'SNL_TSPA91', 'SNL_TSPA93', 'NRC_IPA1', or 'NRC_IPA2'. Based on the argument, siven initializes the database with the radionuclides used in either the SNL TSPA-91 report (Barnard et al., 1992), SNL TSPA-93 report (Wilson et al., 1994), NRC IPA-1 report (Codell et al., 1992), or NRC IPA-2 report (Wescott et al., 1994). The database containes the curie content per MTU for up to 43 distinct radionuclides (see Figure 2-2, Table 5-1, or Appendix F) for 73 distinct times (from 10 up to 1,000,000 years, see Figure 2-2). In order to simulate the SNL TSPA-93 inventories, the SNL TSPA-91 values are scaled by a factor as discussed in the report by Wilson et al. (1994).

3.11.2 Subroutine given

Subroutine given can be called after the database has been selected and initialized (by calling siven). The input and output variables for given include:

time	=	time of interest
unit	=	units for time (character*2, either 'S' or 'YR')
nuc	=	radionuclide of interest (character*10)
val	=	inventory (Ci/MTU)

The radionuclide name in nuc should be one of those shown in Figure 2-2. The calling routine specifies time, unit, and nuc, and the subroutine outputs val. The values of radionuclide inventories (measured in Ci/MTU) as a function of time is based on the values calculated at discrete times. An interpolation is used to evaluate the inventory for times between data points (this interpolation is based on the one suggested in Department of Energy, 1987).

$$C = C_0 \left(\frac{t}{t_0}\right)^p \tag{3-1}$$

where

С	=	inventory (Ci/MTU) at time t
Co	=	inventory (Ci/MTU) at time t _o
t	=	time of interest (same as time described above)
to	=	time which is nearest and smaller than t
p	=	power of interpolation.

The power of interpolation, p, is calculated to match the inventory value at the nearest time value greater than t (i.e., $t_0 < t < t_1$).

$$p = \ln(C_0/C_1) / \ln(t_0/t_1)$$
(3-2)

A warning message will be printed if the input time is outside the range of stored time values.

3.11.3 Subroutine givens

Subroutine givens can be called after the database has been selected and initialized (by calling siven). The only difference between givens and given is that givens returns the inventories for all of the selected radionuclides. The input and output variable for givens include:

time	=	time of interest
unit	=	units for time (character*2, either 'S' or 'YR')
nnucls	=	number of radionuclides
cnucls	=	array of radionuclide names (character*10)
vnucls	=	array of inventory (Ci/MTU) of radionuclides

The subroutine considers 'time' and 'unit' as inputs, and returns 'nnucls,' 'cnucls,' and 'vnucls' as outputs. The source code for givens is included in Appendix H.

4 DESCRIPTION OF THE EXTERNAL SOFTWARE REQUIRED BY THE INVENT MODULE

4.1 GALAXY

The GALAXY software was selected to develop a GUI that would be user-friendly, as well as simplify the data entry process. This use of a GUI is consistent with early recommendations from the IPA Phase 2 activity. The primary advantages of using a GUI, rather than manual creation of input files, are three-fold: (i) ease of use, (ii) high accuracy and consistency, and (iii) greater functionality of the software.

In the following discussion, it is convenient to distinguish between a platform and a windowing system. The term platform can be used in several ways. In a hardware context, platform refers to the brand and model of a particular machine. In a software context, it means the operating system. The term as used in this document refers to a unique pairing of both meanings, that is, a platform is a given machine from a vendor with a given operating system. A windowing system can be one of several offered by computer vendors, such as Macintosh System 7, Microsoft Windows, SUN OPEN LOOK, or Motif.

The GALAXY tool can make a program user-friendly by providing a GUI that is compatible with many windowing systems. The GUI technique is becoming the most popular input mechanism for software control and is packaged with virtually every commercial application. GUI is said to be most effective when interfacing with users who are not experts in the domain of the application being exercised. While being user friendly, GALAXY can also provide software libraries that permit the porting of the software to several other platforms and window systems with no software changes. GALAXY is a one-for-one replacement for the Macintosh Toolbox, Windows SDK, Motif Toolkit, and OPEN LOOK Toolkits.

A disadvantage to this approach is that most windowing tools require implementation in the C programming language, which is typically not found on many scientific user platforms. However, its availability is increasing on scientific workstation platforms even though it may not be used by the scientist. In the near future, most scientists will have access to a workstation that can host the C language even though it may not be on their desks. Having the C language on the desk is not required to receive the benefits of the GUI environment. A machine without the C language requires only a window server with a network connection to a machine that can host the language. At modern network speeds, virtually the same capability can be provided with less burden on the user.

The application source code is compiled as usual using the native C or C + + compiler and the GALAXY include files. The native linker is used to bind the GALAXY libraries to the application code. The executable program can then use the GALAXY resource mechanism, which is one of the major facilitators of multiplatform operation. In a GUI environment, the graphical characteristics of a window need not be hardcoded in the program; rather they may be kept in volatile storage and changed by either the program or the user with the graphical input device (mouse). When a GALAXY application is run, it can reference any number of resource files to obtain its noncode resources. These resources can include such items as dialog windows, text, color images, and geometry management information. The resource files are stored in a compressed binary format that is machine independent. The GALAXY Resource Builder is a tool for constructing and editing the user interface portion of a given application.

This resource building toolkit can permit the application to be portable while taking advantage of the capabilities of each target platform. Building portable applications reduces development costs, eases maintenance, and simplifies the product development. Although more code is required, compared to a vendor specific window system, the effort is worth the benefits of a portable application.

The use of GALAXY for this application was successful since it demonstrated that the windows approach to the control of modeling codes is a workable and accurate technique, and is one that minimizes typing while providing a natural communication link to the program.

4.2 ORIGEN2

ORIGEN2 is a computer code developed to model the composition and characteristics of various kinds of spent nuclear fuels as a function of burnup and age (Croff, 1983). To do this, the code performs two major computational functions, isotope generation and isotope depletion, both within the core of an operating reactor and after shutdown. The name derives from "Oak Ridge Isotope Generation and Depletion Code." (The original version was called ORIGEN and a later, improved version is called ORIGEN2.) There is also another improved version called ORIGEN-S. All three versions perform the two basic functions cited above.

Generation: This refers to the generation of individual radionuclides resulting from neutroninduced fission or from neutron capture reactions or other transmutation reactions.

Depletion: This refers to the depletion (and concurrent buildup) of radionuclides resulting from natural decay processes.

Both functions can deal with the approximately 1,400 relevant radionuclides included in the ORIGEN2 database. Many of these radionuclides have very short half-lives and exist only within the reactor core or as transient intermediates in a decay chain. Neutron-induced fission and transmutation are highly dependent on both neutron flux and neutron energy. Neutron flux itself depends on the number of induced fissions. Neutron energy depends on the moderators that are present. The cross-sections (propensity for neutron interaction) are highly sensitive to neutron energy. Decay processes are governed by invariant constants: the half-lives and branching ratios. In a real-time situation, some transmutation may occur while decay is also taking place.

Thus, during generation there is a competition between transmutation and decay that is governed by the relative magnitudes of the cross-sections and the decay constants, with the former highly sensitive to the neutron moderation within the particular system being modeled. This relationship is handled mathematically by calculating a set of effective cross-sections that are applicable to the reactor scenario being modeled.

This calculation is accomplished by first computing a set of effective one-group cross-sections, that is, a weighted-average value for each radionuclide that is appropriate for the moderated neutron energies in that particular reactor model. After this effective cross-section library has been developed, it can be used for variations on that particular reactor model. For example, ORIGEN2 cross-section libraries have been developed specifically for Light Water Reactors (LWRs). Computing one-group cross-sections requires different models and libraries for PWRs and BWRs, and also for standard burnup and

high burnup fuel designs. For a given LWR case, the appropriate model must be used. These crosssections have recently been recalculated (Ludwig and Renier, 1989) for these conditions:

PWR standard burnup: 33,000 MWd/MTIHM; PWR extended burnup: 50,000 MWd/MTIHM; BWR standard burnup: 27,500 MWd/MTIHM; and BWR extended burnup: 40,000 MWd/MTIHM.

For the above cross-section libraries, initial enrichments and cycle conditions can be varied. Also, variations in structural materials (both quantities and compositions) may be used if appropriate. These factors have been examined in a series of sensitivity studies (Welch et al., 1992). It was clearly shown that enrichment is a major factor in these calculations, especially for the actinides (and their derivative properties, such as neutron emission strength). For this reason, enrichments were handled in a very definitive manner, with enrichment tailored to burnup, and with ranges on either side to allow for normal variations. Cycle conditions were modeled after average conditions derived from utility data.

The neutron fluxes and energies, and the effective cross-sections, have been developed for the reactor core region, where the fuel resides, along with the fuel cladding and some of the assembly hardware. However, much of the hardware is outside the core region, in which the flux falls off very rapidly with distance, and moderation is also quite different. These latter effects have a profound influence on the quantities of activation products formed within these hardware components.

The major steps required in ORIGEN2 modeling and computation are shown on the schematic of Figure 4-1. The center column, boxes 1 through 4, are the major steps involved in running the ORIGEN2 code. Box 2 requires complex, multidimensional computations that apply to the generic reactor model defined in box 1; once done, the resulting library is used for all specific cases for that generic reactor model. Boxes A and B are independent data libraries utilized by ORIGEN2. Box X is the input data required to conduct a run for specific cases; this includes initial enrichment and cycle specifications, along with the desired output data and format. In the past, the near-core region was modeled using an approximate method to calculate the inventory associated with activation metals. With the increased interest in activated metal, this aspect was reexamined. Both calculations and experimental measurements at Pacific Northwest Laboratory (PNL) (Luksic, 1989) provided new factors, relative to the core region, for the top, plenum, and bottom zones. These new factors were utilized.

The basic data output from ORIGEN2 is in terms of the gram atoms of each radionuclide, as specified times. From this, the derived quantities and radiological properties are calculated, including thermal output, alpha activity, beta and gamma activities, neutron production from spontaneous fission and from alpha-induced reaction, and the photon energy spectra. These quantities can be provided for individual radionuclides or elements or for all radionuclides or elements within one or more of the three major categories: fission products, activation products, and actinides. Each group also includes decay daughters. The fission products derive from nuclear fission of fissionable isotopes. The activation products are generated by neutron activations of structural materials and components. The actinides derive from neutron capture (often multiple or sequential neutron captures) of the initially-present heavy metal isotopes (mainly U-238 and U-235 for LWRs).

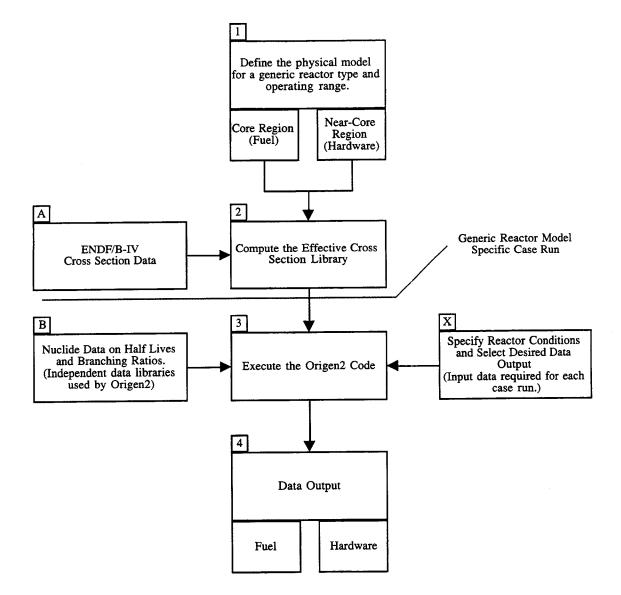


Figure 4-1. Steps in ORIGEN2 modeling

4.3 ORACLE

The ORACLE database management system (DBMS) was selected to investigate the effectiveness of a relational database as a storage and retrieval system for model input parameters associated with the IPA task. Database systems with similar features have the advantage of sharing a single database among several users on different platforms, and may facilitate the use of a distributed data set by a single user. The ORACLE DBMS also permits the access of other vendor data sets, but this is of limited use to the IPA effort since all data will be generated internal to the project.

As implemented, one physical quantity was chosen to be stored as a function of time and radionuclide. User access to the database is achieved using the Structured Query Language (SQL). The term query is slightly misleading in this usage, since in its most familiar form it connotates a human activity. However, SQL involves the communication between software modules rather than the direct participation of the user. The version of SQL used was SQL*Plus Version 3.0.12.4.1.

ORACLE SQL requires interface modules to be written in a high-level language such as C or FORTRAN. These routines, in turn, must interface with the user to determine the exact request for data and the desired output form. Program origdb provided the database update function and program rptdb provided the database query function. Programs origdb and rptdb are described in Sections 3.5 and 3.6 in this document.

The power of the ORACLE DBMS is in its ability to update individual entries of a dynamic database while simultaneously satisfying query requests from users. These conditions are frequently found in applications such as airline reservation systems and bank transaction systems. However, these assume a different environment than the IPA system. The IPA database will be very static and requires minimal queries relative to what is commonly addressed with SQLs.

5 VERIFICATION AND VALIDATION STATUS

The INVENT module runs in stand-alone mode and a set of FORTRAN subroutines have been written to be used in the TPA system of codes. The stand-alone version can be used to change the characteristics and burnup for the spent fuel, which then affects the radionulicde inventories. After a user has selected a set of fuel characteristics, the stand-alone version can be used to update the FORTRAN subroutines which are designed to be repeatedly queried in the TPA program (however, the update process has not been automated and will require additional effort).

The INVENT module was developed on a Sun Workstation. The input parameters to the ORIGEN2 code are determined by invent, the main program, from information supplied by the user through the GUI, GALAXY windows. The detailed calculation of radionuclide inventories was performed by ORIGEN2, and there were no changes to the ORIGEN2 code which was received from ORNL. The results from ORIGEN2 are postprocessed and stored in an ORACLE database.

Verification of the code was performed by comparing the INVENT results at 10 years of cooling time with the results used in the NRC IPA-2 activities (Wescott et al., 1994), published in the SNL TSPA-91 report (Barnard et al., 1992), and those published in the SNL TSPA-93 report (Wilson et al., 1994). The comparison is summarized in Table 5-1. The NRC IPA-2 and SNL TSPA-91 results are based on spent fuel only, while the SNL TSPA-93 results are based on both spent fuel and other HLW. (The SNL TSPA-93 waste mixture is based on 63,000 MTIHM of spent fuel and 7,000 MTIHM from sources such as Savannah River, SC, Hanford, WA, Idaho Chemical Processing Plant, ID, and West Valley, NY.) The results generated by invent (via ORIGEN2) are very close to values published in the SNL TSPA-91 report. Differences exist with the SNL TSPA-93 report because of the addition of other wastes (in addition to spent fuel). The good comparison of radionuclide inventories are indications that the invent module is working properly.

Verification of the FORTRAN subroutines was performed by plotting the radionuclide inventories for times from 10 to 1,000,000 yr, see Figure 5-1. The trends in the inventories was compared with those published elsewhere (e.g., Roxburgh, 1987). As expected, some radionuclide inventories continuously decrease with increasing time, some remain relatively constant over long periods of time (those with long half-lives), and some increase with time (daughters in a decay chain). For example, Pu-238 has a 87.7 yr half-life and its inventory can be observed to continuously decrease with time. Another example is U-234, which has a 244,500 yr half-life, and remains relatively constant up to \sim 100,000 yr. An example of daughter ingrowth can be seen by Th-230, Ra-226, and Pb-210 which are in the U-238 decay series of radionuclides. Hence, the inventories of the daughters increases with increasing time. Based on these plots of radionuclide inventories, the FORTRAN subroutines were noted to be working properly.

Table 5-1. Comparison of radionuclide inventories used in Nuclear Regulatory Commission IPA-2 (spent fuel only), Sandia National Laboratories TSPA-91 (spent fuel only), Sandia National Laboratories TSPA-93 (combined spent fuel and high-level waste), and invent (spent fuel only)

Radionuclide	NRC IPA-2 Inventory at 10 yr (Ci/MTU)	SNL TSPA-91 Inventory at 10 yr (Ci/MTU)	SNL TSPA-93 Inventory at 10 yr (Ci/MTU)	invent Inventory at 10 yr (Ci/MTU)
U-238	3.18×10^{-1}	3.18×10^{-1}	3.15×10^{-1}	3.19×10 ⁻¹
Cm-246	2.58×10^{-2}	2.58×10^{-2}	3.22×10^{-2}	2.56×10^{-2}
Pu-242		1.60×10 ⁰	1.74×10 ⁰	1.60×10 ⁰
Am-242m	_	7.46×10 ⁰	9.62×10^{0}	7.49×10 ⁰
Pu-238		2.12×10^{3}	2.43×10^{3}	2.11×10 ³
U-234	1.89×10 ⁰	1.13×10 ⁰	1.51×10^{0}	1.13×10 ⁰
Th-230	1.29×10 ⁻⁴	1.29×10^{-4}	3.65×10^{-4}	1.29×10 ⁻⁴
Ra-226	3.67×10^{-7}	3.67×10^{-7}	2.22×10^{-6}	3.67×10^{-7}
Pb-210	4.71×10^{-8}	4.71×10 ⁻⁸	5.36×10 ⁻⁷	4.72×10^{-8}
Cm-243	-	1.54×10^{1}	1.30×10^{1}	1.53×10 ¹
Am-243	1.55×10 ¹	1.55×10^{1}	1.71×10^{1}	1.54×10 ¹
Pu-239	3.08×10^{2}	3.08×10^{2}	3.33×10^{2}	3.08×10 ²
U-235	_	1.68×10^{-2}	2.28×10^{-2}	1.69×10^{-2}
Pa-231		1.94×10 ⁻⁵	3.72×10^{-5}	1.95×10 ⁻⁵
Ac-227	_	5.19×10 ⁻⁶	1.80×10 ⁻⁵	5.19×10 ⁻⁶
Cm-245	1.26×10^{-1}	1.26×10 ⁻¹	1.64×10^{-1}	1.25×10^{-1}
Pu-241		7.43×10^{4}	4.07×10^{4}	7.44×10 ⁴
Am-241	1.64×10 ³	1.64×10^{3}	3.26×10^{3}	1.64×10^{3}
Np-237	2.88×10^{-1}	2.88×10 ⁻¹	3.78×10 ⁻¹	2.87×10^{-1}
U-233		2.54×10 ⁻⁵	5.77×10 ⁻⁵	2.40×10 ⁻⁵
Th-229	_	1.40×10 ⁻⁷	3.10×10 ⁻⁷	1.39×10 ⁻⁷
Cm-244		1.15×10 ³	7.62×10^2	1.15×10 ³
Pu-240	5.08×10 ²	5.08×10^{2}	5.09×10^{2}	5.08×10 ²

Table 5-1 (Cont'd). Comparison of radionuclide inventories used in Nuclear Regulatory Commission IPA-2 (spent fuel only), Sandia National Laboratories TSPA-91 (spent fuel only), Sandia National Laboratories TSPA-93 (combined spent fuel and high-level waste), and invent (spent fuel only)

Radionuclide	NRC IPA-2 Inventory at 10 yr (Ci/MTU)	SNL TSPA-91 Inventory at 10 yr (Ci/MTU)	SNL TSPA-93 Inventory at 10 yr (Ci/MTU)	invent Inventory at 10 yr (Ci/MTU)
U-236	_	2.40×10^{-1}	3.12×10^{-1}	2.40×10^{-1}
U-232		2.50×10^{-2}	3.32×10^{-2}	2.48×10^{-2}
Sm-151	_	3.18×10^{2}	3.36×10^{2}	3.18×10 ²
Cs-137	7.66×10 ⁴	7.66×10 ⁴	6.33×10 ⁴	7.64×10 ⁴
Cs-135	3.50×10^{-1}	3.50×10^{-1}	4.79×10^{-1}	3.51×10^{-1}
I-129	2.95×10^{-2}	2.95×10^{-2}	3.39×10^{-2}	2.95×10^{-2}
Sn-126		7.17×10^{-1}	8.04×10 ⁻¹	7.16×10^{-1}
Sn-121m		9.04×10^{-1}	7.29×10^{-1}	7.97×10^{-1}
Ag-108m	_	1.19×10^{-2}	1.08×10^{-2}	1.20×10^{-2}
Pd-107	_	1.05×10^{-1}	1.14×10^{-1}	1.05×10^{-1}
Tc-99	1.23×10^{1}	1.23×10^{1}	1.43×10^{1}	1.23×10^{1}
Mo-93	_	1.60×10^{-2}	1.80×10^{-2}	1.01×10^{-2}
Nb-94	7.93×10^{-1}	7.93×10^{-1}	9.22×10^{-1}	5.04×10^{-1}
Zr-93	_	1.88×10 ⁰	2.23×10 ⁰	1.85×10^{0}
Sr-90		5.32×10^{4}	4.51×10^{4}	5.31×10 ⁴
Se-79	3.81×10^{-1}	3.81×10^{-1}	4.53×10^{-1}	3.80×10^{-1}
Ni-63		4.55×10^{2}	3.95×10^{2}	3.05×10^{2}
Ni-59	3.56×10 ⁰	3.56×10 ⁰	3.08×10 ⁰	2.46×10 ⁰
Cl-36	_	1.19×10 ⁻²	1.10×10^{-2}	1.17×10^{-2}
C-14	1.54×10 ⁰	1.54×10 ⁰	1.45×10 ⁰	1.33×10 ⁰

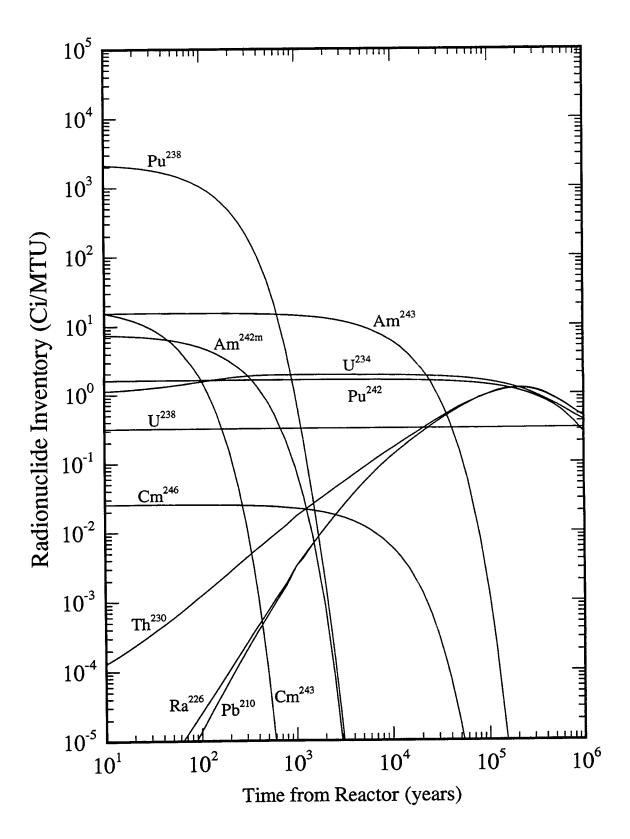


Figure 5-1(a). Radionuclide inventories as functions of time

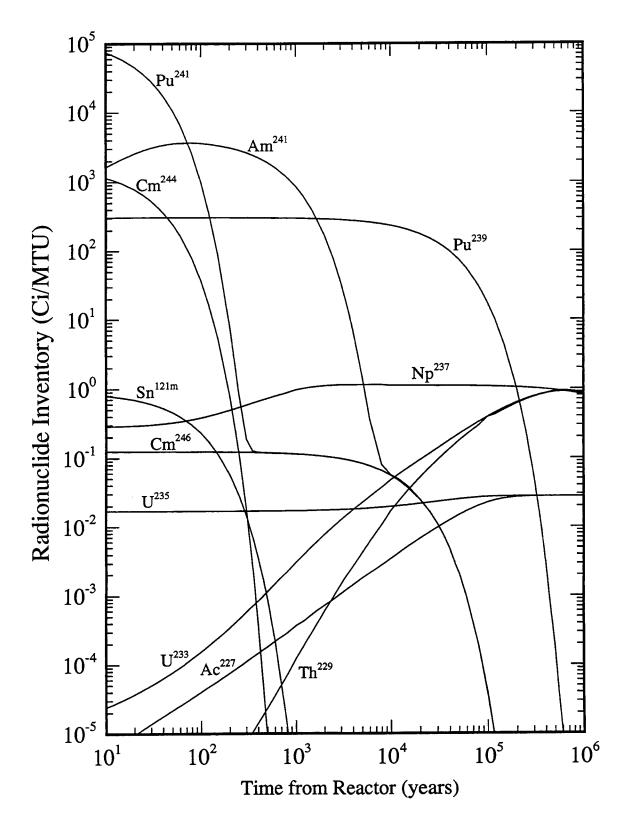


Figure 5-1(b). Radionuclide inventories as functions of time

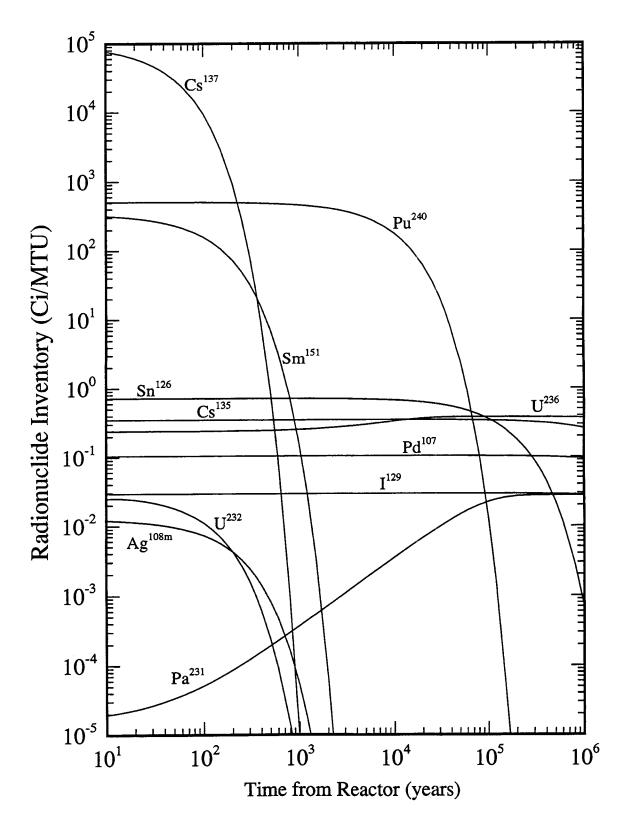


Figure 5-1(c). Radionuclide inventories as functions of time

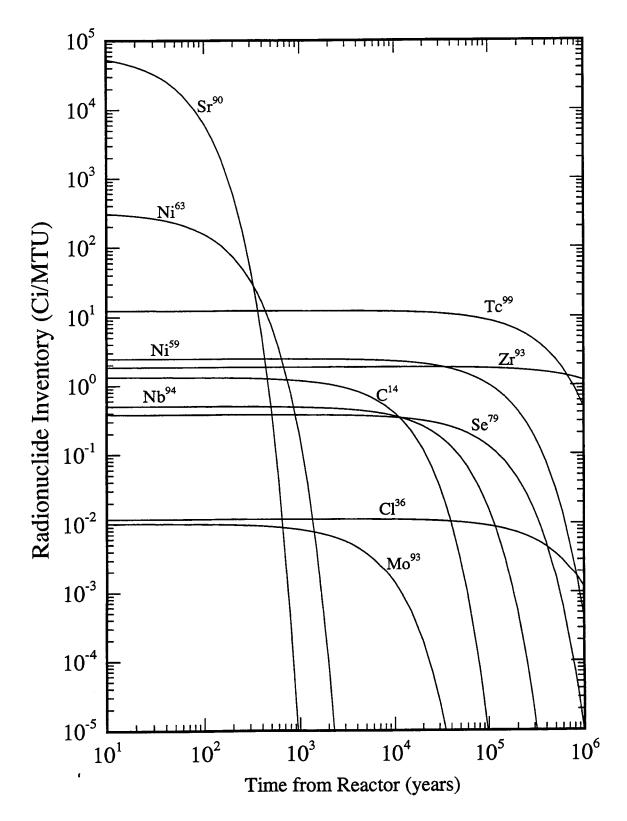


Figure 5-1(d). Radionuclide inventories as functions of time

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APPENDIX A

SETUP FILES (.cshrc)

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Workstation programs are quite complex and require much setup information. Default conditions are usually assumed in order that a user not be forced to specify every possible parameter. Some parameters assist the program with information about the computer system configuration and file layout. Assistance from the system manager is usually required to properly setup this file. This .cshrc file is the one which the system manager provided with the exception of the environment variables REPORTS_HOME, ORIGEN2_HOME, ORACLE_SID, and ORAENV_ASK.

See microfiche for text of Appendix A, Setup Files (.cshrc).

APPENDIX B

Makefiles

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Many programs are composed of several functions. Makefiles relieve the software developer from having to remember all the functions that are necessary to build a program. The Makefile provides instructions to the make utility and usually resides in the same directory as the source code. Instructions list the functions that are needed and the libraries which should be searched to make a program. The make utility also looks at the age of files to determine if compiling is necessary or if linking will suffice. The programs are made by changing directory to where the appropriate source code is located and typing make. For more information, refer to readily available documentation on Makefiles under UNIX.

See microfiche for text of Appendix B, Makefiles.

APPENDIX C

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LISTING OF C LANGUAGE SOURCE CODES: invent, origdb, rptdb, and hlgen

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APPENDIX D

ORIGEN2 Command Files

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Command files are C shell programs. These programs are batch files to csh and perform system functions such as copying, renaming, and deleting of files, as well as controlling program execution.

See microfiche for text of Appendix D, Command Files.

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APPENDIX E

ORIGEN2 Input Files

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The files described in this section are combined with either the coarse or fine file to construct an ORIGEN2 input file.

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APPENDIX F

FOUR USER SELECTABLE LISTS FOR ORACLE QUERIES

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APPENDIX G

EXAMPLE OF REPORT FROM INVENT MODULE

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APPENDIX H

LISTING OF FORTRAN SUBROUTINES: siven, givens, given

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This appendix contains the source code of the three FORTRAN subroutines: siven, givens, and given. See microfiche for text of Appendix H, Listing of FORTRAN Subroutines: siven, givens, and given.