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TABLE 1-3 Average Annual Effective Dose Equivalent of Ionizing Radiations to a Member of the U.S. Population

Source	Dose Equivalent ^a		Effective Dose Equivalent	
	mSv	mrem	mSv	%
Natural				
Radon ^b	2.4	2,400	2.0	55
Cosmic	0.27	27	0.27	8.0
Terrestrial	0.28	28	0.28	8.0
Internal	0.39	39	0.39	11
Total natural			3.0	82
Artificial				
Medical				
x-ray diagnosis	0.39	39	0.39	11
Nuclear medicine	0.14	14	0.14	4.0
Consumer products	0.10	10	0.10	3.0
Other				
Occupational	0.009	0.9	<0.01	<0.3
Nuclear fuel cycle	<0.01	<1.0	<0.01	<0.03
Fallout	<0.01	<1.0	<0.01	<0.03
Miscellaneous ^c	<0.01	<1.0	<0.01	<0.03
Total artificial			0.63	18
Total natural and artificial			3.6	100

^aTo soft tissues.

^bDose equivalent to bronchi from radon daughter products. The assumed weighting factor for the effective dose equivalent relative to whole-body exposure is 0.08.

^cDepartment of Energy facilities, smelters, transportation, etc.

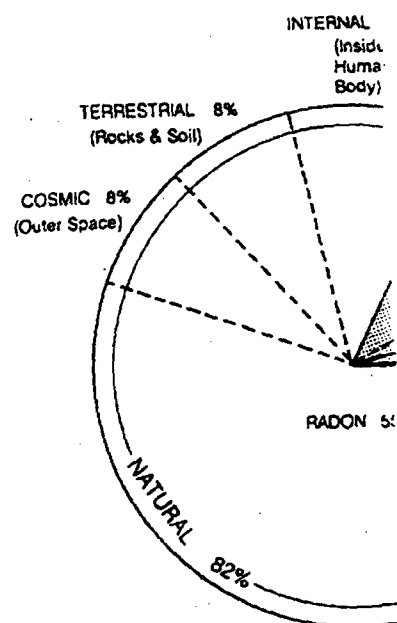
SOURCE: National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements (NCRP87b).

differences in the relative biological effectiveness of different types of radiation. The effective dose equivalent relates the dose-equivalent to risk. For the case of partial body irradiation, the effective dose equivalent is the risk-weighted sum of the dose equivalents to the individually irradiated tissues.

As seen in Table 1-3 and Figure 1-1, three of the six radiation sources, namely radiation from occupational activities, nuclear power production (the fuel cycle), and miscellaneous environmental sources (including nuclear weapons testing fallout), contribute negligibly to the average effective dose equivalent, i.e., less than 0.01 millisievert (mSv)/year (1 [mrem]/year).

A total average annual effective dose equivalent of 3.6 mSv (360 mrem)/year to members of the U.S. population is contributed by the other three sources: naturally occurring radiation, medical uses of radiation, and radiation from consumer products. By far the largest contribution (82%) is made by natural sources, two-thirds of which is caused by radon and its

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decay products. Approximately equal amounts come from cosmic radiation, terrestrial radionuclides. The importance of radon exposure has only recently become apparent.

The remaining 18% of the average annual dose consists of radiation from medical uses of radiation (nuclear medicine, 4%) and from consumer products, the chief contributor is radon, although building materials, mining, and coal burning also contribute. Smaller contributions come from natural radionuclides such as polonium-210 (0.2 Sv per year) that may cause an increase in lung cancer risk.

Uncertainties exist in the data for exposures from some consumer products and from cosmic and terrestrial radionuclides. For the most important exposure, radon and its decay products, have many associated uncertainties.