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In accordance with section 6.7.e of the OSTR Technical Specifications we are hereby submitting the Oregon State University Radiation Center and OSTR Annual Report for the period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.

The Annual Report continues the pattern established over the past few years by including information about the entire Radiation Center rather than concentrating primarily on the reactor. Because this report addresses a number of different interests, it is rather lengthy, but we have incorporated a short executive summary which highlights the Center's activities and accomplishments over the past year.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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Sincerely,

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Radiation Center and TRIGA Reactor Annual Report

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nuclear engineering students can learn how the reactor works in the classroom, then apply the knowledge in the la

We had two individuals who departed the Radiation Center this year and we wish both of them the best. After some thirty years, Mike Conrady retired to be closer to family. While Mike leaves a legacy of **0** NAA analysis, computers, and networks, it was his outreach and activities involving students for which he had his greatest impact. Mike Hartman who, although he was with us for only a short time, contributed more to the Radiation Center both personally and professionally than we have seen from any individual in many years. There are many things we simply could not have done without him. They both will be

Part I-Overview

Executive Summary

The data from this reporting year shows that the use of the Radiation Center and the Oregon State TRIGA reactor (OSTR) has continued/ to grow in many areas.

The Radiation Center supported 48 different courses this year, mostly in the Department of Nuclear Engineering and Radiation Health Physics. About **3 1%** of these courses involved the OSTR. The number of OSTR hours used for academic courses and training was **56,** while **2,851** hours were used for research projects. Seventy-eight percent of the OSTR research hours were in support of off-campus research projects, reflecting the use of the OSTR nationally and internationally. Radiation Center users published or submitted 86 articles this year, completed 6 theses/dissertations, and made 53 presentations on work that involved the OSTR or Radiation Center. The number of samples irradiated in the reactor during this reporting period was **2018.** Funded OSTR use hours comprised **96%** of the research use.

Personnel at the Radiation Center conducted 148 tours of the facility, accommodating 2,189 visitors. The visitors included elementary, middle school, high school, and college students; relatives and friends; faculty; current and prospective clients; national laboratory and industrial scientists and engineers; and state, federal and international officials. The Radiation Center is a significant positive attraction on campus because visitors leave with a good impression of the facility and of Oregon State University.

The Radiation Center projects database continues to provide a useful way of tracking the many different0 aspects of work at the facility. The number of projects supported this year was 220. Reactor related projects comprised **73%** of all projects. The total research supported **by** the Radiation Center, as reported **by** our researchers, was **\$5,769,460.** The actual total is likely considerably higher. This year the Radiation Center provided service to **69** different organizations/ institutions, **38%** of which were from other states and **16%** of which were from outside the **U. S.** and Canada. So while the Center's primary mission is local, it is also a facility with a national and international clientele.

the Radiation Center web site provides an easy way for potential users to evaluate the Center's facilities and capabilities as well as to apply for a project and check use charges. The address is: http://radiationcenter. oregonstate.edu.

Introduction

The current annual report of the Oregon State University Radiation Center and TRIGA Reactor follows the usual format **by** including information relating to the entire Radiation Center rather than just the reactor. However, the information is still presented in such a manner that data on the reactor may be examined separately, if desired. It should be noted that all annual data given in this report covers the period from July **1, 2006** through June **30, 2007.** Cumulative reactor operating data in this report relate only to the FLIP-fueled core. Tbis covers the period from August **1, 1976** through June **30, 2007.** For a summary of data on the reactor's original 20% enriched core, the reader is referred to Table IVA.2 in Part IV of this report or to the 1976-77 Annual Report if a more comprehensive review is needed.

0 In addition to providing general information about the activities of the Radiation Center, this report is de signed to meet the reporting requirements of the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the U. S. Department of Energy, and the Oregon Department of Energy. Because of this, the report is divided into several distinct parts so that the reader may easily find the sections of interest.

Overview of the Radiation Center

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> **0** The Radiation Center is a unique facility which serves the entire OSU campus, all other institutions within the Oregon University System, and many other universities and organizations throughout the nation and the world. The Center also regularly provides special services to state and federal agencies, particularly agencies dealing with law enforcement, energy, health, and environmental quality, and renders assistance to Oregon industry. In addition, the Radiation Center provides permanent office and laboratory space for the OSU Department of Nuclear Engineering and Radiation Health Physics, the OSU Institute of Nuclear Science and Engineering, and for the OSU nuclear chemistry, radiation chemistry, geochemistry and **radiochemistry programs. There is no other university facility with the combined capabilities of the OSU** Radiation Center in the western half of the United States.

> Located in the Radiation Center are many items of specialized equipment and unique teaching and research facilities. They include a TRIGA Mark II research nuclear reactor; a 60Co gamma irradiator; a large number of state-of-the art computer-based gamma radiation spectrometers and associated germanium detectors; and a variety of instruments for radiation measurements and monitoring. Specialized facilities for radiation work include teaching and research laboratories with instrumentation and related equipment for performing neutron activation analysis and radiotracer studies; laboratories for plant experiments involving radioactivity; a facility for repair and calibration of radiation protection instrumentation; and facilities for * packaging radioactive materials for shipment to national and international destinations.

> A major non-nuclear facility housed in the Radiation Center is the one-quarter scale thermal hydraulic ad vanced plant experimental (APEX) test facility for the Westinghouse AP600 and AP1000 reactor designs. The AP600 and AP1000 are next-generation nuclear reactor designs which incorporate many passive safety features as well as considerably simplified plant systems and equipment. APEX operates at pressures up to 400 psia and temperatures up to 450'F using electrical heaters instead of nuclear fuel. All major components of the AP600 and AP1000 are included in APEX and all systems are appropriately scaled to * enable the experimental measurements to be used for safety evaluations and licensing of the full scale plant. This world-class facility meets exacting quality assurance criteria to provide assurance of safety as well as validity of the test results.

Also housed in the Radiation Center are the Advanced Thermal Hydraulics Research Laboratory
(ATHRL), which is used for state-of-the-art two-phase flow experiments, and the Nuclear Engineering Scientific Computing Laboratory.

The Radiation Center staff regularly provides direct support and assistance to OSU teaching and research programs. Areas of expertise commonly involved in such efforts include nuclear engineering, nuclear and radiation chemistry, neutron activation analysis, radiation effects on biological systems, radiation dosimetry, environmental radioactivity, production of short-lived radioisotopes, radiation shielding, nuclear instru-**0** mentation, emergency response, transportation of radioactive materials, instrument calibration, radiation **0** health physics, radioactive waste disposal, and other related areas.

0 In addition to formal academic and research support, the Center's staff provides a wide variety of other services including public tours and instructional programs, and professional consultation associated with the feasibility, design, safety, and execution of experiments using radiation and radioactive materials.

Part Il-People

Radiation Center Staff

This section contains a listing of all people who were residents of the Radiation Center or who worked a significant amount of time at the Center during this reporting period.

It should be noted that not all of the faculty and students who used the Radiation Center for their teaching and research are listed. Summary information on the number of people involved is given in Table VI.C. 1, while individual names and projects are listed in Tables **VI.C.2** and VI.C.3.

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Research Reactor

The Oregon State University TRIGA Reactor (OSTR) is a watercooled, swimming pool type research reactor which uses

uranium/zirconium hydride fuel elements in a circular grid array. The reactor core is surrounded **by** a ring **of0** graphite which serves to reflect neutrons back into the core. The core is situated near the bottom of a 22-foot deep water-filled tank, and the tank is surrounded **by** a concrete bioshield which acts as a radiation shield and structural support.

The reactor is licensed **by** the **U.S.** Nuclear Regulatory Commission to operate at a maximum steady state0 power of **1.1** MW and can also be pulsed up to a peak power of about **2500** MW

The OSTR has a number of different irradiation facilities including a pneumatic transfer tube, a rotating rack, a thermal column, four beam ports, five sample holding (dummy) fuel elements for special in-core irradiations, an in-core irradiation tube, and a cadmium-lined in-core irradiation tube for experiments requiring a high energy neutron flux. The OSTR also has an Argon Production Facility for the production of 41Ar.

The pneumatic transfer facility enables samples to be inserted and removed from the core in four to five seconds. Consequently this facility is normally used for neutron activation analysis involving short-lived radionuclides. On the other hand, the **rotating rack** is used for much longer irradiation of samples (e.g., hours). The rack consists of a circular array of 40 tubular positions, each of which can hold two sample tubes. Rotation of the rack ensures that each sample will receive an identical irradiation.

The reactor's thermal column consists of a large stack of graphite blocks which slows down neutrons from the reactor core in order to increase thermal neutron activation of samples. Over **99%** of the neutrons in the thermal column are thermal neutrons. Graphite blocks are removed from the thermal column to enable samples to be positioned inside for irradiation.

The beam ports are tubular penetrations in the reactor's main concrete shield which enable neutron and gamma radiation to stream from the core when a beam port's shield plugs are removed. One of the beam ports contains the argon production facility for production of curie levels of 41Ar. The neutron radiogra**phy** facility utilized the tangential beam port (beam port **#3)** to produce **ASTM E545** category I radiogra**phy** capability. The other beam ports are available for a variety of experiments.

If samples to be irradiated require a large neutron fluence, especially from higher energy neutrons, they may0 be inserted into a dummy fuel element. This device will then be placed into one of the core's inner grid positions which would normally be occupied **by** a fuel element. Similarly samples can be placed in the in-core irradiation tube **(ICIT)** which can be inserted in the same core location.

The cadmium-lined in-core irradiation tube **(CLICIT)** enables samples to be irradiated in a high flux region near the center of the core. The cadmium lining in the facility eliminates thermal neutrons and thus permits sample exposure to higher energy neutrons only. The cadmium-lined end of this air-filled aluminum0 irradiation tube is inserted into an inner grid position of the reactor core which would normally be occupied **by** a fuel element. It is the same as the ICIT except for the presence of the cadmium lining.

The two main uses of the OSTR are instruction and research.

Instruction

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0 0 0 Instructional use of the reactor is twofold. First, it is used significantly for classes in Nuclear Engineering, Radiation Health Physics, and Chemistry at both the graduate and undergraduate levels to demonstrate numerous principles which have been presented in the classroom. Basic neutron behavior is the same in small reactors as it is in large power reactors, and many demonstrations and instructional experiments can be performed using the OSTR which cannot be carried out with a commercial power reactor. Shorter-term demonstration experiments are also performed for many undergraduate students in Physics, Chemistry, and Biology classes, as well as for visitors from other universities and colleges, from high schools, and from public groups.

The second instructional application of the OSTR involves educating reactor operators, operations managers, and health physicists. The OSTR is in a unique position to provide such education since curricula must include hands-on experience at an operating reactor and in associated laboratories. The many types of * educational programs that the Radiation Center provides are more fully described in Part VI of this report.

During this reporting period the OSTR accommodated a number of different OSU academic classes and other academic programs. In addition, portions of classes from other Oregon universities were also sup ported by the OSTR. Table III.D.1, provides detailed information on the use of the OSTR for instruction and training.

Research

The OSTR is a unique and valuable tool for a wide variety of research applications and serves as an excellent source of neutrons and/or gamma radiation. The most commonly used experimental technique requiring reactor use is instrumental neutron activation analysis (INAA). This is a particularly sensitive method of * elemental analysis which is described in more detail in Part VI.

The OSTR's irradiation facilities provide a wide range of neutron flux levels and neutron flux qualities which are sufficient to meet the needs of most researchers. This is true not only for INAA, but also for other experimental purposes such as the 39Ar/4OAr ratio and fission track methods of age dating samples.

Analytical Equipment

The Radiation Center has a large variety of radiation detection instrumentation. This equipment is upgraded as necessary, especially the gamma ray spectrometers with their associated computers and germanium detectors. Additional equipment for classroom use and an extensive inventory of portable radiation detection instrumentation are also available.

Radiation Center nuclear instrumentation receives intensive use in both teaching and research applications. **O** In addition, service projects also use these systems and the combined use often results in 24-hour per day schedules for many of the analytical instruments. Use of Radiation Center equipment extends beyond that located at the Center and instrumentation may be made available on a loan basis to OSU researchers in other departments. **0**

Radioisotope Irradiation Sources

The Radiation Center is equipped with a 1,644 curie (as of 7/27/01) Gammacell 220 60Co irradiator which is capable of delivering high doses of gamma radiation over a range of dose rates to a variety of materials.

Typically, the irradiator is used by researchers wishing to perform mutation and other biological effects studies; studies in the area of radiation chemistry; dosimeter testing; sterilization of food materials, soils, sediments, biological specimen, and other media; gamma radiation damage studies; and other such applications. In addition to the 60Co irradiator, the Center is also equipped with a variety of smaller 60Co, 137Cs, 226Ra, plutonium-beryllium, and other isotopic sealed sources of various radioactivity levels which are available for use as irradiation sources.

During this reporting period there was a diverse group of projects using the 60Co irradiator. These projects included the irradiation of a variety of biological materials including different types of seeds.

In addition, the irradiator was used for sterilization of several media and the evaluation of the radiation effects on different materials. Table III.C.1 provides use data for the Gammacell 220 irradiator.

Laboratories and Classrooms

The Radiation Center is equipped with a number of different radioactive material laboratories designed to accommodate research projects and classes offered by various OSU academic departments or off-campus groups.

Instructional facilities available at the Center include a laboratory especially equipped for teaching radiochemistry and a nuclear instrumentation teaching laboratory equipped with modular sets of counting equipment which can be configured to accommodate a variety of experiments involving the measurement of many types of radiation. The Center also has two student computer rooms equipped with a large number of personal computers and UNIX workstations.

In addition to these dedicated instructional facilities, many other research laboratories and pieces of specialized equipment are regularly used for teaching. In particular, classes are routinely given access to gamma spectrometry equipment located in Center laboratories. A number of classes also regularly use the OSTR and the Reactor Bay as an integral part of their instructional coursework.

There are two classrooms in the Radiation Center which are capable of holding about 35 and 18 students, respectively. In addition, there are two smaller conference rooms and a library suitable for graduate classes and thesis examinations. As a service to the student body, the Radiation Center also provides an office area for the student chapters of the American Nuclear Society and the Health Physics Society.

This reporting period saw continued high utilization of the Radiation Center's thermal hydraulics laboratory. This laboratory is being used by Nuclear Engineering faculty members to accommodate a one-quarter scale model of the Palisades Nuclear Power reactor. The multi-million dollar advanced plant experimental (APEX) facility was fully utilized by the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission to provide licensing data and to test safety systems in"beyond design basis" accidents. The fully scaled, integral model APEX facility uses electrical heating elements to simulate the fuel elements, operates at 450'F and 400 psia, and responds at twice real time. It is the only facility of its type in the world and is owned by the U. S. Department of Energy and operated by OSU. In addition, a new building, the Air-water Test Loop for Advanced Thermal-hydraulics Studies (ATLATS), was constructed next to the Reactor Building in 1998. Two-phase flow experiments are conducted in the ATLATS. Together APEX and ATLATS comprise the Advanced Thermal Hydraulics Research Laboratory (ATHRL).

All of the laboratories and classrooms are used extensively during the academic year. A listing of courses accommodated at the Radiation Center during this reporting period along with their enrollments is given in Table III.D.1.

Instrument Repair and Calibration Facility

The Radiation Center has a facility for the repair and calibration of essentially all types of radiation monitoring instrumentation. This includes instruments for the detection and measurement of alpha, beta, gamma, and neutron radiation. It encompasses both high range instruments for measuring intense radiation fields and low range instruments used to measure environmental levels of radioactivity.

The Center's instrument repair and calibration facility is used regularly throughout the year and is absolutely essential to the continued operation of the many different programs carried out at the Center. In addition, the absence of any comparable facility in the state has led to a greatly expanded instrument calibration program for the Center, including calibration of essentially all radiation detection instruments used by state and federal agencies in the state of Oregon. This includes instruments used on the OSU campus and all other institutions in the Oregon University System, plus instruments from the Oregon Health Division's Radiation Protection Services, the Oregon Department of Energy, the Oregon Public Utilities Commission, the Oregon Health Sciences University, the Army Corps of Engineers, and the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency.

In addition to its educational and research functions, the center provides outreach, offering tours to schools and groups

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The Radiation Center has a library containing a significant collections of texts, research reports, and videotapes relating to nuclear science, nuclear engineering, and radiation protection.

The Radiation Center is also a regular recipient of a great variety of publications from commercial publishers in the nuclear field, from many of the professional nuclear societies, from the U. S. Department of Energy, the U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and other federal agencies. Therefore, the Center library maintains a current collection of leading nuclear research and regulatory documentation. In addition, the Center has a collection of a number of nuclear power reactor Safety Analysis Reports and Environmental Reports specifically prepared by utilities for their facilities.

The Center maintains an up-to-date set of reports from such organizations as the International Commission on Radiological Protection, the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements, and the International Commission on Radiological Units. Sets of the current U.S. Code of Federal Regulations for the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the U.S. Department of Transportation, and other appropriate federal agencies, plus regulations of various state regulatory agencies are also available at the Center.

The Radiation Center videotape library has over one hundred tapes on nuclear engineering, radiation protection, and radiological emergency response topics. In addition, the Radiation Center uses videotapes for most of the technical orientations which are required for personnel working with radiation and radioactive materials. Ihese tapes reproduced, recorded, and edited by Radiation Center staff, using the Center's videotape equipment and the facilities of the OSU Communication Media Center.

The Radiation Center library is used mainly to provide reference material on an as-needed basis. It receives extensive use during the academic year. In addition, the orientation videotapes are used intensively during the beginning of each term and periodically thereafter.

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Table IIII.C.1

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Gammacell 220 60co Inadiator Use

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Table IIILD.1

Student Enrollment in Courses Which are Taught or Partially Taught at the Radiation Center

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* **he reactor is a source of** * *neutrons for local and inter-* * *national researchers. But it* * *also has an educational role.* * m *Each year 70 to 75 classes* are taught at the Radiation Center, and many of

them use the reactor.

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Part IV-Reactor

Operating Status

Reactor power generation for the operating period between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007 totaled 1328 MWH of thermal power. This is equal

to 55 MWD of generation, and results in a cumulative thermal output by the OSTR FLIP core of 1211 MWD from August 1976 through June 30, 2007.

Table IV.A.1 provides information related to the OSTR annual energy production, fuel usage and use requests. Table IV.A.2 summarizes statistics for the original 20% enriched fuel loading.

The productivity of the reactor irradiation facilities is based on reactor operation in relation to use categories. Greater productivity is achieved by utilizing a greater number of irradiation facilities at the same time. Tables IV.A.3 through 5 provide this years detail on reactor use and other tracked data.

A normal nine-hour, five-day per week schedule sets the total available reactor operating hours. Critical reactor operation averaged 60% of each day. Of the 2259 total available annual operating hours, 1121 hours were at full power, 484 hours were spent conducting facility startup and shutdown operation, 362 hours were expended for maintenance and sample decay delays and 101 hours the reactor was not operating for reasons other than listed above.

Experiments Performed

During the current reporting period there were eight approved reactor experiments available for use in reactor-related programs. They are:

- **A-1** Normal TRIGA Operation (No Sample Irradiation).
- B-3 Irradiation of Materials in the Standard OSTR Irradiation Facilities. **0**
- B-11 Irradiation of Materials Involving Specific Quantities of Uranium and Thorium in the Standard OSTR Irradiation Facilities.
- B-12 Exploratory Experiments. **0**
- B-23 Studies Using TRIGA Thermal Column.
- B-29 Reactivity Worth of Fuel.
- B-31 TRIGA Flux Mapping.
- B-33 Irradiation of Combustible Liquids in Rotating Rack. **0**

Of these available experiments, two were used during the reporting period. Table IV.B.1 provides information related to the frequency of use and the general purpose of their use.

Inactive Experiments

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> Presently 33 experiments are in the inactive file. This consists of experiments which have been performed in the past and may be reactivated. Many of these experiments are now performed under the more general experi-**0** ments listed in the previous section. The following list identifies these inactive experiments.

- A-2 Measurement of Reactor Power Level via Mn Activation.
- A-3 Measurement of Cd Ratios for Mn, In, and Au in Rotating Rack.
- A-4 Neutron Flux Measurements in TRIGA.
- A-5 Copper Wire Irradiation.
- A-6 In-core Irradiation of LiF Crystals.
- A-7 Investigation of TRIGA's Reactor Bath Water Temperature Coefficient and High Power Level Power Fluctuation.
- **0** B-1 Activation Analysis of Stone Meteorites, Other Meteorites, and Terrestrial Rocks.
- **0** B-2 Measurements of Cd Ratios of Mn, In, and Au in Thermal Column.
- B-4 Flux Mapping.
- B-5 In-core Irradiation of Foils for Neutron Spectral Measurements.
- B-6 Measurements of Neutron Spectra in External Irradiation Facilities.
- B-7 Measurements of Gamma Doses in External Irradiation Facilities.
- B-8 Isotope Production.
- B-9 Neutron Radiography.
- B-10 Neutron Diffraction.
- B-13 This experiment number was changed to A-7.
- B-14 Detection of Chemically Bound Neutrons.
- B-15 This experiment number was changed to **C-1.**
- * B-16 Production and Preparation of **18F.**
- B-17 Fission Fragment Gamma Ray Angular Correlations.
- B-18 A Study of Delayed Status (n, () Produced Nuclei.
- B-19 Instrument Timing via Light Triggering.
- B-20 Sinusoidal Pile Oscillator.
- B-21 Beam Port #3 Neutron Radiography Facility.
- B-22 Water Flow Measurements Through TRIGA Core.
- B-24 General Neutron Radiography.
- B-25 Neutron Flux Monitors.
- B-26 Fast Neutron Spectrum Generator.
- B-27 Neutron Flux Determination Adjacent to the OSTR Core.
- B-28 Gamma Scan of Sodium (TED) Capsule.
- B-30 NAA of Jet, Diesel, and Furnace Fuels.
- B-32 Argon Production Facility
- **C-1** PuO2 Transient Experiment.

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Unplanned Shutdowns

There were seven unplanned reactor shutdowns during the current reporting period as detailed in Table IV.C.1.

Changes Pursuant to 10 CFR 50-59

There were no changes performed during the reporting period under the provisions of 10 CFR 50.59.

Surveillance and Maintenance

0Non-Routine *Maintenance* **0**

July 2006

Replaced original reactor tank underwater camera with an updated version. \bullet

August 2006

Conducted first high activity Antimony transfer using the new lead transfer cask and its associated shielded storage facility. **0**

September 2006

^SReceived and installed our used CNC milling machine and replacement lathe. **⁰**

February 2007

+ Completed removal of the Argon Production Facility's external components.

April 2007

- **+** Removed swollen and stuck wooden plug from beam port #4.
- ÷ All old equipment using the original PanAlarm annuciator panel removed form the control room.

May 2007

Inspected all fuel elements for possible swelling using the upper core plate holes as a standard. One element removed form core due to inspection and replace with racked spare.

June 2007

+ Replaced demineralizer pump due to cracked pump casing.

Table IVAS1 (continued) OSTIE Operating Statistics (Using the FLIP Fuel Core) July 1, 1988 J ully 1_r 1984 July 1, 1985 J uly $1/1$ 1986 July-1, 1987 July 1, 1989 July 1,1990 Jüly 1, 1991 Operational Data for through through through through through through through

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Table IVAL3 Present OSTR Operating Statistics

(1) *Fuel Follower Control Rod. These numbers represent the core loading at the end of this reporting period.*

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Table IVAL4

OSTR Use Time in Terms of Specific Use Categories

(1) See Tables I1I.A.1 and III.D.1 for teaching statistics (reactor tours are not logged as use).

(2) Prior to the 1981-1982 reporting period, forensic services were grouped under anther use category and cumulative hours have been compiled beginning with the 1981-1982 report.

(3) The time OSTR spent operating to meet NRC facility license requirements.

The Center is a facility that allows multiple applications of radiation and radioactive materials in teaching and research

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Figure IV.E.1

Monthly Surveillance and Maintenance (Sample Form)

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Figure IV.E.2

Quarterly Surveillance and Maintenance (Sample **Form)**

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Figure IV.E.2 (continued) Quarterly Surveillance and Maintenance (Sample Form)

*Date not be exceeded only applies to shaded items. It is equal to the date completed last quarter plus four months.

Figure IV.E.3
Semi-Annual Surveillance and Maintenance (Sample Form)

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SEMI-ANNUAL SURVEILLANCE AND MAINTENANCE FOR 1st / 2ed HALF 20

Figure IV.E.3 (continued) Semi-Annual Surveillance and Maintenance (Sample Form)

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Annual Surveillance and Maintenance (Sample Form)

Figure IV.E.4 (continued) Annual Surveillance and Maintenance (Sample Form)

* Date not be exceeded is only applicable to shaded items. It is equal to the date completed last year plus 15 months.
For biennial license requirements, it is equal to the date completed last time plus 2 1/2 years.

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Part V-Radiation *Protection*

Introduction

The purpose of the radiation protection program is to ensure the safe use of radiation and radioactive material in the Center's teaching, research, and service activities, and in a similar manner to ensure the

fulfillment of all regulatory requirements of the State of Oregon, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and other regulatory agencies. The comprehensive nature of the program is shown in Table V.A.1, which lists the program's major radiation protection requirements and the performance frequency for each item.

The radiation protection program is implemented by a staff consisting of a Senior Health Physicist, a Health Physicist, and several part-time Health Physics Monitors (see Part II.F). Assistance is also provided by the reactor operations group, the neutron activation analysis group, the Scientific Instrument Technician, and the Radiation Center Director..

The data contained in the following sections have been prepared to comply with the current requirements of Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Facility License No. R-106 (Docket No. 50-243) and the Technical Specifications contained in that license. The material has also been prepared in compliance with Oregon Department of Energy Rule No. 345-30-010, which requires an annual report of environmental effects due to research reactor operations.

Within the scope of Oregon State University's radiation protection program, it is standard operating policy to maintain all releases of radioactivity to the unrestricted environment and all exposures to radiation and radioactive materials at levels which are consistently "as low as reasonably achievable" (ALARA).

Environmental Releases

The annual reporting requirements in the OSTR Technical Specifications state that the licensee (OSU) shall include "a summary of the nature and amount of radioactive effluents released or discharged to the environs beyond the effective control of the licensee, as measured at, or prior to, the point of such release or discharge" The liquid and gaseous effluents released, and the solid waste generated and transferred are discussed briefly below. Data regarding these effluents are also summarized in detail in the designated tables.

Liquid Effluents Released

Liquid Effluents

Oregon State University has implemented a policy to reduce the volume of radioactive liquid effluents to an absolute minimum. For example, water used during the ion exchanger resin change is now recycled as reactor makeup water. Waste water from Radiation Center laboratories and the OSTR is collected at a holdup tank prior to release to the sanitary sewer. Whenever possible, liquid effluent is analyzed for radioactivity content at the time it is released to the collection point. However, liquids are always analyzed for radioactivity before the holdup tank is discharged into the unrestricted area (the sanitary sewer system). For this reporting period, the Radiation Center and reactor made two liquid effluent releases to the sanitary sewer. All Radiation Center and reactor facility liquid effluent data pertaining to this release are contained in Table V.B.1.A.

0 *Liquid Waste Generated and Transferred*

Liquid waste generated from glassware and laboratory experiments is transferred by the campus Radiation Safety Office to its waste processing facility. The annual summary of liquid waste generated and transferred is contained in Table V.B.1.b.

Airborne Errluents Released

0 Airborne effluents are discussed in terms of the gaseous component and the particulate component.

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0 0 Gaseous effluents from the reactor facility are monitored by the reactor stack effluent monitor. Monitoring is continuous, i.e., prior to, during, and after reactor operations. It is normal for the reactor facility stack effluent monitor to begin operation as one of the first systems in the morning and to cease operation as one of the last systems at the end of the day. All gaseous effluent data for this reporting period are summarized in Table V.B.2.

Particulate effluents from the reactor facility are also monitored by the reactor facility stack effluent monitor.

0Particulate *Effluents*

Evaluation of the detectable particulate radioactivity in the stack effluent confirmed its origin as naturally-oc curring radon daughter products, within a range of approximately $3 \times 10-11 \mu Ci/ml$ to $1 \times 10-9 \mu Ci/ml$. This particulate radioactivity is predominantly 214Pb and 214Bi, which is not associated with reactor operations.

There was no release of particulate effluents with a half life greater than eight days and therefore the reporting of the average concentration of radioactive particulates with half lives greater than eight days is not applicable. **0**

Solid Waste Released

Data for the radioactive material in the solid waste generated and transferred during this reporting period are summarized in Table V.B.3 for both the reactor facility and the Radiation Center. Solid radioactive waste is routinely transferred to OSU Radiation Safety. Until this waste is disposed of by the Radiation Safety Office, it is held along with other campus radioactive waste on the University's State of Oregon radioactive materials license.

Solid radioactive waste is disposed of by OSU Radiation Safety by transfer to the University's radioactive waste disposal vendor, Thomas Gray Associates, Inc., for burial at its installation located near Richland, Washington.

Personnel Dose

The OSTR annual reporting requirements specify that the licensee shall present a summary of the radiation exposure received by facility personnel Doses and visitors. For the purposes of this report, the summary includes all Radiation Center personnel who may have received exposure to radiation. These personnel have 0been categorized into six groups: facility operating personnel, key facility research personnel, facilities services maintenance personnel, students in laboratory classes, police and security personnel, and visitors.

Facility operating personnel include the reactor operations and health physics staff. The dosimeters used to monitor these individuals include quarterly TLD badges, quarterly track-etch/albedo neutron dosimeters, monthly TLD (finger) extremity dosimeters, and pocket ion chambers.

Key facility research personnel consist of Radiation Center staff, faculty, and graduate students who perform research using the reactor, reactor-activated materials, or using other research facilities present at the Center. The individual dosimetry requirements for these personnel will vary with the type of research being conducted, but will generally include a quarterly TLD film badge and TLD (finger) extremity dosimeters. If the possibility of neutron exposure exists, researchers are also monitored with a track-etch/ albedo neutron dosimeter. **0**

Facilities Services maintenance personnel are normally issued a gamma sensitive electronic dosimeter as their basic monitoring device. A few Facilities Services personnel who routinely perform maintenance on mechanical or refrigeration equipment are issued a quarterly $X\beta(\gamma)$ TLD badge and other dosimeters as appropriate for the work being performed.

Students attending laboratory classes are issued quarterly $X\mathcal{B}(G)$ TLD badges, TLD (finger) extremity dosimeters, and track-etch/albedo or other neutron dosimeters, as appropriate.

Students or small groups of students who attend a one-time laboratory demonstration and do not handle radioactive materials are usually issued a gamma sensitive electronic dosimeter. These results are not included with the laboratory class students.

OSU police and security personnel are issued a quarterly $X\beta(\gamma)$ TLD badge to be used during their patrols of the Radiation Center and reactor facility.

Visitors, depending on the locations visited, may be issued a gamma sensitive electronic dosimeters. OSU Radiation Center policy does not normally allow people in the visitor category to become actively involved in the use or handling of radioactive materials.

An annual summary of the radiation doses received by each of the above six groups is shown in Table V.C.1. There were no personnel radiation exposures in excess of the limits in 10 CFR 20 or State of Oregon regulations during the reporting period.

Facility Survey Data

The OSTR Technical Specifications require an annual summary of the radiation levels and levels of contamination observed during routine surveys performed at the facility. The Center's comprehensive area radiation monitoring program encompasses the Radiation Center as well as the OSTR, and therefore monitoring results for both facilities are reported.

Area Radiation Dosimeters

Area monitoring dosimeters capable of integrating the radiation dose are located at strategic positions throughout the reactor facility and Radiation Center. All of these dosimeters contain at least a standard personnel-type beta-gamma film or TLD pack. In addition, for key locations in the reactor facility and for certain Radiation Center laboratories a CR-39 plastic track-etch neutron detector has also been included in the monitoring package.

The total dose equivalent recorded on the various reactor facility dosimeters is listed in Table V.D.1 and the total dose equivalent recorded on the Radiation Center area dosimeters is listed in Table V.D.2. Generally, the characters following the Monitor Radiation Center (MRC) designator show the room number or location.

Routine Radiation and Contamination Surveys

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The Center's program for routine radiation and contamination surveys consists of daily, weekly, and monthly measurements throughout the TRIGA reactor facility and Radiation Center. The frequency of these surveys is based on the nature of the radiation work being carried out at a particular location or on other factors which indicate that surveillance over a specific area at a defined frequency is desirable.

The primary purpose of the routine radiation and contamination survey program is to assure regularly scheduled surveillance over selected work areas in the reactor facility and in the Radiation Center, in order to provide current and characteristic data on the status of radiological conditions. A second objective of the **0** program is to assure frequent on-the-spot personal observations (along with recorded data), which will pro vide advance warning of needed corrections and thereby help to ensure the safe use and handling of radiation sources and radioactive materials. A third objective, which is really derived from successful execution of the first two objectives, is to gather and document information which will help to ensure that all phases of the **S** operational and radiation protection programs are meeting the goal of keeping radiation doses to personnel and releases of radioactivity to the environment "as low as reasonably achievable" (ALARA).

0 The annual summary of radiation and contamination levels measured during routine facility surveys for the applicable reporting period is given in Table V.D.3.

Environmental Survey Data

' The annual reporting requirements of the OSTR Technical Specifications include "an annual summary of environmental surveys performed outside the facility."

Gamma Radiation Monitoring

0 *On-site Monitoring*

Monitors used in the on-site gamma environmental radiation monitoring program at the Radiation Center * consist of the reactor facility stack effluent monitor described in Section VB.2 and nine environmental moni toring stations.

* During this reporting period, each fence environmental station utilized an LiF TLD monitoring packet sup plied and processed by Global Dosimetry Solutions, Inc. (GDS), Irvine, California. Each GDS packet contained three LiF TLDs and was exchanged quarterly for a total of 108 samples during the reporting period (9 stations x 3 TLDs per station x 4 quarters). The total number of GDS TLD samples for the reporting period was 108. A summary of the GDS TLD data is also shown in Table V.E.1.

From Table V.E.1 it is concluded that the doses recorded by the dosimeters on the TRIGA facility fence can be attributed to natural back-ground radiation, which is about 110 mrem per year for Oregon (Refs. 1, 2).

** Off-site Monitoring*

The off-site gamma environmental radiation monitoring program consists of twenty monitoring stations surrounding the Radiation Center (see Figure V.E.2) and six stations located within a 5 mile radius of the Radiation Center.

Each monitoring station is located about four feet above the ground (MRCTE 21 and MRCTE 22 are mounted on the roof of the EPA Laboratory and National Forage Seed Laboratory, respectively). These * monitors are exchanged and processed quarterly, and the total number of TLD samples during the current one-year reporting period was 240 (20 stations x 3 chips per station per quarter x 4 quarters per year). The total number of GDS TLD samples for the reporting period was 204. A summary of GDS TLD data for the off-site monitoring stations is given in Table V.E.2.

After a review of the data in Table V.E.2, it is concluded that, like the dosimeters on the TRIGA facility fence, all of the doses recorded by the off-site dosimeters can be attributed to natural background radiation, 0 which is about 110 mrem per year for Oregon (Refs. 1, 2).

Soil, Water, and Vegetation Surveys

The soil, water, and vegetation monitoring program consists of the collection and analysis of a limited number of samples in each category on a annual basis. The program monitors highly unlikely radioactive material releases from either the TRIGA reactor facility or the OSU Radiation Center, and also helps indicate the general trend of the radioactivity concentration in each of the various substances sampled. See Figure V.E.1 for the locations of the sampling stations for grass (G) , soil (S) , water (W) and rainwater (RW) samples. Most locations are within a 1000 foot radius of the reactor facility and the Radiation Center. In general, samples are collected over a local area having a radius of about ten feet at the positions indicated in Figure V.E.1.

There are a total of 22 sampling locations: four soil locations, four water locations (when water is available), and fourteen vegetation locations.

The annual concentration of total net beta radioactivity (minus tritium) for samples collected at each environmental soil, water, and vegetation sampling location (sampling station) is listed in Table V.E.3. Calculation of the total net beta disintegration rate incorporates subtraction of only the counting system back-ground from the gross beta counting rate, followed by application of an appropriate counting system efficiency.

The annual concentrations were calculated using sample results which exceeded the lower limit of detection (LLD), except that sample results which were less than or equal to the LLD were averaged in at the corresponding LLD concentration. Table V.E.4 gives the concentration and the range of values for each sample category for the current reporting period.

As used in this report, the LLD has been defined as the amount or concentration of radioactive material (in terms of µCi per unit volume or unit mass) in a representative sample, which has a 95% probability of being detected.

Identification of specific radionuclides is not routinely carried out as part of this monitoring program, but would be conducted if unusual radioactivity levels above natural background were detected. However, from Table V.E.3 it can be seen that the levels of radioactivity detected were consistent with naturally occurring radioactivity and comparable to values reported in previous years.

Radioactive Materials Shipments

A summary of the radioactive material shipments originating from the TRIGA reactor facility, NRC license R-106, is shown in Table V.F.1. A similar summary for shipments originating from the Radiation Center's State of Oregon radioactive materials license ORE 90005 is shown in Table V.F.2. A summary of radioactive material shipments exported under Nuclear Regulatory Commission general license 10 CFR 110.23 is shown in Table V.F.3.

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Table V.B.1.a

(1) OSU has implemented a policy to reduce the absolute minimum radioactive wastes disposed to the sanitary sewer. There were no liquid effluent released during months not listed.

(2) The OSU operational policy is to subtract only detector background from the water analysis data and not background radioactivity in the Corvallis city water.

(3) Based on values listed in 10 CFR 20, Appendix B to 20.1001 - 10.2401, Table 3, which are applicable to sewer disposal.

(4) The total volume of liquid effluent plus diluent does not take into consideration the additional mixing with the over 250,000 gallons per year of liquids. And sewage normally discharged by the Radiation Center complex into the same sanitary sewer system.

Annual Summary of Liquid Waste Generated and Transferred

(1) TRIGA and Radiation Center liquid waste is picked up by the Radiation Safety Office for transfer to its waste processing facility for final packaging.

Table VB2

Monthly TRICA Reactor Caseous Waste Discharges and Analysis¹

(1) Airborne effluents from, the OSTR contained no detectable particulate radioactivity resulting fro, reactor operations, and there were no releases of any radioisotopes in airborne effluents in concentrations greater than 20% of the applicable effluent concentration. (20% is a value taken from the OSTR Technical Specifications.

(2) Routine gamma spectroscopy analysis of the gaseous radioactivity in the OSTR stack discharge indicated the only detectable radionuclide was argon-41.

(3) Annual Average.

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Annual Summary of Solid Waste Cenerated and Transferred

(1) TRIGA and Radiation Center laboratory waste is picked up by OSU Radiation Safety for transfer to its waste processing facility for final packaging.

Table Y.C.1

Annual Summary of Personnel Radiation Doses Received

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(1) "N/A"indicates that there was no extremity monitoring conducted or required for the group.

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Table YOO1

Total Dose Equivalent Recorded on Area Dosimeters Located Within the TRICA Reactor Facility

(1) The total recorded dose equivalent values do not include natural background contribution and, reflect the summation of the results of four quarterly beta-gamma dosimeters or four quarterly fast neutron dosimeters for each location. A total dose equivalent of"ND" indicates that each of the dosimeters during the reporting period was less than the vendor's gamma dose reporting threshold of 10 mrem or that each of the fast neutron dosimeters was less than the vendor's threshold of 10 mrem. "N/A" indicates that there was no neutron monitor at that location.

(2) These dose equivalent values do not represent radiation exposure through an exterior wall directly into an unrestricted area.

Table V.D.2

Total Dose Equivalent Recorded on Area Dosimeters Located Within the Radiation Center

(1) The total recorded dose equivalent values do not include natural background contribution and, reflect the summation of the results of four quarterly beta-gamma dosimeters or four quarterly fast neutron dosimeters for each location. A total dose equivalent of"ND" indicates that each of the dosimeters during the reporting period was less than the vendor's gamma dose reporting threshold of 10 mrem or that each of the fast neutron dosimeters was less than the vendor's threshold of 10 mrem. "N/A' indicates that there was no neutron monitor at that location.

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Table V.D.2 (continued)

Total Dose Equivalent Recorded on Area Dosimeters
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(1) The total recorded dose equivalent values do not include natural background contribution and, reflect the summation of the results of four quarterly beta-gamma dosimeters or four quarterly fast neutron dosimeters for each location. A total dose equivalent of"ND" indicates that each of the dosimeters during the reporting period was less than the vendor's gamma dose reporting threshold of 10 mrem or that each of the fast neutron dosimeters was less than the vendor's threshold of 10 mrem. "N/A" indicates that there was no neutron monitor at that location.

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Annual Summary of Radlatton and Contamination Levels Observed Within the Reactor Facility and Radiation Center During Routine Radiation Surveys

(1) \lt 500 dpm/100 cm2 = Less than the lower limit of detection for the portable survey instrument used.

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Table V.E.1

Total Dose Equivalent at the TRICA Reactor Facility Fence

(1) Average Corvallis area natural background using GDS TLDs totals 71 ± 8 mrem for the same period.

 (2) \pm values represent the standard deviation of the total value at the 95% confidence level.

Table V.E.2

Total Dose Equivalent at the Off-Site Camma Radiation Monftoring Stations

(1) Average Corvallis area natural background using GDS TLDs totals 71 \pm 8 mrem for the same period.

(2) **±** values represent the standard deviation of the total value at the 95% confidence level.

(3) Only three quarters are reported.

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Table VE.3

(1) **±** values represent the standard deviation of the value at the 95% confidence level.

(2) Less than lower limit of detection value shown.

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Table Y.E.4

Beta-Camma Concentration and Range of LLD Values for Soft, Water, and Vegetation Samples

(1) Less than lower limit of detection value shown.

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Table WR1

Annual Summary of Radioactive Material Shipments originating
Rom the TRIGA Reactor Facility's NRC Licence R-106

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Part VI-Work

Summary

The Radiation Center offers a wide variety of resources for teaching, research, and service related to radiation and radioactive materials. Some of these are discussed in detail in other parts of this report.

The purpose of this part is to summarize the teaching, research, and service efforts carried out during the current reporting period.

Teaching

An important responsibility of the Radiation Center and the reactor is to support OSU's academic programs. Implementation of this support occurs through direct involvement of the Center's staff and facilities in the teaching programs of various departments and through participation in University research programs. Tables III.A.1 and III.D.1 plus Section VI.C.5 provide more detailed information on the use of the Radiation Center and reactor for instruction and training.

Research and Service

Almost all Radiation Center research and service work is tracked by means of a project database. When a request for facility use is received, a project number is assigned and the project is added to the database. The database includes such information as the project number, data about the person and institution requesting the work, information about students involved, a description of the project, Radiation Center resources needed, the Radiation Center project manager, status of individual runs, billing information, and the funding source.

Table VI.C.1 provides a summary of institutions which used the Radiation Center during this reporting period. This table also includes additional information about the number of academic personnel involved, the number of students involved, and the number of uses logged for each organization. Details on graduate student research which used the Radiation Center are given in Table VI.C.2.

The major table in this section is Table VI.C.3. This table provides a listing of the research and service projects carried out during this reporting period and lists information relating to the personnel and institution involved, the type of project, and the funding agency. Projects which used the reactor are indicated by an asterisk. In addition to identifying specific projects carried out during the current reporting period, Part VI also highlights major Radiation Center capabilities in research and service. These unique Center functions are described in Sections VI.C.1 through VI.C.8.

Neutron Activation Analysis

Neutron activation analysis (NAA) stands at the forefront of techniques for the quantitative multi-element analysis of major, minor, trace, and rare elements. The principle involved in NAA consists of first irradiating a sample with neutrons in a nuclear reactor such as the OSTR to produce specific radionuclides. After the irradiation, the characteristic gamma rays emitted by the decaying radionuclides are quantitatively measured

0 by suitable semiconductor radiation detectors, and the gamma rays detected at a particular energy are usually indicative of a specific radionuclide's presence. Computerized data reduction of the gamma ray spectra then yields the concentrations of the various elements in samples being studied. With sequential instrumental NAA it is possible to measure quantitatively about 35 elements in small samples (5 to 100 mg), and for acti vable elements the lower limit of detection is on the order of parts per million or parts per billion, depending on the element.

The Radiation Center's NAA laboratory has analyzed the major, minor, and trace element content of tens of thousands of samples covering essentially the complete spectrum of material types and involving virtually every scientific and technical field.

While some researchers perform their own sample counting on their own or on Radiation Center equipment, the Radiation Center provides a complete NAA service for researchers and others who may require it. This includes sample preparation, sequential irradiation and counting, and data reduction and analysis.

Data on NAA research and service performed during this reporting period are included in Table VI.C.3. **0**

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Neutron activation analysis can also be advantageously used in criminal investigations. The principle underlying such application usually involves matching trace element profiles in objects or substances by NAA. **0** This in turn can help identify materials or products (e.g., identify the manufacturer of a given object), and in some cases can match bullets and other materials recovered from a victim to similar materials obtained from suspects. Materials which have been analyzed by the Radiation Center for forensic purposes include bullets, metals, paint, fuses, coats, glass, meat, and salts.

* Forensic studies performed in this reporting period are included in the listings in Tables VI.C.1 and VI.C.3.

Irradiations

As described throughout this report, a major capability of the Radiation Center involves the irradiation of a large variety of substances with gamma rays and neutrons. Detailed data on these irradiations and their use during this reporting period are included in Part III as well as in Section C of this part.

** Radiological Emergency Response Services*

The Radiation Center has an emergency response team capable of responding to all types of radiological accidents. This team directly supports the City of Corvallis and Benton County emergency response organizations and medical facilities. The team can also provide assistance at the scene of any radiological incident anywhere in the state of Oregon on behalf of the Oregon Radiation Protection Services and the Oregon Department of Energy.

The Radiation Center maintains dedicated stocks of radiological emergency response equipment and instrumentation. These items are located at the Radiation Center and at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Corvallis.

During the current reporting period, the Radiation Center emergency response team conducted several training sessions and exercises, but was not required to respond to any actual incidents.

Training and Instruction

In addition to the academic laboratory classes and courses discussed in Parts III.A.2, III.D, and VI.B, and in addition to the routine training needed to meet the requirements of the OSTR Emergency Response Plan, Physical Security Plan, and operator requalification program, the Radiation Center is also used for special training programs. Radiation Center staff are well experienced in conducting these special programs and regularly offer training in areas such as research reactor operations, research reactor management, research

reactor radiation protection, radiological emergency response, reactor behavior (for nuclear power plant operators), neutron activation analysis, nuclear chemistry, and nuclear safety analysis.

Special training programs generally fall into one of several categories: visiting faculty and research scientists; International Atomic Energy Agency fellows; special short-term courses; or individual reactor operator or health physics training programs. During this reporting period there were a large number of such people as shown in Part II.B.

As has been the practice since 1985, Radiation Center personnel annually present a HAZMAT Response Team Radiological Course. This year the course was held at the Oregon State University Radiation Center.

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The primary purpose of the radiation protection program at the Radiation Center is to support the instruction and research conducted at the Center. However, due to the high quality of the program and the level of expertise and equipment available, the Radiation Center is also able to provide health physics services in support of OSU Radiation Safety and to assist other state and federal agencies. The Radiation Center does not compete with private industry, but supplies health physics services which are not readily available elsewhere. In the case of support provided to state agencies, this definitely helps to optimize the utilization of state resources.

0 The Radiation Center is capable of providing health physics services in any of the areas which are discussed in Part V. These include personnel monitoring, radiation surveys, sealed source leak testing, packaging and shipment of radioactive materials, calibration and repair of radiation monitoring instruments (discussed in **0** detail in Section VI.C.7), radioactive waste disposal, radioactive material hood flow surveys, and radiation safety analysis and audits.

The Radiation Center also provides services and technical support as a radiation laboratory to the State of Oregon Radiation Protection Services (RPS) in the event of a radiological emergency within the state of Oregon. In this role, the Radiation Center will provide gamma ray spectrometric analysis of water, soil, milk, **0** food products, vegetation, and air samples collected by RPS radiological response field teams. As part of the ongoing preparation for this emergency support, the Radiation Center participates in inter-institution drills.

Radiological Instrument Repair and Calibration **0**

While repair of nuclear instrumentation is a practical necessity, routine calibration of these instruments is a licensing and regulatory requirement which must be met. As a result, the Radiation Center operates a radiation instrument repair and calibration facility which can accommodate a wide variety of equipment.

The Center's scientific instrument repair facility performs maintenance and repair on all types of radiation detectors and other nuclear instrumentation. Since the Radiation Center's own programs regularly utilize a wide range of nuclear instruments, components for most common repairs are often on hand and repair time **0** is therefore minimized.

In addition to the instrument repair capability, the Radiation Center has a facility for calibrating essentially all types of radiation monitoring instruments. This includes typical portable monitoring instrumentation for the detection and measurement of alpha, beta, gamma, and neutron radiation, as well as instruments designed for low-level environmental monitoring. Higher range instruments for use in radiation accident situations can also be calibrated in most cases. Instrument calibrations are performed using radiation sources certified by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) or traceable to NIST.

Table VI.C.4 is a summary of the instruments which were calibrated in support of the Radiation Center's

instructional and research programs and the OSTR Emergency Plan, while Table VI.C.5 shows instruments calibrated for other OSU departments and non-OSU agencies.

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0 B Radiation Center staff are available to provide consultation services in any of the areas discussed in this Annual Report, but in particular on the subjects of research reactor operations and use, radiation protection, neutron activation analysis, radiation shielding, radiological emergency response, and radiotracer methods.

Records are not normally kept of such consultations, as they often take the form of telephone conversations with researchers encountering problems or planning the design of experiments. Many faculty members housed in the Radiation Center have ongoing professional consulting functions with various organizations, in addition to sitting on numerous committees in advisory capacities.

Public Relations

The continued interest of the general public in the OSTR is evident by the number of people who have toured the facility. See Table VI.F.1 for statistics on scheduled visitors.

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