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#### ANNUAL REPORT

Enclosed is the Annual Report for the Maryland University Training Reactor (MUTR) in accordance with the requirements set forth in the facility Technical Specifications. This report covers the time period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008.

Sincerely,

Vincent G. Adams

Associate Director, Maryland University Training Reactor

Cc: Reactor Files

## **ANNUAL REPORT:** July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008

## FOR THE

## MARYLAND UNIVERSITY TRAINING REACTOR

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#### I. INTRODUCTION

The University of Maryland Training Reactor (MUTR) is an open-pool type, TRIGA fueled reactor licensed for operation at 250 kW thermal power. The core is cooled by natural convection of the pool water with auxiliary cooling provided for protection of the filters and ion exchange equipment associated with reactor support piping.

The MUTR is used for academic instructions and operator training, performance of neutron and gamma irradiations, neutron activation analysis experiments, and tours and demonstrations for groups internal and external to the campus as well as for visiting nuclear power plant trainees.

#### REACTOR USEAGE

During the past year the MUTR operated for a total of 48 runs (Run Numbers 3867 - 3915), which are categorized below:

Operator Training/Requalification*	13 runs
Tours, Labs & Demonstrations	15 runs
Calibration, Maintenance, and Surveillance	15 runs
Irradiations and Activations	6 runs

<sup>\*</sup>Note: Some runs involved training and surveillance and may be counted in both categories.

To perform these runs the core produced 9.704 MWh (kWh meter change from 234687 kWh to 244380 kWh), with a corresponding burnup of 0.55 Grams of U-235.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Note: Some of the runs in the Classes category consisted of irradiations. They are not included in the Irradiations category.

#### III. SURVEILLANCE TESTS AND INSPECTIONS

All required surveillance tests and inspections were performed at the specified intervals. The required surveillance items for this reporting period include:

WATER SAMPLE TESTS
AIR SAMPLE TESTS
RADIATION SURVEYS
CONTROL ROD DROP TEST
RAM CALIBRATION
SNM INVENTORIES
ALARA REVIEW

In addition to the above surveillance items, the following maintenance operations were performed on the indicated dates:

9/10/07 Dri-rite baked.12/03/07 Dri-rite replaced3/04/08 Dri-rite baked.6/15/08 Replaced air pump and Dri-rite.

Additional minor maintenance was performed such as light bulb replacement and fine-tuning of equipment was performed as necessary. Additional descriptions of some items from above can be found in Section IV.

## IV. CHANGES TO FACILITY

There were no significant changes to the Facility during this reporting period.

### V. ENVIRONMENTAL SURVEYS OF SURROUNDING AREAS

All continuous monitoring for this year was accomplished using fixed-mounted film badges throughout the interior of the reactor building itself. These badges recorded the following exposures:

<u>Monitor</u>	<u>Location</u>	Dose (mrem)		
1	Control Room	63		
2	Pool Surface	265		
3	Hot Room	310		
4	Prep Room	77		
5	S. Wall Upper	. 0		
6	S. Wall Lower	13.		
7	E. Wall Lower	49		
8	Pump Room	227		
9	N. Wall Lower	1350		
10	W. Wall Lower	350		

#### VI. RADIOACTIVE RELEASE AND DISCHARGE TO THE ENVIRONMENT

The Reactor Storage Sump was not discharged during this reporting period.

The only release from the MUTR consists of Ar-41. From Section 11 of the SER for the MUTR, a 9.7 MWh operation year would result in the generation of 38.6 mCi of Ar-41 for the entire year from the reactor pool tank. For this operation year, a combined 15.9 mCi of Ar-41 was released to the reactor building. This value was used in the EPA program COMPLY. The MUTR meets the EPA level 2 compliance for airborne release of radioactive materials. A copy of the output for the EPA computer program "COMPLY" is appended with this report.

#### VII. ALARA REVIEW FOR FACILITY PERSONNEL AND VISTOR EXPOSURE

A review of exposure records and all facility operations were performed by facility management as part of the annual ALARA audit. For this reporting period, all badged personnel and students received doses less than ten per-cent of their annual dose limit.

The Pocket Dosimeters recorded minimal exposure for all guests and service personnel. Calibrations of these self-reading dosimeters were performed on an annual basis by the University of Maryland's Radiation Safety Office.

### VIII. UNSCHEDULED SHUTDOWNS/REPORATBLE OCCURRENCES

No unscheduled shutdowns occurred during this reporting period.

There were no reportable occurrences during this reporting period.

## IX. SPECIAL EXPERIMENTS

There were no special experiments performed during this reporting period.

## X. CHANGES IN FACILITY STAFF

There were no significant changes to staffing during this reporting period.

#### APPENDIX A: EPA COMPLIANCE

Below is the output from the EPA program COMPLY for the Ar-41 release from the MUTR:

COMPLY: V1.5d.

7/11/08 10:19

40 CFR Part 61 National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants

REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH

THE CLEAN AIR ACT LIMITS FOR RADIONUCLIDE EMISSIONS

FROM THE COMPLY CODE, VERSION 1.5d

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COMPLY: V1.5d.

7/11/08 610:19

2007-2008 MUTR Annual Report Ar-41 Release

SCREENING LEVEL 1

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DATA ENTERED:

Effluent concentration limits used.

DATA ENTERED FOR STACK 1:

CONCENTRATION

Nuclide (curies/cu m)

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AR-41 3.84E-05

DATA ENTERED FOR STACK 2:

CONCENTRATION

Nuclide (curies/cu m)

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AR-41 3.84E-05

NOTES:

Input parameters outside the "normal" range:

None.

**RESULTS:** 

You are emitting 4750.0 times the allowable amount given in the concentration table.

\*\*\* Failed at level 1.

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COMPLY: V1.5d.

7/11/08 10:19

2007-2008 MUTR Annual Report Ar-41 Release

SCREENING LEVEL 2

SCREENING DEVEL 2

DATA ENTERED:

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RELEASE RATES FOR STACK

Release Rate Nuclide (curies/YEAR)

AD 41

R-41 3.814E-0

RELEASE RATES FOR STACK 2.

Release Rate Nuclide (curies/YEAR)

---- (curreb) remove

AR-41 3.814E-02

SITE DATA FOR STACK 1.

Release height 8 meters.

Building height 11 meters.

The source and receptor are not on the same building.

Distance from the source to the receptor is 8 meters.

Building width 15 meters.

SITE DATA FOR STACK 2.

Release height 8 meters.

Building height 11 meters.

The source and receptor are not on the same building.

Distance from the source to the receptor is 8 meters.

Building width 15 meters.

Default mean wind speed used (2.0 m/sec).

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COMPLY: V1.5d. 7/11/08 10:19

NOTES:

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Input parameters outside the "normal" range:

None.

RESULTS:

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Effective dose equivalent: 3.7E-02 mrem/yr.

\*\*\* Comply at level 2.

This facility is in COMPLIANCE.

It may or may not be EXEMPT from reporting to the EPA.

You may contact your regional EPA office for more information.

\*\*\*\*\*\* END OF COMPLIANCE REPORT \*\*\*\*\*\*\*



MUTR, UMD gamma cell, UMD LINAC, Requal training, UMD gamma cell, UMD gamma cell, UMD Gamma Cell, UMD UMD, Aug 2008 (Eastern Time)

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				2pm - Tour @ MUTR		
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				2pm - Tour @ MUTR		
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			9am - Training @	9am - Requal training		