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Ms. Betsy Ullrich, Senior Health Physician
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Dear Ms. Ullrich:

This explanatory letter is to request an amendment for the University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras Campus (UPR-RP) license number 52-01986-04. Our institution is interested to amend incise 4.B to include Dr. Olga Mayol-Bracero into the license user list (curriculum vitae is included on Appendix A). Dr. Mayol-Bracero is a full Professor at the Environmental Science Department and her research works relates on Atmospheric Chemistry and Aerosols Research. For her research, Dr. Mayol-Bracero uses instruments with the following radiation sources:

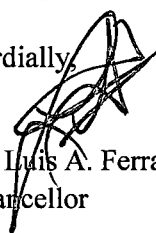
Instrument	Instrument Qty	Radiation Type	Radionuclide	Maximum activity	Chem. form
Continuous Particular Monitor BAM-1020	2	Beta	^{14}C	75 uCi	Sealed source
Aerosol Charge Neutralizer Model 2U500 / Scanning Electrical Mobility Spectrometer (SEMS)	1	Alpha	^{210}Po	0.5 mCi each strip (2 strips for instrument)	Open source (Strip)
Aerosol Neutralizer	1		^{85}Kr	2 mCi	Sealed source

Since the first two instruments are new acquisitions, we are requesting these be included under the license with the following radionuclides (Appendix B and C):

Radionuclide	Maximum activity	Chem. form
^{14}C	150 uCi	Sealed source
^{210}Po	4 mCi	Open source (Strip)

All these instruments are under Dra. Olga Mayor -Bracero care and responsibility.

Cordially,


Dr. Luis A. Ferrao
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EDUCATION

University of Puerto Rico, Ph.D., [REDACTED] Analytical Chemistry
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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Chemical, physical, and optical properties of atmospheric aerosols. Size-resolved chemical composition and sources of aerosols in tropical regions (biomass burning, marine, African dust, urban, biogenic), carbonaceous aerosols with special interest in black carbon, aerosols and their role in cloud condensation nuclei properties. Aerosols-clouds-climate interactions and the impact of atmospheric aerosols on degradation of structures. Urban and local air pollution. Air quality.

EMPLOYMENT AND EXPERIENCE

January 2014 to present	Department of Environmental Science (former ITES), University of Puerto Rico FULL PROFESSOR and Director of the ATMOSPHERIC CHEMISTRY AND AEROSOLS RESEARCH LAB (ACAR)
January 2007 to 2013	Institute for Tropical Ecosystem Studies (ITES), University of Puerto Rico ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR
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January 1989 to 1998	Environmental Analytical Laboratory, University of Puerto Rico FULL-TIME GRADUATE STUDENT
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RESEARCH ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Theses

Olga L. Mayol-Bracero, *Chemical and Physical Characterization of Submicron Organic Aerosols in the Tropical Trade Winds in the Caribbean*, Ph.D. Thesis, University of Puerto Rico, May 1998.

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Analytical instrumentation: GC/MS, TD/GC/MS, GC/FID, GC/ECD, Purge and Trap, Thermal Desorption, Evolved Gas Analysis, Thermal/optical analysis, IC, SEM/EDS, HPLC, ICP and H-NMR. **Sampling instrumentation:** Nutech Gas Sampler, Lundgren Cascade Impactor, Dekati low-pressure impactor, MOUDI, Hi-Volume Particle Sampler, High-Volume Dichotomous Sampler, Stacked-Filter Units, Condensation Particle Counter, SMPS, nephelometer, aethalometer, sunphotometer, PSAP, CLAP, cloud samplers, rain collectors, liquid water content, backscattered cloud probe, and weather monitoring.

MEMBERSHIP OF INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEES AND OBSERVATION NETWORKS

2016 – present	Member of the WMO Scientific Advisory Group on aerosols.
2015 – present	Member of the Scientific Steering Committee of the International Commission on Atmospheric Chemistry and Global Pollution (iCACGP)
2009 – 2014	Member of the Scientific Steering Committee of the International Global Atmospheric Chemistry Programme (IGAC)
2014 – 2017	Contributing-leading author to the UNEP and CCAC Regional Assessment of Short-Lived Climate Pollutants (SLCPs) in Latin America and the Caribbean.
2013 – present	Member of the implementation committee of the IGAC Americas Working Group
2004 – present	Cape San Juan Atmospheric Observatory (PI Olga L Mayol-Bracero) as part of NOAA ESRL's aerosol network.
2005 – present	Cape San Juan Atmospheric Observatory, part of NASA's Aeronet.
2004 – 2015	Cape San Juan Atmospheric Observatory, WMO GAW contributing station.
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NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS AND COLLABORATIONS

2018 – present	Development: An Aerosol and Cloud Analysis System for the Caribbean, NSF MRI
2018 – present	Early Warning of Synoptic Air Quality Events to Improve Health and Well Being in the Greater Caribbean Region, NASA ROSES
2018 – present	Reconstruction of atmospheric observatory at Pico Este, Puerto Rico, after the impact of Hurricane Maria, NSF RAPID
2018 – present	Reconstruction of Cape San Juan Atmospheric Observatory after the Impact of Hurricane Maria, NASA
2018 – present	Long-term aerosol measurements in Puerto Rico (LAMP), DOE ARM IOP
2017 – present	Impact of electrical generators on air quality of San Juan Metro Area after Hurricane Maria , project in collaboration with D. Baumgardner (DMT), R. Subramanian (Carnegie Mellon University) and M. Bergin (Duke

- University).
- 2015 – present **Black carbon concentrations over Puerto Rico using the Aethalometer**, project in collaboration with G. Mocnik (Aerosol d.o.o.) and A. Hansen (Magee Scientific).
- 2015 – present **The Caribbean Aerosol-Health Network**, project in collaboration with University of Miami (J. Prospero), Caribbean Institute of Hydrology and Meteorology (CIMH) (D. Farrel and A. Sealy), Université des Antilles et de la Guyane (J. Molinie).
- 2013 – present **Luquillo Critical Zone Observatory (LCZO)**: The role of hot spots and hot moments in tropical landscape evolution and functioning of the critical zone. NSF Funded (Impacts of intercontinental transport of African dust on incoming radiation, cloud formation, and nutrient inputs), project in collaboration with University of New Hampshire (W. McDowell), USGS – Virginia (M. Scholl), USDA International Institute of Tropical Forestry (G. Gonzalez), University of Miami – RSMAS (J. Prospero), UNAM – Mexico (D. Baumgardner), UPR – Humacao (D. Fernandez), The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel (A. Angert), NOAA ESRL (J. A. Ogren, E. Andrews)
- 2013 – present **National Center for Atmospheric Research, Diversity Funds**, Trends in African Dust Episodes and its Effects on the Bimodal Rainfall Pattern across the Northeast Caribbean. Project in collaboration with Dr. A. Heymsfield (NCAR)
- 2013 – present **The Saharan Aerosol Long-range Transport and Aerosol-Cloud-Interaction Experiment (SALTRACE)**, in collaboration with the SALTRACE Team, leader Dr. Bernadett Weinzierl (German Aerospace Center, Institute of Atmospheric Physics, Germany)
- 2013 – present **Primary biogenic aerosol particles in PR, sources and contribution to total aerosol burden (PiBAP)**, in collaboration with University of Puerto Rico – Medical Sciences Campus (B. Bolaños) and Georgia Tech (K. Konstantinidis)
- 2010 – 2016 **Dust, Aging and Transport, from Africa to the Caribbean (Dust – ATTACK)**, in collaboration with Dr. P. Formenti (Université Paris Est Créteil - Laboratoire Interuniversitaire des Systèmes Atmosphériques)
- 2010 – 2016 **Aerosol climatology (AEROCLIM) in Puerto Rico**, in collaboration with NOAA ESRL (J. A. Ogren, E. Andrews).
- 2011 – 2013 **Ice in Clouds Experiment – Tropics (ICE-T)**, project in collaboration with ICE-T researchers (A. Heymsfield - NCAR, P. J. Collett – Colorado State University, J. Anderson – Arizona State University, and K. Prather – UCSD and Scripps)
- 2009 – 2013 **Puerto Rico African Dust and Cloud Study (PRADACS)** – NSF Funded project (Impact of African Dust on Clouds and Precipitation in a Caribbean Tropical Montane Cloud Forest, in collaboration with UCSD/Scripps (K. Prather – CoPI), U. of Colorado – Boulder (E. Andrews – CoPI), Colorado State University (J. Collett), ETH – Switzerland (W. Eugster), Max Planck Institute for Chemistry – Germany (S Borrmann, J. Schneider), Institute for

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- 2004 – 2008 **Rain In Cumulus over the Ocean Experiment (RICO)** – NSF funded project (Tropical Marine Aerosols in the Trade Winds: Towards a Better Understanding of the Role of Organic Aerosols in CCN), in collaboration with University of Illinois (R. Rauber, H. Ochs), University of Leeds, UK (M. H. Smith, J. McQuaid), Meteo-France (L. Gomes), University of Warsaw and SIO (E. Grzeszczak, P. Flatau), Arizona State University (J. Anderson).
- 2002 – 2005 **The Smoke Aerosols, Clouds, Rainfall and Climate: Aerosols from Biomass Burning Perturb Global and Regional Climate (LBA - SMOCC)** in Brazil, in collaboration and with the financial support of the Max Planck Institute for Chemistry – Mainz (M. O. Andreae), in collaboration with University of Sao Paulo (P. Artaxo), Institute of Atmospheric Sciences and Climate, Bologna, Italy (M. C. Facchini, S. Decesari), and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory – LBNL, CA (T. Novakov, T. W. Kirchstetter), LBA stands for Large Scale Biosphere-Atmosphere Experiment in Amazonia.
- 2001 – 2013 **Cooperative LBA Airborne Regional Experiment (LBA – CLAIRE)**, as part of postdoctoral experience in the Max Planck Institute for Chemistry, Mainz, Germany, as part of postdoctoral experience in the Max Planck Institute for Chemistry, Mainz, Germany
- 1999 – 2001 **European Studies on Trace Gases and Atmospheric Chemistry as a Contribution to the Large-Scale Biosphere-Atmosphere Experiment in Amazonia (LBA-EUSTACH)**, as part of postdoctoral experience in the Max Planck Institute for Chemistry, Mainz, Germany
- 1998 – 2001 **INDian Ocean EXperiment (INDOEX)**, as part of postdoctoral experience in the Max Planck Institute for Chemistry, Mainz, Germany

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Beta Source Data Sheet

For Beta Attenuation Particulate Monitors



Met One Instruments, Inc.

Overview

Met One Instruments Inc. airborne particulate monitors, including models BAM-1020 and E-BAM variations, contain a small Carbon 14 radioactive beta source with a maximum activity of 75 microcuries. The instruments are manufactured in compliance with U.S. NRC safety criteria listed in 10 CFR 32.27. This document is intended to provide information for particulate monitor customers, and to assist in the filing of any necessary foreign registrations for Met One products.

Purpose and Reason for Radioactive Material

The beta attenuation method allows very accurate, near real-time measurement of airborne dust mass, without errors caused by variations in the particulate type or elemental composition. This beta attenuation principle has been in use for many decades in the manufacturing of paper and other materials, and has been adapted by various manufacturers of continuous particulate monitors worldwide. A complete description of the method is included in the BAM manuals.

Licensure

Met One Instruments, Inc. is licensed with the state of Oregon to transfer, receive, possess, and use radioactive materials of the specified activity level. In addition, Met One holds an "Exempt-Distribution Material License" from the U.S. NRC which allows for the manufacture of aerosol detectors containing 75 μCi sources, and for the transfer of these instruments to persons who are exempt from the requirements for a license. The BAM-1020 and E-BAM units contain an "exempt quantity" of less than 100 μCi of Carbon 14 as defined in 10 CFR 30.71- Schedule B. As such, the purchaser is exempt from any regulatory requirements in the USA. This is a similar arrangement to that used for common household smoke alarms, which also usually contain a very small amount of radioactive material. Per regulation, an engraved metal tag identifying the source type and activity is permanently attached to each BAM instrument, but no radioactive hazard symbols are to be attached to the unit, due to the exempt quantity.

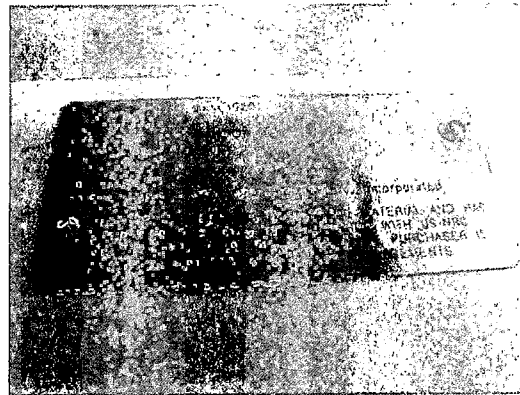
Specifications

Source Type:	Sealed Source. Solid radionuclide material sealed within a metal capsule.
Radionuclide:	Carbon-14 (^{14}C) in the form of Barium Carbonate (BaCO_3).
Half-Life of Nuclide:	5730 Years.
Nuclide Energy Spectrum:	Nominal 50 KeV. Maximum 156 KeV (thousand electron-volts)
Radiation Type:	β Beta electrons only. <u>Does not emit Alpha, Gamma, Neutron, or X-ray.</u>
Rated Activity:	60 μCi (microcuries). 2.22 MBq (mega Becquerel).
Activity Tolerance:	± 15 μCi . Maximum Activity 75 μCi . Below NRC exempt quantity of 100 μCi .
Rated Shelf Life of Source:	15 Years.
Source Manufacturer:	Eckert & Ziegler Nuclitec GmbH. Formerly QSA Global, AEA Technology.
Max Roof Dose Rate:	0 μSv (microsieverts) at roof. 0 μSv at 1.0 meter distance from unit.
UN Transport Classification:	UN2910.
ISO-2919 Classification:	C34242.
U.S. Export Control Classification:	EAR99
State License:	ORE-90941 Oregon Dept of Human Services, Public Health Division.
Federal License:	U.S. NRC Materials License 36-23875-01E.

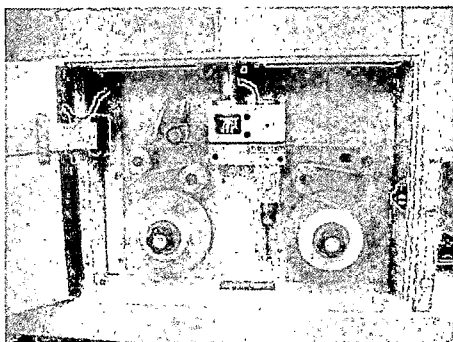
Photos and Diagrams



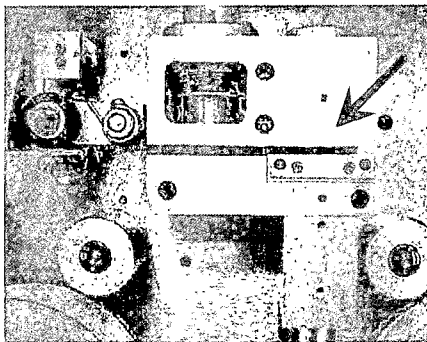
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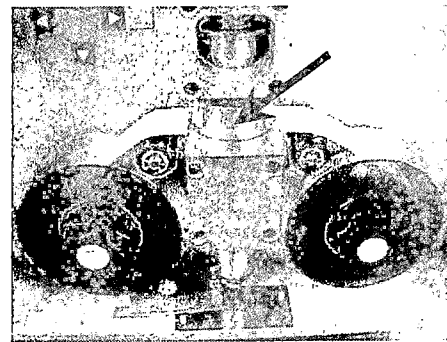
Instrument NRC Tag



BAM-1020



BAM-1020 Source Location



E-BAM Source Location

Safety

The beta source is assembled into protective metal mountings in the BAM-1020 or E-BAM by factory technicians under a comprehensive set of safety procedures. The source is not directly accessed during any of the routine instrument field maintenance procedures. The instruments are designed to prevent the possibility of the beta source dislodging from the unit during a fall from height, vehicle crash, or other catastrophic event. No objects or tools (such as dental picks) should be inserted into the area of the source face which could gouge or scratch the metal foil surface. In no case should the beta source ever be removed from the unit except by trained factory technicians.

Due to the weak 156 KeV max energy of Carbon 14, the beta electrons penetrate only about 25 cm (10 inches) of air. As a result, any detection devices would need to be positioned immediately adjacent to the source face in order to detect any radiation. *Absolutely no detectable beta radiation is emitted from the instrument with the door closed.* The instrument has undergone safety evaluation as a condition of the U.S. NRC license. Because of this weak ability of Carbon 14 beta electrons to penetrate air or human tissue, and the lack of any accompanying gamma, health exposure risks are generally limited to direct inhalation or ingestion of the barium carbonate material.

In the USA and many other countries, the user is allowed to dispose of the BAM-1020 or E-BAM unit in normal trash disposal areas, just like a smoke alarm. However, Met One Instruments has a beta source recycling program which is recommended, especially in regions where simple disposal is not appropriate or allowed. In this case, the entire instrument must be returned to the factory for disposal. Contact Met One for details.



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U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Amendment No. 03

MATERIALS LICENSE

Pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, the Energy Reorganization Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-438), and Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations, Chapter I, Parts 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 39, 40, and 70, and in reliance on statements and representations heretofore made by the licensee, a license is hereby issued authorizing the licensee to receive, acquire, possess, and transfer byproduct, source, and special nuclear material designated below; to use such material for the purpose(s) and at the place(s) designated below; to deliver or transfer such material to persons authorized to receive it in accordance with the regulations of the applicable Part(s). This license shall be deemed to contain the conditions specified in Section 183 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, and is subject to all applicable rules, regulations, and orders of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission now or hereafter in effect and to any conditions specified below.

Licensee	In accordance with letters dated October 7 and December 15, 2010,	
1. Met One Instruments	3. License number 36-23875-01E is amended in its entirety to read as follows:	
2. 1600 Washington Blvd. Grants Pass, Oregon 97526	4. Expiration date February 28, 2021	
	5. Docket No. 030-35578 Reference No.	
6. Byproduct, source, and/or special nuclear material	7. Chemical and/or physical form	8. Maximum amount that licensee may possess at any one time under this license
A. Carbon-14	Eckert & Ziegler Nuclitec GmbH, Model No. VZ-623 Check Source as Barium Carbonate foil	A. Not applicable (See License Condition 11)

9. Authorized use:

Pursuant to Section 32.26, 10 CFR Part 32, "Specific Domestic Licenses to Manufacture or Transfer Certain Items Containing Byproduct Material," the licensee is authorized to distribute aerosol detectors as specified in Condition 10 to persons exempt from the requirements for a license pursuant to Section 30.20, 10 CFR Part 30, or equivalent provisions of the regulations of any Agreement State.

CONDITIONS

10. The following aerosol detector devices may be distributed pursuant to this license provided the amount of carbon-14 contained in the devices does not exceed the amounts specified in the following table:

<u>Device Model</u>	<u>Maximum Quantity per Device</u>
BAM-1020	75 microcuries (2.77 MBq)
E-BAM	75 microcuries (2.77 MBq)
BAM 1030	75 microcuries (2.77 MBq)

11. This license does not authorize possession or use of licensed material.
12. The licensee may distribute only from its facility located at 1600 Washington Blvd., Grants Pass, Oregon.

**MATERIALS LICENSE
SUPPLEMENTARY SHEET**License Number
36-23875-01EDocket or Reference Number
030-35578

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CONDITIONS

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13. The licensee shall file periodic reports as specified in Section 32.29(c), 10 CFR Part 32.
14. Except as specifically provided otherwise by this license, the licensee shall conduct its program in accordance with the statements, representations, and procedures contained in the documents, including any enclosures, listed below. The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission's regulations shall govern unless the statements, representations, and procedures in the licensee's application and correspondence are more restrictive than the regulations.
- A. Letter and application dated August 17, 2000;
 - B. Facsimiles dated September 14, 2000, September 29, 2000 ; and October 31, 2000;
 - C. Registration Certificate NR-1124-D-101-E;
 - D. Application dated November 11, 2001;
 - E. Registration Certificate NR-1124-D-102-E;
 - F. Facsimile dated April 10, 2002;
 - G. Application dated June 14, 2004;
 - H. Letter received October 12, 2004;
 - I. Facsimile dated October 22, 2004;
 - J. Facsimile dated December 29, 2004;
 - K. Facsimile dated January 13, 2005;
 - L. Letter dated October 7, 2010;
 - M. Letter dated December 15, 2010;
 - O. E-Mail dated February 7, 2011; and
 - P. E-Mail dated February 14, 2011.

FOR THE U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

Date March 7, 2011

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Description of BMI Aerosol Charge Neutralizer Body

Author: Fred Brechtel

Date: 3/1/13

Version: 1.2

The purpose of the neutralizer is to impart a known distribution of electrical charge to sampled ambient aerosol so that the number fraction of particles of a given size selected by a differential mobility analyzer (DMA) can be related to the total ambient number concentration. The neutralizer can also be used to reduce particle losses in aerosol generation systems due to electrostatic precipitation. The DMA only selects particles that are electrically charged, under normal conditions, the vast majority of ambient particles carry no charge; some 10 to 25% carry a single charge with smaller number fractions of particles carrying multiple charges. In some cases however, for example during electrical storms or when sampling atomized aerosol, a significant fraction of the aerosol can be charged with an unknown distribution of charge as a function of particle size. The charging efficiency of particles is a strong function of particle size, especially for particle diameters smaller than 100 nm.

A photo of a disassembled neutralizer assembly is shown at the end of this document. The ion source of the neutralizer consists of two radioactive Polonium-210 strips (0.5 mCi each, Model 2U500, NRD LLC, Grand Island, NY, Tel: 800-525-8076) that emit alpha particle radiation that ionize the air molecules near the strips. *Note that the BMI neutralizer is not shipped with the ion sources installed, they must be purchased separately from NRD.* The half-life of Po-210 is 138.4 days. The range of the alpha particles in air is 3.8 cm and the radiation is incapable of penetrating the stainless steel body of the neutralizer. In fact, the alpha particles cannot penetrate the layer of dead skin (~50 micrometers thick) on the human body. The sources used in the BMI neutralizer do not require special handling precautions beyond those described in the NRD LLC technical literature. The positive and negative ions produced via the ionization process interact with the particles in the sample flow depending on the size of the particle and its electrical charge. The interactions between the ions and particles produce a known distribution of charge as a function of particle size.

The ability of the neutralizer to produce a known distribution of charge is limited by the residence time of particles inside the neutralizer, the density of ions produced by the radioactive sources and the maximum allowable number concentration of sampled aerosol. The neutralizer may not completely neutralize all particles when the total number concentration exceeds $10^5/\text{cm}^3$. One figure of merit for a neutralizer is the ratio of the particle residence time in the neutralizer chamber (6.4 seconds for 1 lpm flow) and the characteristic time to fully neutralize the particles (0.0025 sec). The value of the ratio should be significantly greater than one. The figure of merit for the BMI neutralizer is 2514. In comparison, a commercially available neutralizer using Krypton-85 gas as the

ion source has a figure of merit of 219. The advantage of Kr-85 is that it has a half-life of 10.7 years.

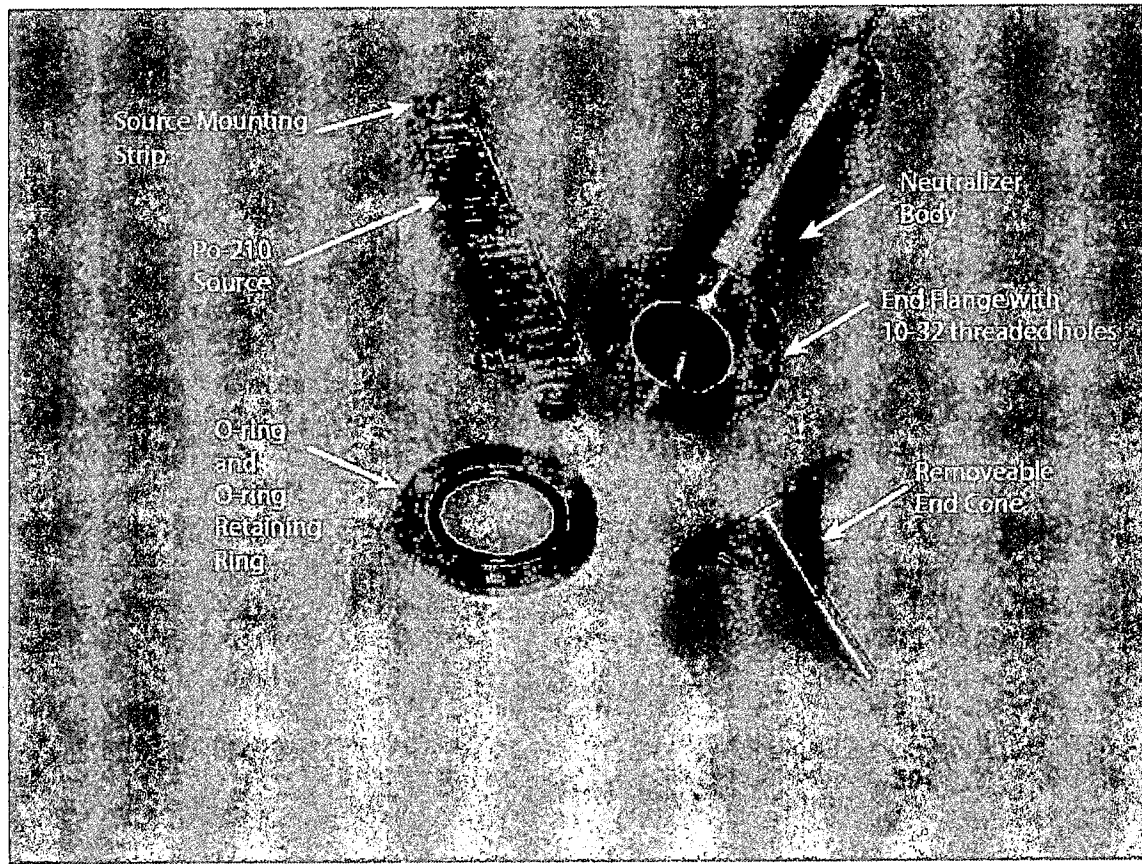
The useful life of the sources used in the BMI neutralizer is approximately three years from the date stamped on the Po-210 sources (not necessarily the same date as the source installation date). Given the relatively short half-life of Po-210, after three years the source activity will be reduced by a factor of 244. The figure of merit for the neutralizer after three years of service is 16, which is still appreciably greater than one but we recommend source replacement after three years of use. The date on the underside of the source as well as the source installation date should always be recorded on the outside surface of the neutralizer when sources are replaced.

If the neutralizer is operated under severe aerosol loadings for prolonged time periods the inside surfaces can become coated with particles. This can occur when airflows from aerosol atomizers are passed through the neutralizer. The effectiveness of the Po-210 sources can be greatly reduced if coated with particles. The 1.5" diameter neutralizer body is not designed to neutralize undiluted sample flows from atomizers. Unless high loadings are required during an experiment, the atomizer output should be diluted before entering the neutralizer to the lowest acceptable concentration level. Follow the cleaning instructions provided by the manufacturer of the radioactive sources used in the neutralizer to remove particle coatings from sources. Once the sources have been removed from the body, the body can be cleaned with isopropyl alcohol or methanol.

Procedure for removing/installing and replacing Po-210 sources:

Remove the complete neutralizer assembly from instrumentation prior to replacing the sources. Using a backing wrench on the swagelock union fitting, loosen the swagelock nuts on each end of the neutralizer closest to the neutralizer body. If a body-mounting clamp was shipped with the unit, remove the two screws of the clamp holding the neutralizer body to the instrumentation and set aside the piece of the clamp that comes loose. With the swagelock nuts loose, it should be possible to gently pry the instrument sample tubing ends away from the neutralizer body so that it can be lifted out of the instrument. Do not exert undue stress on the stainless steel tubing at the ends of the neutralizer body – the material is annealed and considerably softer than typical stainless steel.

Once the neutralizer body has been removed, access to the sources is gained as follows (reference the picture of the disassembled neutralizer assembly at the end of this document). Remove the three 10-32 screws holding the removable end cone and separate the end cone from the neutralizer body. A small amount of black grease has been applied to the screws to prevent binding. The grease is somewhat tenacious so take care not to spread it on to surfaces of the instrument or your skin. Using a 1/4" box-end wrench, remove the small nut and lock washer inside the neutralizer body holding the source mounting bracket. Once this nut is removed, the loose end of the source-mounting bracket may be grasped between the thumb and index finger and gently lifted so it just clears the brazed threaded stud. Pull the source-mounting bracket out of the neutralizer body. The far end of the source-mounting bracket is captured by a brazed bracket and has



Picture of disassembled BMI neutralizer. Note that the two Po-210 sources must be purchased separately from NRD LLC.

Neutralizer technical specifications:

Overall length: 10.375"
 Body outside diameter: 1.25"
 Body length: 6"
 Outside diameter of end cone mounting flange: 2.25"
 Outside diameter of stainless steel end tubulations: 0.25"
 Material: Stainless steel, ultra-high vacuum brazed
 Power: None required
 Weight: <1.5 lb

Feel free to contact me with any questions/comments you might have:

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Happy neutralizing!



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT - RECEIPT OF CORRESPONDENCE

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03/05/2020

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Licensing and/or Technical Reviewer or Branch

CIRDA, DNMS

This is to acknowledge receipt of your: ☒ Letter and/or ☐ Application Dated: 2/19/2020

The initial processing, which included an administrative review, has been performed.

☒ Amendment ☐ Termination ☐ New License ☐ Renewal

☒ There were no administrative omissions identified during our initial review.

☐ This is to acknowledge receipt of your application for renewal of the material(s) license identified above. Your application is deemed timely filed, and accordingly, the license will not expire until final action has been taken by this office.

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Follow the instructions on the form for submission.

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Your application has been assigned the above listed MAIL CONTROL NUMBER. When calling to inquire about this action, please refer to this control number. Your application has been forwarded to a technical reviewer. Please note that the technical review, which is normally completed within 180 days for a renewal application (90 days for all other requests), may identify additional omissions or require additional information. If you have any questions concerning the processing of your application, our contact information is listed below:

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