



# Superfund Radiation Risk Assessment Calculator Training

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# Purpose of Training

- Facilitate remedy selection and cleanup at radioactively-contaminated sites.
- Establish knowledge base on radiation, radiation risk assessment, and CERCLA requirements and other relevant policy.
- Simplify radiation risk assessment through use of 8 radionuclide guidance calculators.
- Demonstrate similar risk assessment capabilities in SADA using GIS
- Demonstrate the compatibility with RSL and VISL chemical calculator outcomes.

# Learning Objectives

This includes conducting a risk assessment for radioactive contaminants. By taking this course, participants will be able to:

- Identify methods for conducting site specific risk assessments
- Compute a data assessment using the risk radiation calculator
- Apply practical recommendations for improving radiation risk assessment
- Perform a step by step risk assessment process on a realistic hypothetical risk characterization problem.
- Analyze risk characterization results from hypothetical risk characterization problem



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# Outline of Training

1. How Radiation Fits in Superfund
2. Radiation Risk Assessment Video & Community Toolkit
3. PRG Calculator
4. DCC Calculator
5. RSL for Total Uranium
6. BPRG and BDCC Calculators
7. SPRG and SDCC Calculators
8. Differences between EPA and DOE Tools
9. RVISL Calculator
10. CPM Calculator
11. BCG Calculator
12. SADA
13. Radiation Science Primer
14. Radiation Risk Assessment Basics



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# Radiation Risk Assessment Calculator Training

## Section 1: How Radiation Fits Into Superfund



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# Superfund sites: Number Total and Radiation

- ◆ 1,788 NPL sites
  - 67 are radiation sites
  - 37 more sites proposed for NPL

# How to Address Radiation in a Chemical Program?

- ◆ With only 67 radioactively contaminated sites out of 1,788 total, the focus of the Superfund program has been on chemicals.
- ◆ **Question:** How best address radiation?
- ◆ **Answer:** Address radiation in a consistent manner with chemicals, except to account for the technical differences posed by radiation
  - Radiation easily fits within Superfund framework
  - Improves public confidence by taking mystery out of radiation

# Why Does Radiation Easily Fit within the Superfund Framework?

- ◆ Primary effect is cancer
- ◆ People ingest, inhale, eat, same amount of contaminated dust and food whether it is chemical or radioactive contamination,
- ◆ Dust gets resuspended the same whether it is chemically or radioactively contaminated
- ◆ Inorganic elements move through the subsurface whether they are radioactive or not





# Nine CERCLA Remedy Selection Criteria

- ◆ Two threshold criteria (both must be met)
  1. Protect human health and the environment
  2. Comply (attain or waive) with other federal and state laws: Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirements (ARARs)
    - Protect current or future sources of drinking water (e.g., attain MCLs or more stringent state standards)



# Nine CERCLA Remedy Selection Criteria (continued)

## ◆ 6 CERCLA ARAR waivers

1. Interim Measure
2. Greater Risk to Health and the Environment
3. Technical Impracticability
4. Equivalent Standard of Performance
5. Inconsistent Application of State Requirements
6. Fund Balancing



# Nine CERCLA Remedy Selection Criteria (continued)

- ◆ Five balancing criteria (used to evaluate between potential remedies that meet threshold criteria)
  1. Long-term effectiveness and permanence
  2. Reduction of waste toxicity, mobility, or volume
  3. Short-term effectiveness
  4. Implementability
  5. Cost



# Nine CERCLA Remedy Selection Criteria (continued)

- ◆ Two modifying criteria (information from public comment period that may modify remedial action)
  1. State acceptance
  2. Community acceptance



# CERCLA Cleanup Levels

- ◆ ARARs often determine cleanup levels
- ◆ Where ARARs are not available or protective, EPA sets site-specific cleanup levels that
  - For carcinogens, represent an increased cancer risk of  $1 \times 10^{-6}$  to  $1 \times 10^{-4}$ 
    - $10^{-6}$  used as “point of departure”
    - PRGs are established at  $1 \times 10^{-6}$
  - For non-carcinogens, will not result in adverse effects to human health (hazard index (HI) <1)
- ◆ Address ecological concerns
- ◆ To-be-considered (TBC) material may help determine cleanup level



# CERCLA Cleanup Levels Are NOT Based On

- ◆ NRC decommissioning requirements (e.g., 25, 100 mrem/yr dose limits) 10 CFR 20 Subpart E
  - If used as an ARAR,  $10^{-6}$  still used as point of departure, and  $10^{-4}$  to  $10^{-6}$  risk range must be met
- ◆ Guidance outside risk range and/or if expressed as a dose (# mrem/year). This includes:
  - DOE orders, NRC guidance (e.g., NUREGs), ICRP guidance, IAEA guidance, NCRP guidance, ANSI/HPS guidance, EPA/DHS PAGs, and Federal guidance

# Guidance: Risk Assessment Q&A

## Originally Issued 1999

- ◆ *Radiation Risk Assessment at CERCLA Sites: Q&A* (12/99) OSWER Directive 9200.4-31P
- ◆ Provides **overview of then current** EPA guidance for radiation risk assessment
- ◆ Written for users familiar with Superfund but not radiation
- ◆ Added some new guidance
  - Dose assessment only for ARAR compliance
  - No dose-based TBCs (including **No** 15 mrem/yr [0.15 mSv/yr])
  - Direct exposure rate may supplement sampling



# Guidance: Risk Assessment Q&A

## Revised Issued 2014

- ◆ *Radiation Risk Assessment at CERCLA Sites: Q&A* (6/14) OSWER Directive 9200.4-40
- ◆ Provides **overview of now current** EPA guidance for radiation risk assessment
- ◆ Written for users familiar with Superfund but not radiation
- ◆ Updates old overview and adds some new guidance
  - See following slides



# Reflect Superfund Recommended guidance issued since 1999

1. Rad SSG User Guide 2000
2. Rad SSG TBD 2000
3. PRG calculator 2002
4. Common Rads found at Superfund sites 2002
5. DCC calculator 2004
6. SF Rad Risk Assessment & How You Can Help 2005
7. BPRG calculator 2006
8. SPRG calculator 2009
9. BDCC calculator 2010
10. SDCC calculator 2010
11. RVISL calculator 2021
12. CPM calculator 2024?
13. Eco calculator 202??



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# Update Policies Based on Newer Science

- ◆ For an effective dose standard ARAR to be considered protective, it should be 12 mrem/yr or less.
  - Change from 15 mrem/yr based on risk to dose estimate in Federal Guidance 13
  - Cleanup levels not based on an ARAR continue to be based on cancer risk range (10-4 to 10-6) not dose

# More consistency on Risk Assessments (Rad & Chem)

- ◆ Explain what type of circumstances these Superfund guidance and tools are recommended
- ◆ Reiterate more strongly that risk assessments (e.g., models used) should be consistent with chemicals at site and with other regional sites
- ◆ Don't use a steady state model for chemical and a transfer/dynamic model for radionuclides
  - Such as using RSL calculator for chemicals then RESRAD for radionuclides, more on this later

# More consistency on Surveys (Rad & Chem)

- ◆ Explain what type of circumstances these Superfund guidance and tools are recommended
- ◆ Reiterate more strongly that site surveys (e.g., characterization and confirmation) should be consistent with chemicals at site and with other regional sites
- ◆ Don't use not-to-exceed (NTE) for chemicals and area averaging (AA) for radionuclides for residential
  - NTE for residential cleanup of chemicals but AA approach like MARSIMM for the radionuclides



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## Section 2: Radiation Risk Assessment Video & Community Toolkit

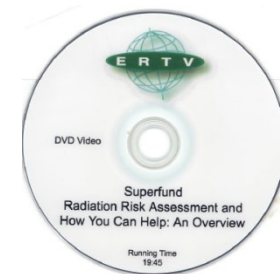


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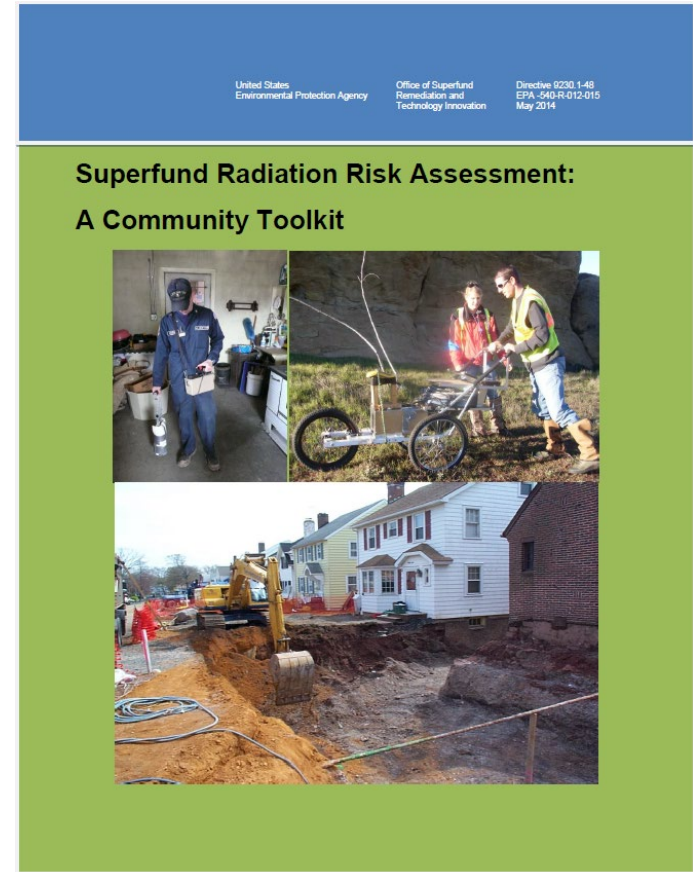
# Video: Radiation Risk Assessment

- ◆ *Superfund Radiation Risk Assessment and How you can Help, an Overview (3/05)*  
OSWER Directive 9200.4-37
- ◆ Video for the general public. It contains information on:
  - The Superfund risk assessment process when addressing radioactive contamination
  - How the public is involved site-specifically



# Community Toolkit

- ◆ This toolkit was developed to help the public understand more about the risk assessment process used at Superfund sites with radioactive contamination.
  - Text is written in plain English (8th grade level)



# Toolkit Organization

- ◆ The Toolkit is made up of a collection of 22 fact sheets.
  - Not every fact sheet will be useful at each site.
  - Regions will also continue to use other community involvement tools and site-specific fact sheets
- ◆ The first 2 fact sheets in this toolkit are:
  1. Superfund Radiation Fact Sheet (10 pages)
  2. Superfund Radiation Risk Assessment Fact Sheet (8 pages)



# Superfund Radiation Fact Sheet

- ◆ Provides information answering the following questions
  - What is Superfund?
  - What are atoms?
  - What is Radiation?
  - What is Radioactivity?
  - What happens to radionuclides as they decay?
  - What is half-life?

# Superfund Radiation Fact Sheet continued

- How is radioactivity measured?
- Why are radionuclides harmful to human health?
- How can you be exposed to harmful radiation?
- How is radiation exposure measured?
- How does EPA calculate risks to human health from radiation exposure at Superfund sites?
- What is background radiation?

# Superfund Radiation Fact Sheet continued



## Superfund Radiation Fact Sheet

**What is Superfund?** The Superfund program is administered by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in cooperation with state and tribal governments. It allows EPA to clean up hazardous waste sites and to force responsible parties to perform cleanups or reimburse the government for cleanups led by EPA.

For a variety of reasons, hazardous commercial and industrial wastes were mismanaged and may pose unacceptable risks to human health and the environment. This waste was dumped on the ground or in waterways, left out in the open, or otherwise improperly managed. As a result, thousands of hazardous waste sites were created throughout the United States. These hazardous waste sites commonly include manufacturing facilities, processing plants, landfills, and mining sites.



Superfund is the informal name for the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). In 1980, Congress enacted CERCLA in response to growing concerns over the health and environmental risks posed by hazardous waste sites. This law was enacted in the wake of the discovery of chemically contaminated toxic waste dumps such as Love Canal and Valley of the Drums in the 1970s.

Some Superfund sites contain radioactive contamination. This document was developed by EPA to answer questions about radiation hazards and how EPA assesses health risks from potential exposure to radioactive contamination at Superfund sites.

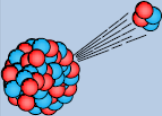
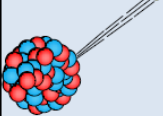
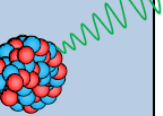
Superfund was established in 1980 by an act of Congress, giving EPA the funds and authority to clean up polluted sites

### Goals of Superfund:

- Protect human health and the environment by cleaning up polluted sites
- Involve communities in the Superfund process
- Make responsible parties pay for work performed at Superfund sites

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## Ionizing Radiation Found at Superfund Sites

	Alpha Particles	Beta Particles	Gamma Rays
<b>Description</b>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two protons and two neutrons bound together into a single particle</li> <li>• Heaviest and slowest moving type of ionizing radiation</li> <li>• Positively charged</li> </ul>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Made up of an electron ejected from nucleus</li> <li>• Fast moving, low mass particle</li> <li>• Negatively charged</li> </ul>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pure energy traveling at the speed of light</li> <li>• Often accompanies the emission of alpha or beta particles</li> <li>• Has no rest mass and no charge</li> </ul>
<b>Ionizing Power</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HIGH</li> <li>• Interacts strongly with surrounding material</li> <li>• Very energetic</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MODERATE</li> <li>• Interact less strongly than alpha particles but more strongly than gamma rays with surrounding material</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LOW</li> <li>• Since they have no mass and no charge, gamma rays interact with matter less than alpha and beta particles</li> </ul>
<b>Penetrating Power</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LOW</li> <li>• Travels no more than a few centimeters in air</li> <li>• Can be stopped by a sheet of paper</li> <li>• Unable to penetrate skin</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MODERATE</li> <li>• Able to travel several meters through air</li> <li>• Can be stopped by a thin layer of metal or plastic</li> <li>• Can penetrate outer layers of skin</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HIGH</li> <li>• Able to travel hundreds of meters through air</li> <li>• Can be stopped by a thick concrete wall</li> <li>• Able to pass through the human body</li> </ul>
<b>Human Health Effects</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No health effects from external exposure since they are unable to penetrate skin</li> <li>• Very harmful if alpha-emitting radionuclide is taken into the body by ingestion, breathing, or through an open wound</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can cause skin burns from external exposure</li> <li>• Harmful if taken into the body (though not usually as harmful as alpha particles)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can cause harm from external exposure</li> <li>• Can pass into the body and cause internal radiation exposure</li> </ul>

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# Superfund Radiation Fact Sheet continued

## Some Common Ways to be Exposed to Radionuclides at Contaminated Sites

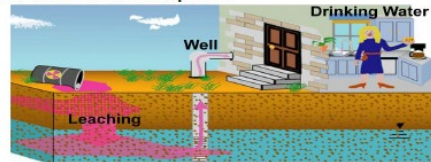
### Residential Soil Exposure



### Agricultural Soil Exposure



### Soil to Ground Water Exposure

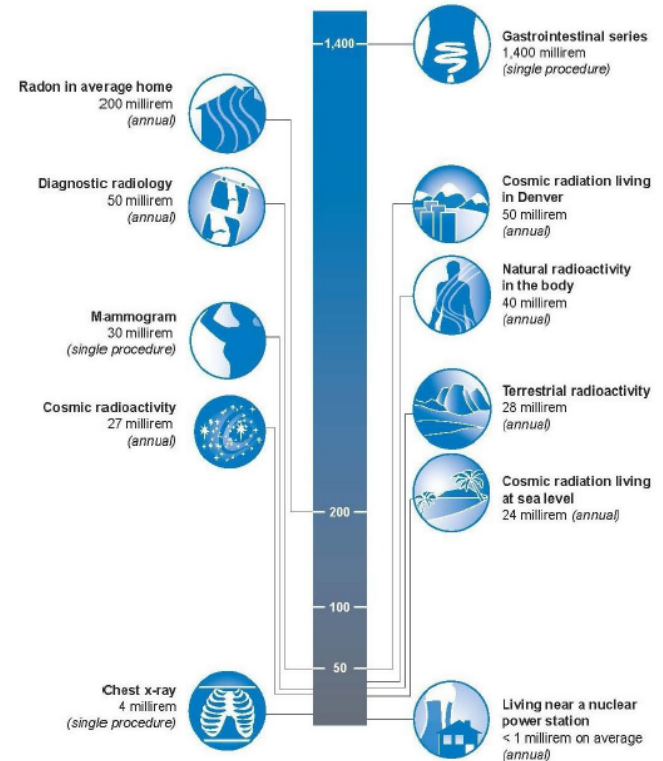


### Tap Water Exposure



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## RELATIVE DOSES FROM RADIATION SOURCES Millirem Doses



# Superfund Radiation Risk Assessment Fact Sheet

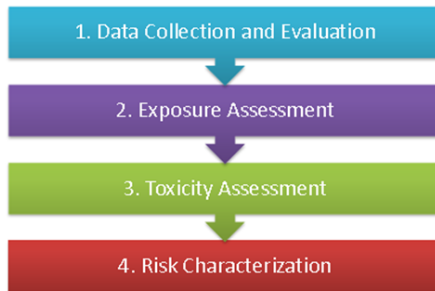
- ◆ Describes each of the 4 steps of the Superfund risk assessment process at radioactively contaminated sites
  1. Data Collection and Evaluation
  2. Exposure Assessment
  3. Toxicity Assessment
  4. Risk Characterization

# Superfund Radiation Risk Assessment Fact Sheet, continued



## Superfund Radiation Risk Assessment Fact Sheet

The Superfund program uses a process called **risk assessment** to calculate health risks posed by hazardous contamination and waste. A risk assessment conducted at Superfund sites with radioactive contamination is divided into four parts:



The first three steps allow EPA to answer key questions about the contaminated site:

- What type of radioactive contamination is present?
- Where is the radioactive contamination located?
- How could people be exposed to the contamination?
- What are the potential harmful health effects from the contamination?
- And what are the uncertainties?

All of this information is then incorporated in the risk characterization, which is used to make a decision about how to clean up the site.

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### Step 3: Toxicity Assessment

The toxicity assessment phase answers two key questions: what potential harmful health effects can the radionuclide cause, and how much exposure to the radionuclide does it take to pose a significant risk to people?

The toxicity assessment is concerned with the potential for radionuclides to cause cancer. All radionuclides can cause cancer and are assumed to be potentially harmful even at low doses. The risk of cancer from radiation increases as the exposure increases. Uranium radionuclides are the only radionuclides where the noncancer effects are also considered during Superfund site cleanup.

In estimating the toxicity of a radionuclide, EPA must take into account the type of radiation it emits and how the radiation affects different organs in the



#### Understanding Radiation Toxicity

At much higher radiation exposures than would be expected at a Superfund site, harmful effects can be produced in a relatively short time. An example of this is the sickness seen in atomic bomb survivors. Since exposure at Superfund sites is usually much lower, EPA focuses primarily on the cancer risk from exposure to radionuclides.

body. Alpha particles, for example, inflict about 20 times more damage to living tissue than beta particles or gamma rays. In addition, different organs in the body have different cancer rates even when exposed to the same level of radiation. As a result, EPA must consider both whole body radiation exposure as well as specific organ exposure for certain radionuclides.

EPA has developed two methods to assess the harmful effects of exposure to specific radionuclides:

- Slope factors provide cancer risk posed by lifetime exposure to specific

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# Compendium of Information on the PRG & DCC Calculators

- ◆ Attachment A provides 1 Page Fact Sheets on each of the Superfund risk and dose assessment models
  3. Primer on EPA PRG and DCC Calculators
  4. Preliminary Remediation Goals (PRG) Calculator
  5. Dose Compliance Concentration (DCC) Calculator
  6. Building Preliminary Remediation Goals (BPRG) Calculator
  7. Building Dose Compliance Concentration (BDCC) Calculator
  8. Surface Preliminary Remediation Goals (SPRG) Calculator
  9. Surface Dose Compliance Concentration (SDCC) Calculator

# Compendium of Information on the PRG & DCC Calculators, continued

- ◆ The PRG & DCC calculator fact sheets explain:
  - What is a PRG or DCC?
  - What media are addressed in the calculator?
  - What exposure pathways are addressed in the calculator?



# Preliminary Remediation Goals (PRG) Calculator Fact Sheet



## Preliminary Remediation Goals (PRG) Calculator



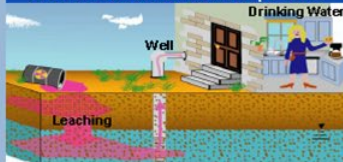
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PRG: <http://epa-prgs.ornl.gov/radionuclides>

### What is PRG?

- PRG stands for **Preliminary Remediation Goal**.
- PRGs are the initial cleanup goals at a Superfund site and usually are not final cleanup levels.
- Used when there is no appropriate government regulation of cleanup levels.

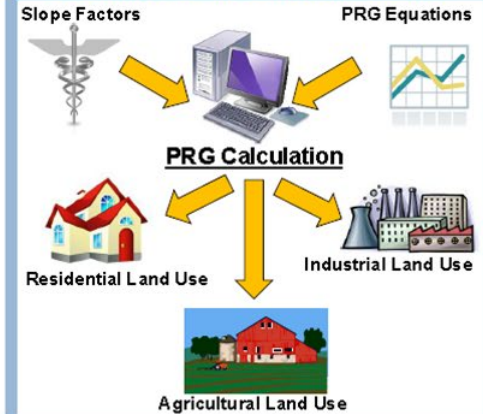
### Soil to Groundwater Exposure



### PRG Calculator

- The **PRG Calculator** is a tool that allows EPA to calculate initial cleanup levels for radiation in soil, water, and air at Superfund sites.
- Uses **slope factors** to calculate cleanup levels based on a **target cancer risk of  $10^{-6}$** .
  - **Slope factors** provide cancer risk posed by lifetime exposure to specific radionuclides. Slope factors also take into account the type of exposure (inhalation, ingestion, or external) and amount of exposure. For example, a resident on a site would expect to have a different exposure level than a worker on the same site.
  - **Target cancer risk of  $10^{-6}$**  means that a person exposed to the contamination has a one in a million chance of developing cancer. (Target is based on highest estimated level of exposure. Most people will have less of a chance of developing cancer.)
- The exposure pathways calculated by the PRG calculator are shown in the diagrams below.

### How does the PRG Calculator Work?



### Outdoor (or Composite) Worker: Soil Exposure



### Indoor Worker: Soil Exposure



### Resident: Soil Exposure



### Agricultural: Soil Exposure



### Tapwater Ingestion Exposure



### Fish Ingestion Exposure



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# Fact Sheets on Radionuclides Commonly Found at Superfund Sites

- ◆ Attachment B provides 2-3 page Fact Sheets on Radionuclides Commonly Found at Superfund Sites

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|---|-------------------|
| 10. Primer on Radionuclides<br>Commonly Found at<br>Superfund Sites | 16. Radium        |
| 11. Americium-241   | 17. Radon         |
| 12. Cesium-137  | 18. Uranium       |
| 13. Cobalt-60   | 19. Strontium-90  |
| 14. Iodine  | 20. Technecium-99 |
| 15. Plutonium   | 21. Thorium       |
|   | 22. Tritium       |

# Fact Sheets on Radionuclides Commonly Found at Superfund Sites

- ◆ Similar to the 2002 booklet that is replaced by this toolkit, each of these fact sheets contains information on:
  - Potential health effects of exposure to radionuclides commonly found at Superfund sites
  - EPA policies for cleaning up these radionuclides

# Cesium-137 Fact Sheet



## EPA Facts about Cesium-137

### *What is cesium-137?*

Radioactive cesium-137 is produced spontaneously when other radioactive materials, such as uranium and plutonium, absorb neutrons and undergo fission. Fission is the process in which the nucleus of a radionuclide splits into smaller parts. Cesium-137 is a common radionuclide produced when nuclear fission of uranium and plutonium occurs in a reactor or atomic bomb.

### *What are the uses of cesium-137?*

Cesium-137 and its decay product, barium-137m, are used in food sterilization, including wheat, spices, flour, and potatoes. Cesium-137 is used in a wide variety of industrial instruments, such as level and thickness gauges and moisture density gauges. Cesium-137 is also commonly used in hospitals for diagnosis and treatment. Large sources can be used to sterilize medical equipment.

### *How does cesium change in the environment?*

Cesium-137 decays in the environment by emitting beta particles. As noted above, cesium-137 decays to a short-lived decay product, barium-137m. The latter isotope emits gamma radiation of moderate energy, which further decays to a stable form of barium. The time required for a radioactive substance to lose 50 percent of its radioactivity by decay is known as the half-life. Cesium-137 is significant because of

its prevalence, relatively long half life (30 years), and its potential effects on human health. Barium-137, the daughter product of cesium-137 decay, has a half-life of 2.6 minutes.

### *How are people exposed to cesium-137?*

People may be exposed externally to gamma radiation emitted by cesium-137 decay products. If very high doses are received, skin burns can result. Gamma photons emitted from the barium decay product, barium-137m, can pass through the human body, delivering radiation exposure to internal tissue and organs. People may also be exposed internally if they swallow or inhale cesium-137.

Large amounts of cesium-137 were produced during atmospheric nuclear weapons tests conducted in the 1950s and 1960s. As a result of atmospheric testing and radioactive fallout, this cesium was dispersed and deposited worldwide.

Sources of exposure from cesium-137 include fallout from previous nuclear weapons testing, soils and waste materials at radioactively contaminated sites, radioactive waste associated with operation of nuclear reactors, spent fuel reprocessing plants, and nuclear accidents such as Chernobyl and Fukushima. Cesium-137 is also a component of low-level radioactive waste at hospitals, radioactive source manufacturing, and research facilities.

### *How does cesium-137 get into the body?*

Cesium-137 can enter the body when it is inhaled, ingested, or absorbed through the skin. After radioactive cesium is ingested, it is

distributed fairly uniformly throughout the body's soft tissues. Slightly higher concentrations are found in muscle; slightly lower concentrations are found in bone and fat. Cesium-137 remains in the body for a relatively short time. It is eliminated more rapidly by infants and children than by adults.

### *Is there a medical test to determine exposure to cesium-137?*

Generally, levels of cesium in the body are inferred from measurements of urine samples using direct gamma spectrometry. Because of the presence of the gamma-emitting barium daughter product, a technique called whole-body counting may also be used; this test relies on detection of gamma photon energy. Skin contamination can be measured directly using a variety of portable instruments. Other techniques that may be used include taking blood or fecal samples, then measuring the level of cesium.

### *How can cesium-137 affect people's health?*

Based on experimentation with ionizing radiation and human epidemiology, exposure to radiation from cesium-137 can cause cancer. Great Britain's National Radiological Protection Board (NRPB) predicts that there will be up to 1,000 additional cancers over the next 70 years among the population in Western Europe exposed to fallout from the accident at Chernobyl.

The magnitude of the health risk would depend on exposure conditions for scenarios involving nuclear accidents or waste materials, such as:

- Types of radioactivity encountered,
- Nature of exposure, and
- Length of exposure.

### *What recommendations has the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency made to protect human health?*

Please note that the information in this section is limited to recommendations EPA has made to protect human health from exposure to cesium-137. General recommendations EPA has made to protect human health at Superfund sites (the  $10^{-4}$  to  $10^{-6}$  cancer risk range), which cover all radionuclides including cesium-137, are summarized in the fact sheet "Primer on Radionuclides Commonly Found at Superfund Sites."


EPA has established a Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) of 4 millirems per year for beta particle and photon radioactivity from man-made radionuclides in drinking water. Cesium-137 would be covered under this MCL. The average concentration of cesium-137, which is assumed to yield 4 millirems per year, is 200 picocuries per liter (pCi/L). If other radionuclides that emit beta particles and photon radioactivity are present in addition to cesium-137, the sum of the annual dose from all the radionuclides cannot exceed 4 millirems/year.

For more information about how EPA addresses cesium-137 at Superfund sites  
Contact Stuart Walker of EPA:  
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or visit EPA's Superfund Radiation Webpage:  
<http://www.epa.gov/superfund/resources/radiation/>




# RVISL Radon Vapor Intrusion Screening Level calculator fact sheet

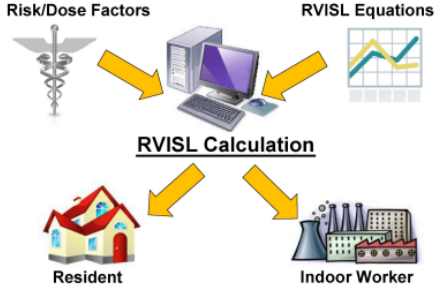
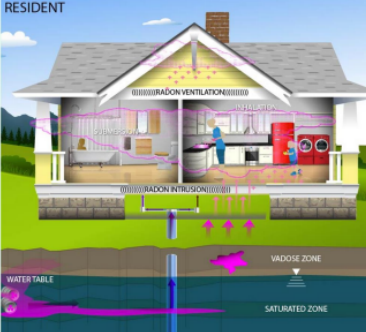
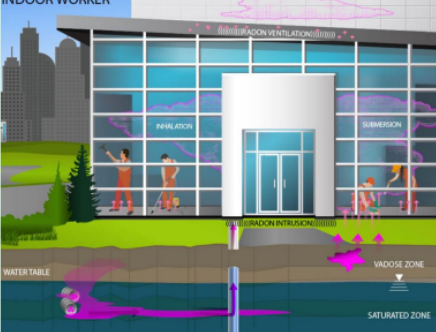
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### Radon Vapor Intrusion Screening Level (RVISL) Calculator

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What Is an RVISL?	RVISL Calculator	How Does the RVISL Calculator Work?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RVISL stands for <b>radon vapor intrusion screening level</b>.</li> <li>RVISLs present the target concentrations of radon in air, soil gas, and groundwater that are protective of people inside building at a Superfund site. RVISLs may also be used to show compliance with federal and state indoor radon standards.</li> <li>RVISLs are not cleanup standards – they are used for site screening and initial cleanup goals.</li> <li>RVISLs address residential exposures and indoor worker exposures.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The RVISL calculator determines the risk of radon exposure for people in their homes or workers on the job when radon caused by soil or groundwater contamination enters a building through vapor intrusion. These pathways are shown in the diagrams to the left and right at the bottom of the page.</li> <li>This tool allows EPA to calculate radon screening levels inside buildings at Superfund sites based on risk, dose, working levels (WLs), or pCi/L.</li> <li><b>Risk-based RVISL:</b> the tool calculates screening levels based on a target cancer risk of <math>10^{-6}</math>. This means that a person exposed to the contamination has a one in a million chance of developing cancer based on the highest estimated level of exposure.</li> <li><b>Dose-based RVISL:</b> the tool calculates screening levels based on a person's exposure to radiation in dose per year, measured in millirems to show compliance with some regulations.</li> <li><b>WL (working levels) RVISL:</b> the tool calculates whether radon levels are compliant with the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act (UMTRCA) federal indoor radon standard.</li> <li><b>pCi/L (picocuries per liter) RVISL:</b> the tool calculates whether radon levels are compliant with a state indoor radon standard that uses pCi/L.</li> <li>Calculations are based partly on air exchange rates, which measure how much outdoor air circulates and replaces indoor air in a building over time.</li> </ul>	<div style="text-align: center;"> <p><b>Risk/Dose Factors</b>      <b>RVISL Equations</b></p>  <p><b>RVISL Calculation</b></p> <p><b>Resident</b>      <b>Indoor Worker</b></p> </div> <div style="margin-top: 10px;"> <p><b>Radon Intrusion Exposure for a Resident</b></p>  </div> <div style="margin-top: 10px;"> <p><b>Radon Intrusion Exposure for an Indoor Worker</b></p>  </div>

# Show Video

- ◆ Quick primer of material we have covered





# Radiation Risk Assessment Calculator Training

## Section 3 -- PRG Calculator



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# PRG Outline

- PRGs Background
- Development Approach in CERCLA
- Calculator Walkthrough
  - Scenarios
  - Inputs
  - Outputs



# About PRG Calculator

“The Radionuclide PRG calculator is part of a continuing effort by EPA’s Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology Innovation (OSRTI) to provide updated guidance for addressing radioactively contaminated sites consistent with EPA’s guidance for addressing chemically contaminated sites, except to account for the technical differences between radionuclides and chemicals.”

# PRGs Background

- Preliminary Remediation Goals for radionuclides
- Two general sources
  - Concentrations based on ARARs. Often the determining factors in establishing cleanup levels at CERCLA sites.
  - Risk-based, site-specific concentrations, derived from equations combining standardized exposure assumptions with EPA toxicity data.
    - Use standard equations when ARARs are not available or are not sufficiency protective.

# Site-specific Data

- PRGs can be calculated generically (w/out site-specific info).
- Then can be recalculated using site-specific data.
- Generic PRGs considered to be protective for humans, incl. the most sensitive groups.

# Use in Site Assessment

- PRGs are not de-facto cleanup standards and should not be applied as such.
- Use for **site-screening** and as **initial cleanup goals** when applicable.
  - Role in site-screening: help identify areas, contaminants, and conditions that do not require further attention.
  - Initial cleanup goals provide long-term targets to use during analysis of remedial alternatives.

## Use in Site Assessment (cont.)

- At site where contaminant conc. fall below PRGs, no further action or study is warranted.
- Conc. above PRGs do not automatically trigger a “dirty” designation or response action.
- Specific for individual chemicals for specific medium and land use combinations at sites.

# Carcinogenicity

- PRGs calculated for risk-based carcinogenicity of the analytes.
- Uranium is the only radionuclide for which chemical toxicity is comparable or greater than the radiotoxicity.
  - An RfD has been established for chemical kidney toxicity based on an ATSDR profile.
  - Use EPA Superfund RSL calculator to develop uranium PRG based on HI, use PRG calculators for  $10^{-6}$  cancer risk PRG.

# Expression

- Quantities expressed in units of activity (e.g. pCi) and units of mass (e.g. mg).
  - Typically units of activity are used to quantify the concentration of radioactive material in soil because carcinogenic risks of exposure in rad soils are more related to the decay rate than to its mass.
  - Mass is provided to help evaluate the efficacy of remediation technologies
- Do not address non-human health endpoints such as ecological impacts.

# PRG Calculator

- The PRG calculator establishes PRG concentrations for each radionuclide. Depending on the PRG option chosen, only the radionuclide selected may be considered or the parent and progeny may be considered.
- Cancer risk from all radiological and non-radiological contaminants should be summed to provide risk estimates to people exposed to both types of carcinogenic contaminants.





# CERCLA Risk and Dose Calculators

## Human Health - Radiological

### Cancer risk ( $1 \times 10^{-6}$ )

- ◆ PRG (soil, water and air) 2002
- ◆ BPRG (inside buildings) 2007
- ◆ SPRG (outside surfaces) 2009

### Dose (millirem per year)

- ◆ DCC (soil, water and air) 2004
- ◆ BDCC (inside buildings) 2010
- ◆ SDCC (outside surfaces) 2010
- ◆ RVISL (radon intrusion) 2021

## Human Health - Chemical

- ◆ RSL (soil, water, and air) 2008
- ◆ VISL (vapor intrusion) 2018



# Developmental Approach

- Identify PRGs at scoping.
- Create conceptual site model
- Modify PRGs as needed at end of RI or during FS based on site-specific info from baseline risk assessment.
- Select remediation levels in ROD.

# Development Approach – Conceptual Site Model

- Exposure pathways of concern and site conditions must match screening level assumptions.
- Developing CSM is necessary to identify:
  - Likely contaminant source areas
  - Exposure pathways
  - Potential receptors



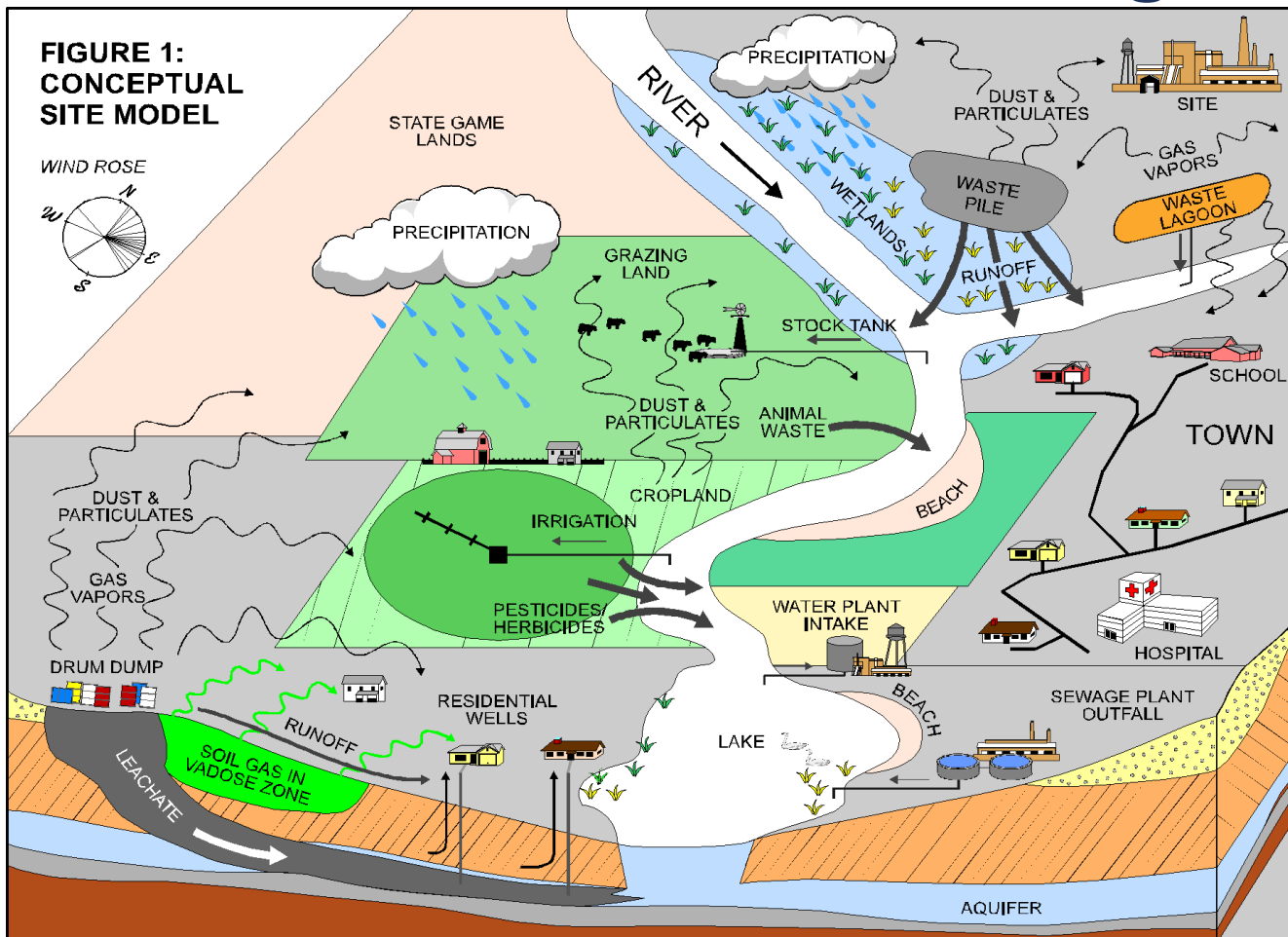
# Development Approach – Conceptual Site Model (cont.)

- Info from CSM can also be used to determine or assist with:
  - Applicability of screening levels at site
  - Prioritizing multiple sites within a facility or exposure units
  - Setting dose-based detection limits for contaminants of potential concern (COPCs)
  - Focusing future dose assessment efforts

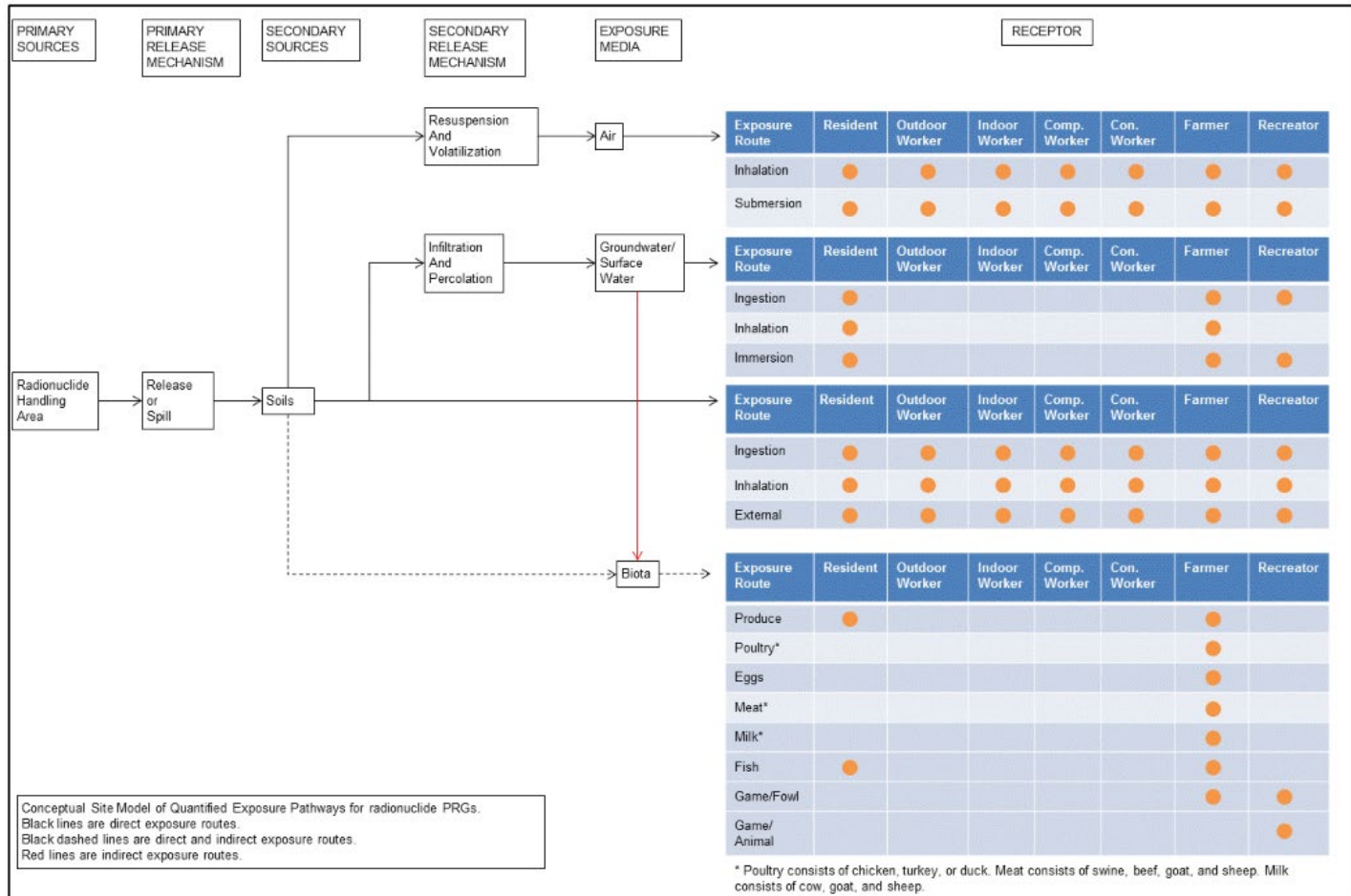
# Development Approach – Conceptual Site Model (cont.)

- Final CSM represents linkages among:
  - Contaminant sources
  - Release mechanisms
  - Exposure pathways
  - Routes and receptors
- CSM should address following questions:
  - Are there potential ecological concerns?
  - Is there potential for land use other than those covered by PRG levels?
  - Are there other likely human exposure pathways that were not considered in development of PRG levels?
  - Are there unusual site conditions?

# Example Conceptual Site Model – Overview of Contaminant Migration



# Example Conceptual Site Model for PRG and DCC

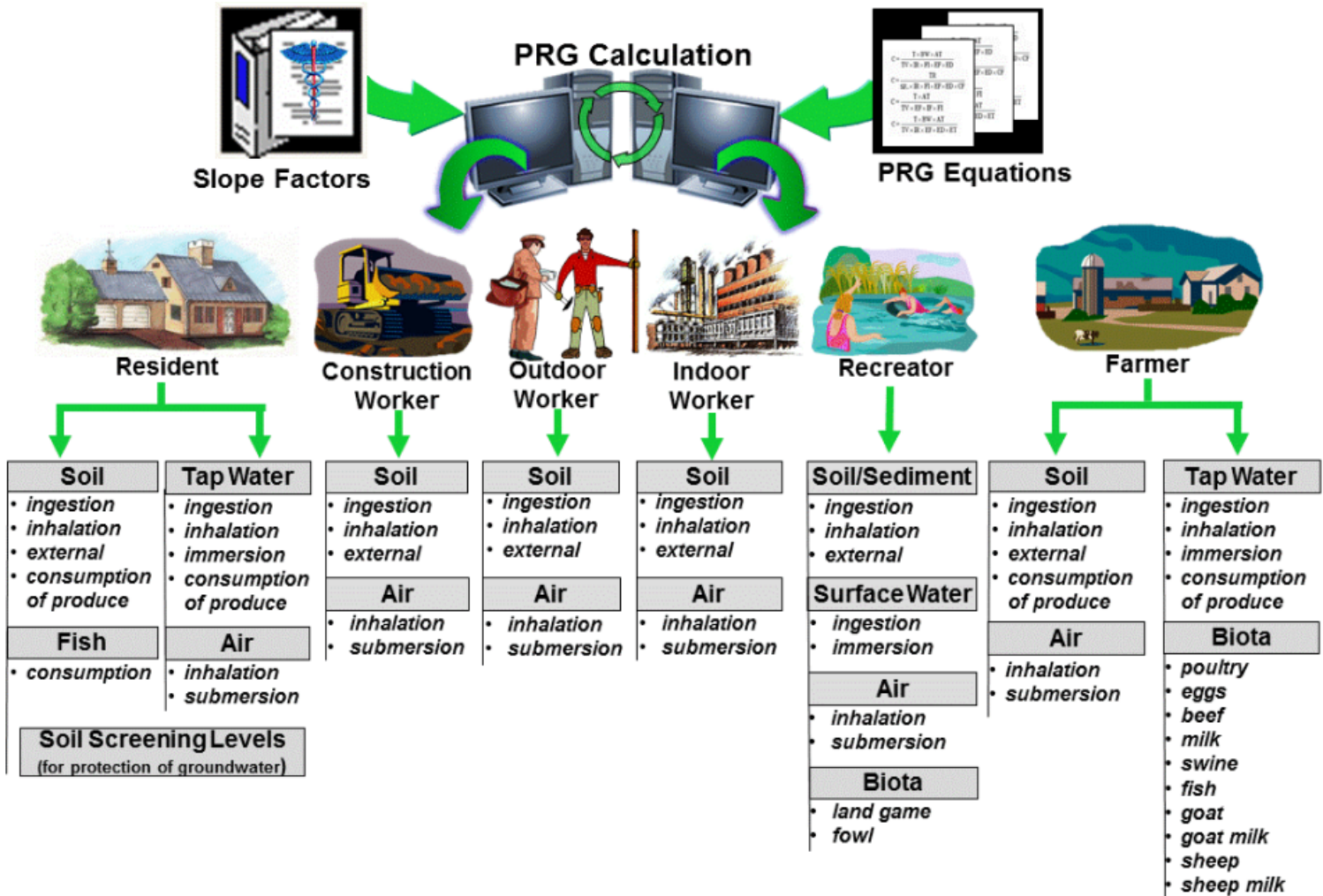


# Calculator Walkthrough

- Overview
  - Select scenario
  - Select PRG type
  - Select units
  - Select isotopes of interest
- Scenarios
- Site-specific considerations
- PRG Output Options



# PRG Calculator Overview



# PRG Calculator Inputs

## Using the PRG Calculator

### Select Scenario

- Resident
- Composite Worker
- Outdoor Worker
- Indoor Worker
- Construction Worker - Standard Unpaved Road Vehicle Traffic (Site-specific only)
- Construction Worker - Wind Erosion and Other Construction Activities (Site-specific only)
- Recreator (Site-specific only)
- Farmer
- Soil to Groundwater

### Select Media:

- Soil
- Air
- 2-D External Exposure
- Tap Water
- Fish

### Select PRG type

- Defaults
- Site-specific

### Select Risk Output:

- No
- Yes

### Select Units

- pCi
- Bq

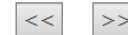
### Show Individual Produce PRG Output:

- No
- Yes

## Select Individual Isotopes

### Complete List

Ac-223  
Ac-224  
Ac-225  
Ac-226  
Ac-227  
Ac-228  
Ac-230  
Ac-231  
Ac-232  
Ac-233



### Selected

Am-241  
Cs-137  
Ra-226  
Tc-99

### Common Isotopes

I-131  
Pu-238  
Pu-239  
Pu-240  
Ra-228  
Rn-220  
Rn-222  
Sr-90  
Th-228  
Th-230



### Source and Decay Output Options

- Assumes period of peak risk (with decay and progeny ingrowth)
- Assumes secular equilibrium throughout chain (no decay)
- Does not assume secular equilibrium, provides results for progeny throughout chain
- Does not assume secular equilibrium, provides results for selected isotopes only

### Peak Time Period

- Infinite (Default)
- 10,000 Years
- 1,000 Years
- 100 Years
- Other:  (Values between 70 years and 1E+12 years only)

# Select scenario

- Exposure scenario affects allowed toxicity levels based on length, frequency, and intensity of exposure.
- Scenarios
  - Resident
  - Composite worker
  - Outdoor worker
  - Indoor worker
  - Construction Worker - Standard Unpaved Road Vehicle Traffic (Site-specific only)
  - Construction Worker - Wind Erosion and Other Construction Activities (Site-specific only)
  - Recreator (Site-specific only)
  - Farmer
  - Soil to Groundwater

# Select PRG Type, Units, Isotopes

- Use default site parameters
- Enter site-specific parameters
  - Select chemical info type: database hierarchy defaults or user-provided.
- Select units of activity: pCi/g or Bq/g
- Select isotopes of interest

# Calculator Site-Specific Inputs

## Resident Exposure to Air

### Inhalation and External Exposure

#### Air Inhalation

$$PRG_{res-air-inh-decay} \left( pCi/m^3 \right) = \frac{TR \times t_r \text{ (yr)} \times \lambda \left( \frac{1}{yr} \right)}{(1 - e^{-\lambda t_r}) \times SF_i \left( \frac{risk}{pCi} \right) \times IFA_{r-adj} \left( 161,000 \text{ m}^3 \right)}$$

where:

$$IFA_{r-adj} \left( 161,000 \text{ m}^3 \right) = \left( EF_{r-c} \left( \frac{350 \text{ day}}{yr} \right) \times ED_{r-c} \text{ (6 yr)} \times ET_{r-c} \left( \frac{24 \text{ hr}}{\text{day}} \right) \times \left( \frac{1 \text{ day}}{24 \text{ hours}} \right) \times IRA_{r-c} \left( \frac{10 \text{ m}^3}{\text{day}} \right) \right) + \left( EF_{r-a} \left( \frac{350 \text{ day}}{yr} \right) \times ED_{r-a} \text{ (20 yr)} \times ET_{r-a} \left( \frac{24 \text{ hr}}{\text{day}} \right) \times \left( \frac{1 \text{ day}}{24 \text{ hours}} \right) \times IRA_{r-a} \left( \frac{20 \text{ m}^3}{\text{day}} \right) \right)$$

#### Air Inhalation (without decay)

#### Air Submersion

#### Air Submersion (without decay)

#### Air Total

#### Air Total (without decay)

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for  
equations.



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# Calculator Site-Specific Inputs

<input type="text" value="26"/>	$ED_r$ (exposure duration - resident) yr	<input type="text" value="24"/>	$ET_{r-c}$ (exposure time - resident child) hr
<input type="text" value="20"/>	$ED_{r-a}$ (exposure duration - resident adult) yr	<input type="text" value="1.0"/>	$GSF_a$ (gamma shielding factor - air) unitless
<input type="text" value="6"/>	$ED_{r-c}$ (exposure duration - resident child) yr	<input type="text" value="161000"/>	$IFA_{r-adj}$ (age-adjusted inhalation factor) $m^3$
<input type="text" value="350"/>	$EF_r$ (exposure frequency) day/yr	<input type="text" value="20"/>	$IRA_{r-a}$ (inhalation rate - resident adult) $m^3/day$
<input type="text" value="350"/>	$EF_{r-a}$ (exposure frequency - resident adult) day/yr	<input type="text" value="10"/>	$IRA_{r-c}$ (inhalation rate - resident child) $m^3/day$
<input type="text" value="350"/>	$EF_{r-c}$ (exposure frequency - resident child) day/yr	<input type="text" value="26"/>	$t_r$ (time - resident) yr
<input type="text" value="24"/>	$ET_r$ (exposure time - resident) hr	<input type="text" value="1.0E-6"/>	TR (target cancer risk) unitless
<input type="text" value="24"/>	$ET_{r-a}$ (exposure time - resident adult) hr		

- Blue fields are not user-changeable.
- Values determined by other inputs.
  - Ex:  $IRA_{r-adj}$  depends on  $IRA_{r-a}$ ,  $IRA_{r-c}$ ,  $ED_{r-a}$ , and  $ED_{r-c}$

# Residential Scenario

- The resident spends most, if not all, of the day at home except for the hours spent at work.
- The activities for this receptor involve typical homemaking chores (cooking, cleaning, and laundering) as well as gardening.
- Adults and children exhibit different ingestion rates for soil and produce. The equations account for age adjustment.
  - For example, the child resident is assumed to ingest 200 mg per day while the adult ingests 100 mg per day.



# Residential Exposure Pathways

- Ambient air
- Tap water
- Soil
- 2D direct external exposure
- Soil to groundwater
- Fish



# Resident Common Parameters

- ◆ These are used in most resident equations. Changes here get carried to other areas.

Parameters Common to all Exposure Route Equations	
<input type="text" value="26"/> $ED_r$ (exposure duration - resident) yr	<input type="text" value="24"/> $ET_r$ (exposure time - resident) hr
<input type="text" value="20"/> $ED_{r-a}$ (exposure duration - resident adult) yr	<input type="text" value="24"/> $ET_{r-a}$ (exposure time - resident adult) hr
<input type="text" value="6"/> $ED_{r-c}$ (exposure duration - resident child) yr	<input type="text" value="24"/> $ET_{r-c}$ (exposure time - resident child) hr
<input type="text" value="350"/> $EF_r$ (exposure frequency - resident) day/yr	<input type="text" value="26"/> $t_r$ (time - resident) yr
<input type="text" value="350"/> $EF_{r-a}$ (exposure frequency - resident adult) day/yr	<input type="text" value="1.0E-6"/> TR (target cancer risk) unitless
<input type="text" value="350"/> $EF_{r-c}$ (exposure frequency - resident child) day/yr	

# Residential Ambient Air

- Two sets of equations
  - With half-life decay function – contaminants in air **are not being replenished** (e.g. contaminated settled dust from a previous release that is being resuspended)
  - Without half-life decay function – contaminants in air have a continual source (e.g. indoor radon from radium in the soil)
- Exposure routes: inhalation, external exposure to ionizing radiation



# Residential Ambient Air SS Inputs Inhalation and External Exposure

$ED_r$  (exposure duration - resident) yr

$ED_{r-a}$  (exposure duration - resident adult) yr

$ED_{r-c}$  (exposure duration - resident child) yr

$EF_r$  (exposure frequency) day/yr

$EF_{r-a}$  (exposure frequency - resident adult) day/yr

$EF_{r-c}$  (exposure frequency - resident child) day/yr

$ET_r$  (exposure time - resident) hr

$ET_{r-a}$  (exposure time - resident adult) hr

$ET_{r-c}$  (exposure time - resident child) hr

$GSF_a$  (gamma shielding factor - air) unitless

$IFA_{r-adj}$  (age-adjusted inhalation factor)  $m^3$

$IRA_{r-a}$  (inhalation rate - resident adult)  $m^3/day$

$IRA_{r-c}$  (inhalation rate - resident child)  $m^3/day$

$t_r$  (time - resident) yr

TR (target cancer risk) unitless

## NOTES:

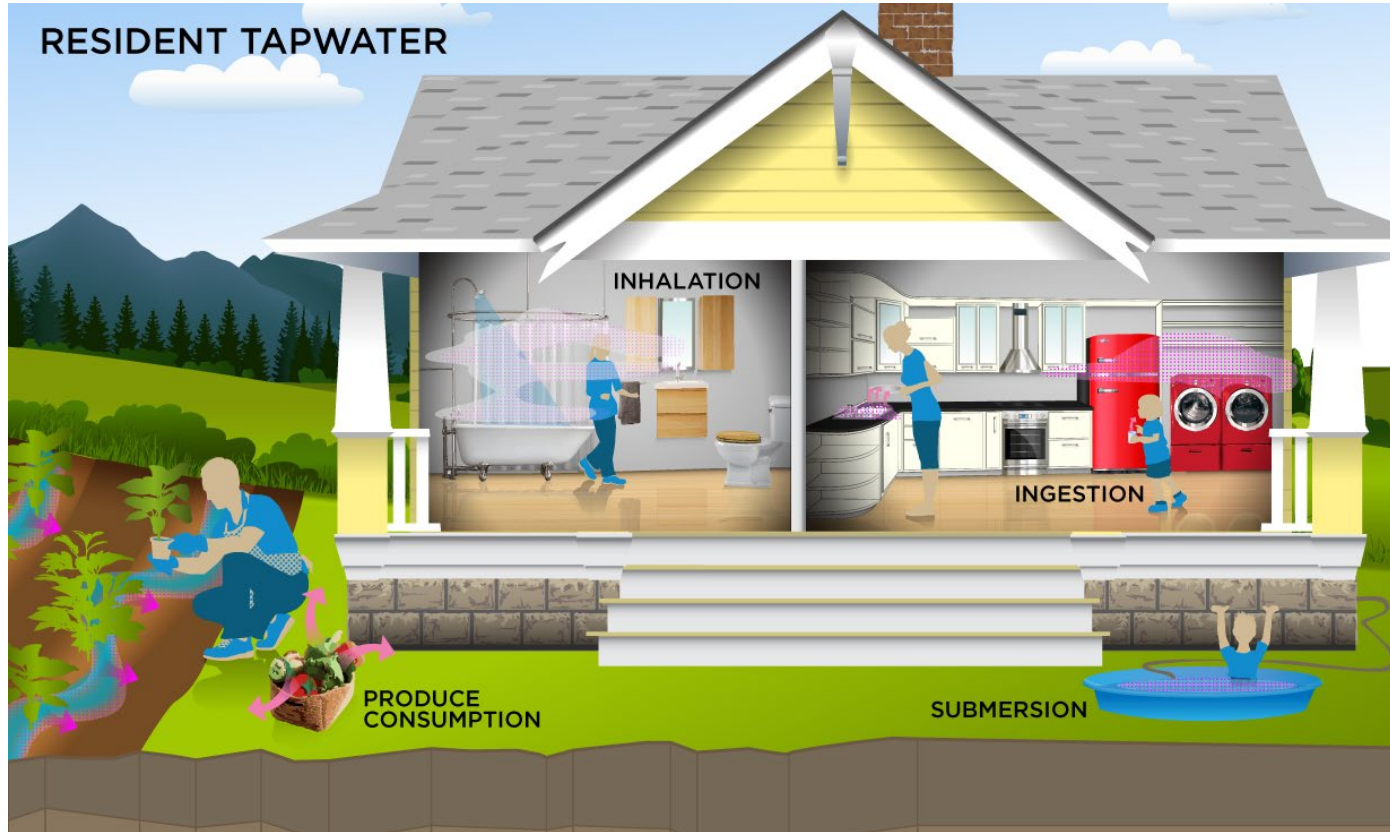
1.  $SF_i$ =inhalation slope factor (risk/pCi).
2.  $SF_{sub}$ =submersion slope factor (risk/pCi)
3.  $t_r = ED_r = ED_{r-c} + ED_{r-a}$
4.  $\lambda$ =decay constant

# Residential Tapwater

- Resident is exposed to radionuclides in tapwater delivered into the home.
- Exposure routes:
  - Ingestion
  - External Exposure - Immersion
  - Inhalation of volatiles
    - Only for radionuclides that volatilize: C-14, H-3, Rn-219, Rn-220, Rn-222, and radon short lived decay products that are airborne, or isotopes that decay into one of the three radons.
    - Accounts for air exchange rate effect on radon progeny levels.
    - From household water uses: showering, laundering, dishwashing, etc.
  - Consumption of fruits and vegetables grown on contaminated soil



# Residential Tapwater



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# Residential Tapwater SS Inputs Ingestion, Inhalation, and Irrigation Exposure

0.18	Select air exchanges per hour for $A_{eq}$	10	$IRA_{res-c}$ (inhalation rate - resident child) $m^3/day$
6104	$DFA_{res-adj}$ (age-adjusted immersion factor - resident) hr	3.62	$I_r$ (irrigation rate) $L/m^2\text{-day}$
26	$ED_{res}$ (exposure duration - resident) yr	2.5	$IRW_{res-a}$ (water intake rate - resident adult) $L/day$
20	$ED_{res-a}$ (exposure duration - resident adult) yr	0.78	$IRW_{res-c}$ (water intake rate - resident child) $L/day$
6	$ED_{res-c}$ (exposure duration - resident child) yr	0.5	$K$ (volatilization factor of Andelman) $L/m^3$
350	$EF_{res-a}$ (exposure frequency - resident adult) day/yr	0.000027	$\lambda_{HL}$ (soil leaching rate) 1/day
350	$EF_{res-c}$ (exposure frequency - resident child) day/yr	240	$P$ (area density for root zone) $kg/m^2$
		1	$T$ (translocation factor) unitless
		0.71	$ET_{event-res-a}$ (duration of bathing event - adult) hr/event

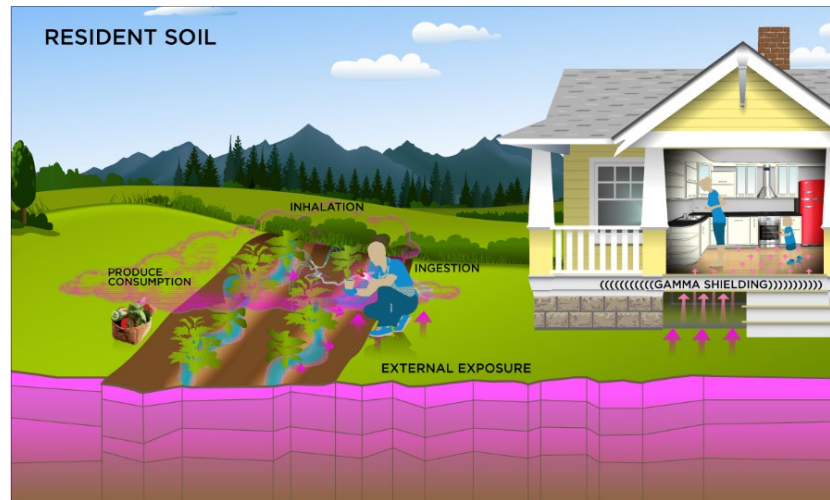
# Residential Tapwater SS Inputs Ingestion, Inhalation, and Irrigation Exposure (cont.)

<input type="text" value="24"/>	$ET_{res-a}$ (exposure time - resident adult) hr/day	<input type="text" value="10950"/>	$t_b$ (long term deposition and buildup) day
<input type="text" value="24"/>	$ET_{res-c}$ (exposure time - resident child) hr/day	<input type="text" value="0.54"/>	$ET_{event-res-c}$ (duration of bathing event - child)
<input type="text" value="1"/>	$EV_{res-a}$ (bathing events per day - resident adult)	<input type="text" value="1E-06"/>	TR (target cancer risk) unitless
<input type="text" value="1"/>	event/day $EV_{res-c}$ (bathing events per day - resident child)	<input type="text" value="60"/>	$t_v$ (above ground exposure time) day
<input type="text" value="0.25"/>	event/day F (irrigation period) unitless	<input type="text" value="14"/>	$t_w$ (weathering half-life) day
<input type="text" value="161000"/>	$IFA_{res-adj}$ (age-adjusted inhalation factor - resident) $m^3$	<input type="text" value="2"/>	$Y_v$ (plant yield - wet) $kg/m^2$
<input type="text" value="0.42"/>	$I_f$ (interception fraction) unitless		
<input type="text" value="19138"/>	$IFW_{res-adj}$ (adjusted intake factor - resident) L-yr/kg-day		
<input type="text" value="20"/>	$IRA_{res-a}$ (inhalation rate - resident adult) $m^3/day$		

## NOTES:

1.  $SF_f$  = Food Ingestion Slope Factor (risk/pCi)
2.  $SF_i$  = Inhalation Slope Factor (risk/pCi)
3.  $SF_w$  = Water Ingestion Slope Factor (risk/pCi)
4.  $SF_{imm}$  = Immersion External Exposure Slope Factor [(risk/year)/(pCi/ $m^3$ )]

# Residential Soil



- Exposure routes:
  - Incidental ingestion of soil
  - Inhalation of particles emitted from soil (wind-blown dust)
  - External exposure to ionizing radiation
  - Consumption of fruits and vegetables grown on contaminated soil



# Residential Soil SS Inputs

## Ingestion, External, Inhalation and Produce

Select site area <input type="text"/> Site area for ACF	<input type="text" value="16.416"/> $ET_{res-i}$ (exposure time - indoor resident) hr/day
Select a cover layer <input type="text"/> Cover layer thickness for $GSF_o$	<input type="text" value="1.752"/> $ET_{res-o}$ (exposure time - outdoor resident) hr/day
Select a cover layer <input type="text"/> Cover layer thickness for $GSF_b$	<input type="text" value="0.4"/> $GSF_i$ (gamma shielding factor - indoor) unitless
<input type="text" value="26"/> $ED_{res}$ (exposure duration - resident) yr	<input type="text" value="161000"/> $IFA_{res-adj}$ (age-adjusted soil inhalation factor - resident) $m^3$
<input type="text" value="20"/> $ED_{res-a}$ (exposure duration - resident adult) yr	<input type="text" value="1120000"/> $IFS_{res-adj}$ (age-adjusted soil ingestion factor - resident) mg
<input type="text" value="6"/> $ED_{res-c}$ (exposure duration - resident child) yr	<input type="text" value="20"/> $IRA_{res-a}$ (inhalation rate - resident adult) $m^3/day$
<input type="text" value="350"/> $EF_{res}$ (exposure frequency - resident) day/yr	<input type="text" value="10"/> $IRA_{res-c}$ (inhalation rate - resident child) $m^3/day$
<input type="text" value="350"/> $EF_{res-a}$ (exposure frequency - resident adult) day/yr	<input type="text" value="100"/> $IRS_{res-a}$ (soil intake rate - resident adult) mg/day
<input type="text" value="350"/> $EF_{res-c}$ (exposure frequency - resident child) day/yr	<input type="text" value="200"/> $IRS_{res-c}$ (soil intake rate - resident child) mg/day
<input type="text" value="24"/> $ET_{res}$ (exposure time - resident) hr/day	<input type="text" value="26"/> $t_{res}$ (time - resident) yr
<input type="text" value="24"/> $ET_{res-a}$ (exposure time - resident adult) hr/day	<input type="text" value="1.0E-6"/> TR (target cancer risk) unitless
<input type="text" value="24"/> $ET_{res-c}$ (exposure time - resident child) hr/day	

**NOTES:**

- $SF_s$  = soil ingestion slope factor (risk/pCi).
- $SF_i$  = inhalation slope factor (risk/pCi).
- $SF_{ext-sv}$  = external exposure slope factor (risk-g/pCi-yr).
- $ED_{res} = t_{res}$
- $\lambda$  = decay constant
- $0 \leq GSF_i \leq 1$
- $Q/C_{wind}$  = calculations based on site size and climactic zone. Further details on the derivation of  $Q/C_{wind}$  can be found in [Appendix D](#)
- A, B, C = PEF region-specific dispersion constants (unitless)

# Residential Soil SS Inputs

## Ingestion, External, Inhalation and Produce Exposure (cont.)

Parameters Common to all Produce Routes	
<u>Produce Consumption - direct</u>	
<input type="text" value="20"/> $ED_{res-a}$ (exposure duration - resident adult) yr	<input type="text" value="1.0E-6"/> TR (target cancer risk) unitless
<input type="text" value="6"/> $ED_{res-c}$ (exposure duration - resident child) yr	<input type="text" value="Temperate"/> Climate zone
<input type="text" value="350"/> $EF_{res-a}$ (exposure frequency - resident adult) day/yr	<input type="text" value="Default"/> Soil type
<input type="text" value="350"/> $EF_{res-c}$ (exposure frequency - resident child) day/yr	

# Residential Soil SS Inputs

## Ingestion, External, Inhalation and Produce Exposure (cont.)

### Select Produce Items to Include

- Toggle All
- Apples
- Asparagus
- Beets
- Berries
- Broccoli
- Cabbage
- Carrots
- Cereal Grains
- Citrus Fruits
- Corn
- Cucumbers
- Lettuce
- Lima Beans

- Okra
- Onions
- Peaches
- Pears
- Peas
- Peppers
- Potatoes
- Pumpkin
- Rice
- Snap Beans
- Strawberries
- Tomatoes

Toggle intake rates:  Fresh weight  Cooked weight

To completely remove produce from the output, un-check the 'Toggle All' box.

# Residential Soil SS Inputs

## Ingestion, External, Inhalation and Produce Exposure (cont.)

Apples	
<input type="text" value="1"/> $CF_{res-apple}$ (contaminated apple fraction) unitless	<input type="text" value="72.2"/> $IRAP_{res-c}$ (apple ingestion rate - resident child) g/day
<input type="text" value="667520"/> $IFAP_{res-adj}$ (age-adjusted apple ingestion factor) g	<input type="text" value=".000160"/> $MLF_{apple}$ (apple mass loading factor) unitless
<input type="text" value="73.7"/> $IRAP_{res-a}$ (apple ingestion rate - resident adult) g/day	

Asparagus	
<input type="text" value="1"/> $CF_{res-asparagus}$ (contaminated asparagus fraction) unitless	<input type="text" value="12.0"/> $IRAS_{res-c}$ (asparagus ingestion rate - resident child) g/day
<input type="text" value="300300"/> $IFAS_{res-adj}$ (age-adjusted asparagus ingestion factor) g	<input type="text" value=".0000790"/> $MLF_{asparagus}$ (asparagus mass loading factor) unitless
<input type="text" value="39.3"/> $IRAS_{res-a}$ (asparagus ingestion rate - resident adult) g/day	

# Residential Soil SS Inputs Particulate Emission Factor

Particulate Emission Factor	
<a href="#">Particulate Emission Factor</a>	
Default	City (Climatic Zone) - Selection based on most likely climatic conditions for the site
0.5	$A_s$ (acres)
1359344438	PEF (particulate emission factor) $m^3/kg$
93.77	$Q/C_{wp}$ / inverse of the ratio of the geometric mean air concentration to the emission flux at center of a square source ( $g/m^2 \cdot s$ per $kg/m^3$ ) PEF Selection
16.2302	A (Dispersion Constant)
18.7762	B (Dispersion Constant)
216.108	C (Dispersion Constant)
0.194	$F(x)$ / function dependant on $U_m/U_t$ derived using Cowherd et al. (1985) (unitless)
0.5	V / fraction of vegetative cover (unitless)
4.69	$U_m$ / mean annual wind speed (m/s)
11.32	$U_t$ / equivalent threshold value (m/s)



# Res 2D Direct External Exposure

- Alternate equations for external exposure solely for ionizing radiation of radionuclides in soil ( no ing or inh).
- Designed to look at external exposure contamination from different area sizes.
- Area sizes considered (m<sup>2</sup>):
  - 1
  - 2
  - 5
  - 10
  - 20
  - 50
  - 100
  - 200
  - 500
  - 1000
  - 2000
  - 5000
  - 10,000
  - 20,000
  - 50,000

# Res 2D Direct External Exposure Scenarios

- Infinite soil depth – “3D” model
- 1 cm soil depth
- 5 cm soil depth
- 15 cm soil depth
  - Soil depth models based on mass (pCi/g)
- Contaminant dust on ground plane.
  - Based on area, expressed in pCi/cm<sup>2</sup>.



# Buried Waste

- ◆ PRG and DCC have option for the effects of clean soil on top of buried waste. Depth-specific gamma shielding factors ( $GSF_{o,s}$ ) are now given for:
  - Various slope and dose conversion factors (ground plane, 1 cm, 5 cm, 15 cm and infinite depth) and various soil cover depths
  - Does not account for radionuclide transport (e.g., radon through the cap, radionuclide leaching to groundwater)
  - Assumes cover does not degrade
  - Covers of 0, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100 cm 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 m are available.
  - Receptor outside and inside buildings



# Buried Waste (cont.)

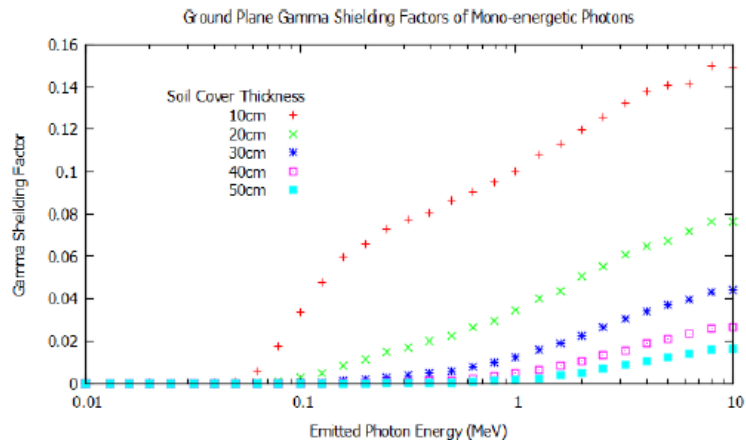


Figure 2: Ground Plane GSF of Mono-energetic Photons with Cover Thickness 10cm through 50cm

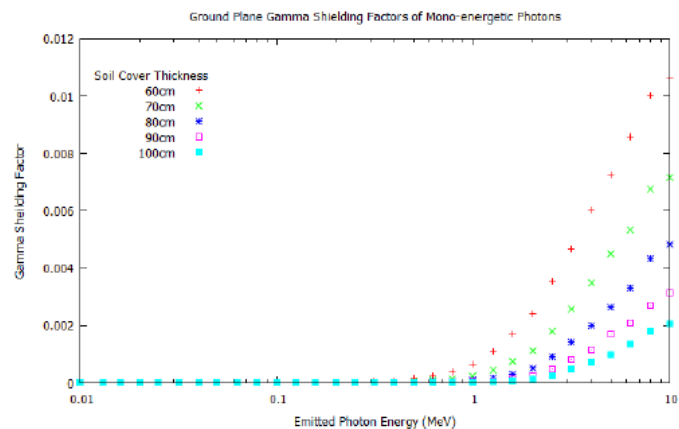


Figure 3: Ground Plane GSF of Mono-energetic Photons with Cover Thickness 60cm through 100cm

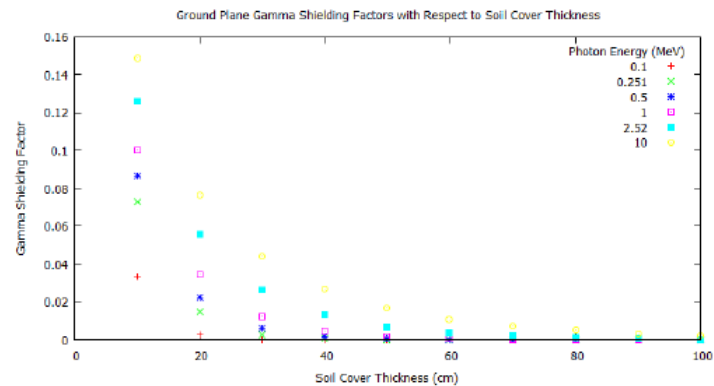


Figure 4: Ground Plane GSF of Mono-energetic Photons versus Cover Thickness at Various Energies

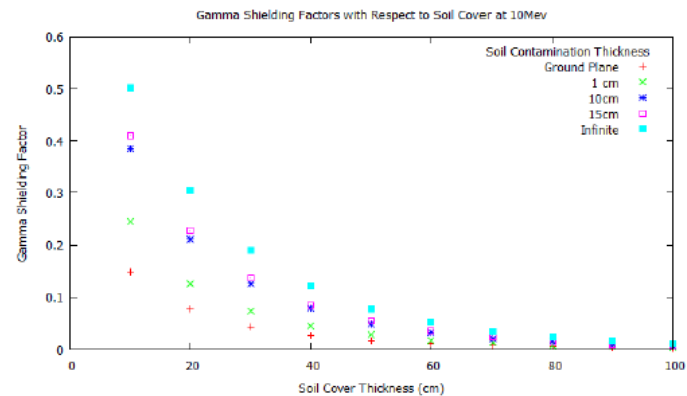


Figure 5: GSF at 10 MeV using Various Contamination Thicknesses with Respect to Soil Cover Depth

# Residential 2D SS Inputs

## Resident Exposure to Alternate External Sources

$ED_r$  (exposure duration - resident) yr

$EF_r$  (exposure frequency - resident) day/yr

$ET_{r-i}$  (exposure time - indoor resident) hr/day

$ET_{r-o}$  (exposure time - outdoor resident) hr/day

$GSF_i$  (gamma shielding factor - indoor) unitless

$t_r$  (time - resident) yr

TR (target cancer risk) unitless

### NOTES:

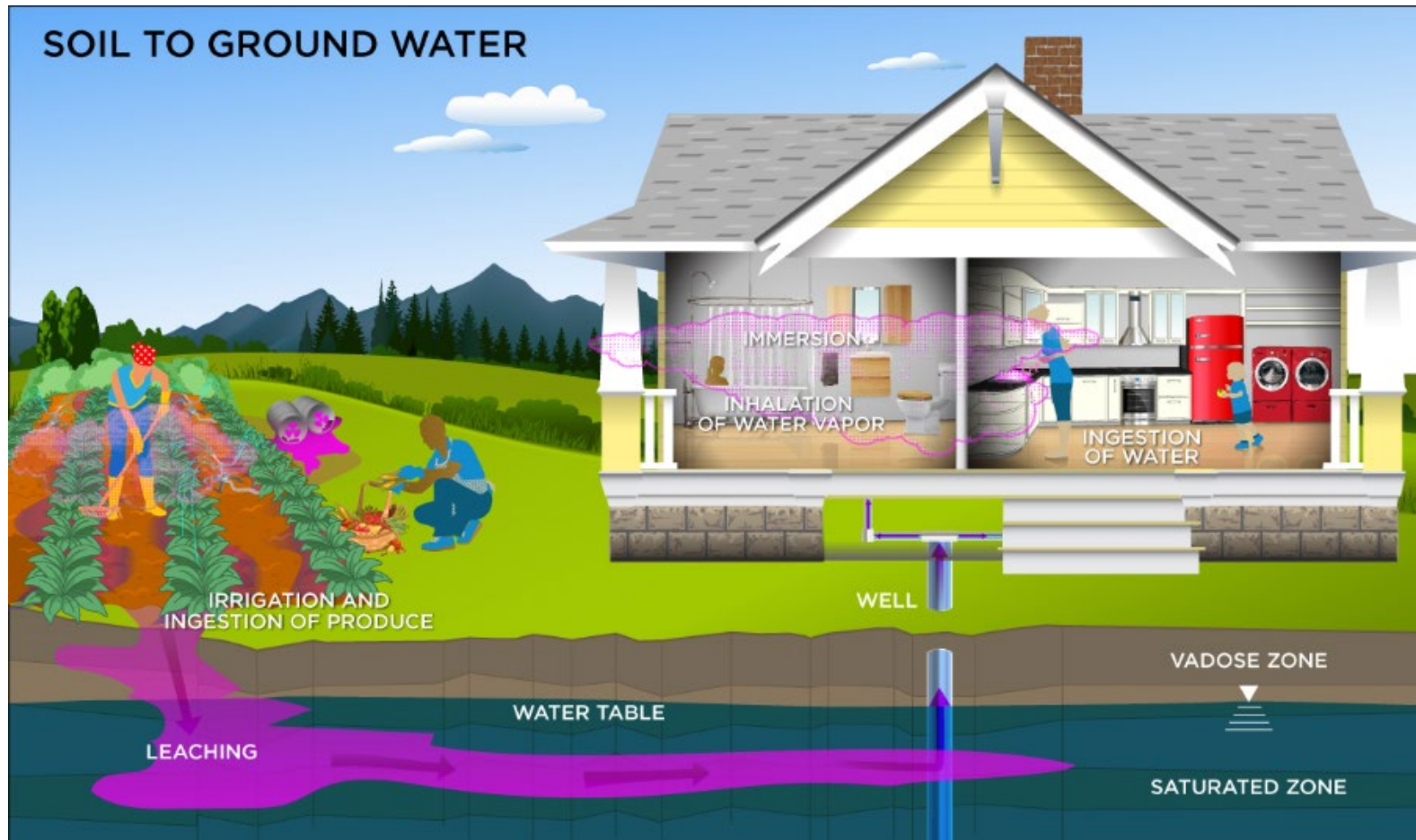
1. Slab size for ACF in alternate external exposure equations is determined by area selected in soil section above
2. Soil thickness for  $GSF_o$  in alternate external exposure equations is determined by area selected in soil section above
3.  $SF_{ext-gp}$ =ground plane external exposure slope factor (mrem-cm<sup>2</sup>/pCi-yr).
4.  $SF_{ext-sv}$ =infinite soil volume external exposure slope factor (mrem-g/pCi-yr).
5.  $SF_{ext-1cm}$ =soil volume at 1 cm external exposure slope factor (mrem-g/pCi-yr).
6.  $SF_{ext-5cm}$ =soil volume at 5 cm external exposure slope factor (mrem-g/pCi-yr).
7.  $SF_{ext-15cm}$ =soil volume at 15 cm external exposure slope factor (mrem-g/pCi-yr).
8.  $\lambda$ =decay constant
9.  $ED_r = t_r$

# Residential Soil to Groundwater

- Identifies concentrations in soil that have the potential to contaminate groundwater above risk-based concentrations (RBCs) such as PRGs or MCLs.
- Migration of contaminants from soil to groundwater can be envisioned as a two-stage process. Scenario considers both of these fate and transport mechanisms.
  - Release of contaminant from soil to soil leachate.
  - Transport of the contaminant through the underlying soil and aquifer to a receptor well.



# Residential Soil to Groundwater



# Res Soil to GW – Soil Screening Levels

- SSLs accommodate partitioning between soil and water using Kds per guidance.
- Designed for use during early states of site evaluation when info about subsurface conditions is limited.
- Based on conservative, simplifying assumptions about release and transport of contaminants in subsurface.
- Other models from SSG, rad SSG 2000 and TBD Part 3 are available.

# Steps to Calculate SSLs

- Acceptable groundwater concentration is multiplied by a dilution factor to obtain a target leachate concentration.
- Partition equation is then used to calculate the total soil concentration corresponding to this soil leachate concentration.

# Residential Soil to Groundwater SS Inputs – Dilution Factor for Migration to Groundwater

Dilution Factor for Migration to Groundwater			
Dilution Attenuation Factor	$DAF = 1 + \frac{\left( K \left( \frac{m}{yr} \right) \times i \left( \frac{m}{m} \right) \times d(m) \right)}{\left( i \left( \frac{m}{yr} \right) \times L(m) \right)}$ $d(m) = \left( 0.0112 \times L(m)^2 \right)^{0.5} + d_a(m) \times \left\{ 1 - e^{\left[ \frac{-L(m) \times i \left( \frac{m}{yr} \right)}{\left( K \left( \frac{m}{yr} \right) \times i \left( \frac{m}{m} \right) \times d_a(m) \right)} \right]} \right\}$		
Mixing Zone Depth			
<input type="text" value="1"/>	DAF (dilution attenuation factor) unitless	<input type="text" value="."/>	$d_a$ (aquifer thickness) m - site-specific
<input type="text" value="."/>	K (aquifer hydraulic conductivity) m/yr	<input type="text" value="."/>	i (hydraulic gradient) m/m
<input type="text" value="."/>	L (source length parallel to ground water flow) m	<input type="text" value="0.18"/>	I (infiltration rate) m/yr
<input type="text" value="."/>	d (mixing zone depth) m - site-specific		
<p><b>NOTES:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The dilution factor (DAF) has a default of 1 for a &lt;= 0.5-acre source.</li> <li>If DAF is known, enter it above. Or, to calculate DAF, enter your own site-specific values for the variables in the necessary fields above.</li> <li>When DAF is entered or calculated, the values for the blue DAF boxes in the Migration to Groundwater sections below will be populated. If DAF is not entered or calculated, the default value of 1 will be used.</li> </ol>			

# Residential Soil to Groundwater SS Inputs – Partitioning Equation for Migration to Groundwater

## Partitioning Equation for Migration to Groundwater

### Method 1

$$SSL \left( \frac{pCi}{g} \right) = C_w \left( \frac{pCi}{L} \right) \times 10^{-3} \left( \frac{kg}{g} \right) \times \left( K_d \left( \frac{L}{kg} \right) + \frac{\theta_w \left( \frac{L_{water}}{L_{soil}} \right)}{\rho_b \left( \frac{kg}{L} \right)} \right) \times \frac{t \times \lambda}{(1 - e^{-\lambda t})}$$

where:

$$C_w = MCL \text{ or } PRG \times DAF$$

DAF (dilution attenuation factor) unitless

t (time) yr

$\rho_b$  (dry soil bulk density) kg/L

$\theta_w$  (water-filled soil porosity)  $L_{water}/L_{soil}$

### NOTES:

1. The Partitioning Equation for Migration to Ground Water is used by default. To use the [Mass-Limit Equation](#), enter values for the required parameters in the section below.
2. The dilution factor (DAF) has a default of 1 for a  $\leq 0.5$ -acre source.
3. If DAF is known, enter it in the [Dilution Factor](#) section above. When DAF is entered or calculated in the section above, the value for the blue DAF box in this section will be populated. If DAF is not entered or calculated, the default value of 1 will be used.



# Residential Soil to Groundwater SS Inputs – Mass-Limit Equation for Migration to Groundwater

## Mass-Limit Equation for Migration to Groundwater

### Method 2

$$SSL \left( \frac{pCi}{g} \right) = \frac{C_w \left( \frac{pCi}{L} \right) \times I \left( \frac{m}{yr} \right) \times ED_{gw} (70 \text{ yr}) \times 10^{-3} \left( \frac{kg}{g} \right) \times \lambda}{\rho_b \left( \frac{kg}{L} \right) \times d_s (m) \times (1 - e^{-\lambda t})}$$

where:

$$C_w = MCL \text{ or } PRG \times DAF$$

DAF (dilution attenuation factor) unitless

ED<sub>gw</sub> (exposure duration) yr

d<sub>s</sub> (depth of source) m - site-specific

ρ<sub>b</sub> (dry soil bulk density) kg/L

### NOTES:

1. The [Partitioning Equation](#) for Migration to Groundwater above is used by default. To use the Mass-Limit Equation, enter values for ED, d<sub>s</sub>, and P<sub>b</sub> in this section and enter a value for I in the [Dilution Factor](#) section above.
2. The dilution factor (DAF) has a default of 1 for a <= 0.5-acre source.
3. If DAF is known, enter it in the [Dilution Factor](#) section above. When DAF is entered or calculated in the section above, the value for the blue DAF box in this section will be populated. If DAF is not entered or calculated, the default value of 1 will be used.

# Residential Fish



- Radionuclide concentration in fish tissue consumed.
- Consumption rate for fish is not age-adjusted like the farmer scenario is.



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# Residential Fish SS Inputs

## Resident Exposure to Consumption of Fish

### Ingestion Exposure

#### Fish Ingestion

$$PRG_{\text{res-fsh-ing}} (\text{pCi/g}) = \frac{TR}{SF_{\text{fsh}} \left( \frac{\text{risk}}{\text{pCi}} \right) \times EF_r \left( \frac{350 \text{ day}}{\text{yr}} \right) \times ED_r (26 \text{ yr}) \times IRF_a \left( \frac{54 \text{ g}}{\text{day}} \right) \times CF_{\text{fish}} (1)}$$

**26**  $ED_r$  (exposure duration - resident) yr

**350**  $EF_r$  (exposure frequency - resident) day/yr

**54**  $IRF_a$  (fish intake rate - adult) g/day

**26**  $t_r$  (time - resident) yr

**1.0E-6** TR (target cancer risk) unitless

#### NOTES:

1.  $SF_o$  = food dose conversion factor (mrem/pCi), rad-specific

# Composite Worker Scenario

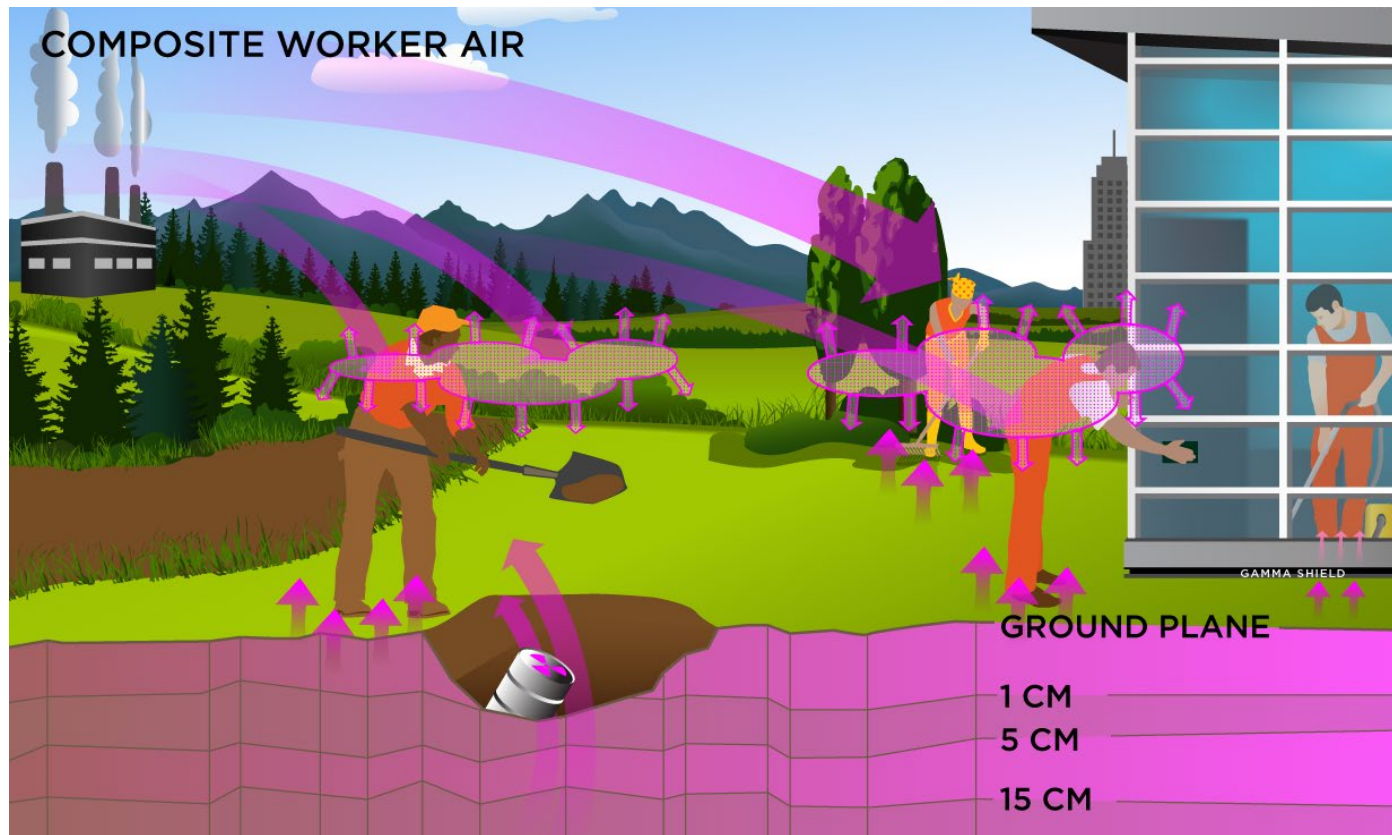
- Combines the most protective exposure assumptions of the outdoor and indoor workers.
- Only difference from outdoor worker is that composite worker uses the more-protective exposure frequency of 250 days/year from the indoor worker scenario.



# Composite Worker Scenario



# Composite Worker Scenario



# Outdoor Worker Scenario

- Long-term receptor exposed during the work day who is a full-time employee working on-site and who spends most of the workday conducting maintenance activities outdoors.
- Activities (e.g. moderate digging, landscaping) typically involve on-site exposures to surface soils.

# Outdoor Worker Scenario

- Expected to have an elevated soil ingestion rate (100 mg/day); most highly exposed receptor in the outdoor environment under commercial/industrial conditions.
- Exposure pathways:
  - Ambient air
  - Soil
  - 2D direct external exposure



# Outdoor Worker Common Parameters

## Parameters Common to all Exposure Route Equations

<input type="text" value="25"/>	ED <sub>ow</sub> (exposure duration - outdoor worker) yr	<input type="text" value="25"/>	t <sub>ow</sub> (time - outdoor worker) yr
<input type="text" value="225"/>	EF <sub>ow</sub> (exposure frequency - outdoor worker) day/yr	<input type="text" value="1.0E-6"/>	TR (target cancer risk) unitless
<input type="text" value="8"/>	ET <sub>ow</sub> (exposure time - outdoor worker) hr/day		

# Outdoor Worker Ambient Air

- Two equations:
  - With half-life decay function for contaminant in air that is not being replenished.
  - Without half-life decay function for contaminant in air that is being replenished.
- Exposure Pathways
  - Inhalation
  - External exposure to contaminants in air

# Outdoor Worker Ambient Air SS Inputs – Internal and External Exposure

<input type="text" value="25"/> ED <sub>ow</sub> (exposure duration - outdoor worker) yr	<input type="text" value="60"/> IRA <sub>ow</sub> (inhalation rate - outdoor worker) m <sup>3</sup> /day
<input type="text" value="225"/> EF <sub>ow</sub> (exposure frequency - outdoor worker) day/yr	<input type="text" value="25"/> t <sub>ow</sub> (time - outdoor worker) yr
<input type="text" value="8"/> ET <sub>ow</sub> (exposure time - outdoor worker) hr	<input type="text" value="1.0E-6"/> TR (target cancer risk) unitless
<input type="text" value="1"/> GSF <sub>a</sub> (gamma shielding factor - air) unitless	

**NOTES:**

1. SF<sub>i</sub>=inhalation slope factor (risk/pCi). rad-specific
2. SF<sub>sub</sub>=submersion slope factor (risk/pCi). rad-specific
3. λ=decay constant



# Outdoor Worker Soil



- Exposure pathways
  - Incidental ingestion of soil
  - Inhalation of dust particulates emitted from soil
  - External exposure to ionizing radiation

# Outdoor Worker Soil SS Inputs

## Ingestion, External, and Inhalation Exposure

Select a slab size ▾ Slab size for ACF

Select a soil thickness cover layer ▾ Select cover layer  
thickness for  $GSF_o$  (gamma shielding factor - outdoor)

**25**  $ED_{ow}$  (exposure duration - outdoor worker) yr

**225**  $EF_{ow}$  (exposure frequency - outdoor worker)  
day/yr

**8**  $ET_{ow}$  (exposure time - outdoor worker) hr/day

**60**  $IRA_{ow}$  (inhalation rate - outdoor worker)  $m^3/day$

**100**  $IR_{ow}$  (soil intake rate - outdoor worker) mg/day

**25**  $t_{ow}$  (time - outdoor worker) yr

**1.0E-6** TR (target cancer risk) unitless

### NOTES:

1.  $SF_i$ =inhalation slope factor (risk/pCi). rad-specific
2.  $SF_o$ =ingestion slope factor (risk/pCi). rad-specific
3.  $SF_{ext-sv}$ =external exposure slope factor (risk-yr/pCi-g). rad-specific
4.  $t_{ow}=ED_{ow}$
5.  $\lambda$ =decay constant
6.  $Q/C_{wind}$ =calculations based on site size and climactic zone. Further details on the derivation of  $Q/C_w$  can be found in [Appendix D](#)
7. A, B, C = PEF region-specific dispersion constants (unitless)

# Outdoor Worker 2D Direct External Exposure

- Consider external exposure for different area sizes. Isotope-specific area correction factor (ACF) used in analysis.
- ACF is now source depth specific.
- Site scenarios
  - Infinite depth (3D)
  - 1 cm soil depth
  - 5 cm soil depth
  - 15 cm soil depth
  - Contaminated dust

# Outdoor Worker 2D Direct External Exposure (cont.)

25 ED<sub>ow</sub> (exposure duration - outdoor worker) yr

225 EF<sub>ow</sub> (exposure frequency - outdoor worker)  
day/yr

8 ET<sub>ow</sub> (exposure time - outdoor worker) hr

25 t<sub>ow</sub> (time - outdoor worker) yr

1.0E-6 TR (target cancer risk) unitless

## NOTES:

1. Slab size for ACF in alternate external exposure equations is determined by area selected in soil section above
2. SF<sub>ext-gp</sub>=ground plane external exposure slope factor (risk-yr/pCi-g). rad-specific
3. SF<sub>ext-sv</sub>=infinite soil volume external exposure slope factor (risk-yr/pCi-g). rad-specific
4. SF<sub>ext-1cm</sub>=soil volume at 1 cm external exposure slope factor (risk-yr/pCi-g). rad-specific
5. SF<sub>ext-5cm</sub>=soil volume at 5 cm external exposure slope factor (risk-yr/pCi-g). rad-specific
6. SF<sub>ext-15cm</sub>=soil volume at 15 cm external exposure slope factor (risk-yr/pCi-g). rad-specific
7. t<sub>ow</sub>=ED<sub>ow</sub>
8. λ=decay constant



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# Buried Waste

- ◆ Revised PRG and DCC added option for buried waste. Depth-specific gamma shielding factors ( $GSF_{0,s}$ ) are now given for:
  - Various slope and dose conversion factors (ground plane, 1 cm, 5 cm, 15 cm and infinite depth) and various soil cover depths
  - Does not account for radionuclide transport (e.g., radon through the cap, radionuclide leaching to groundwater)
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# Buried Waste (cont.)

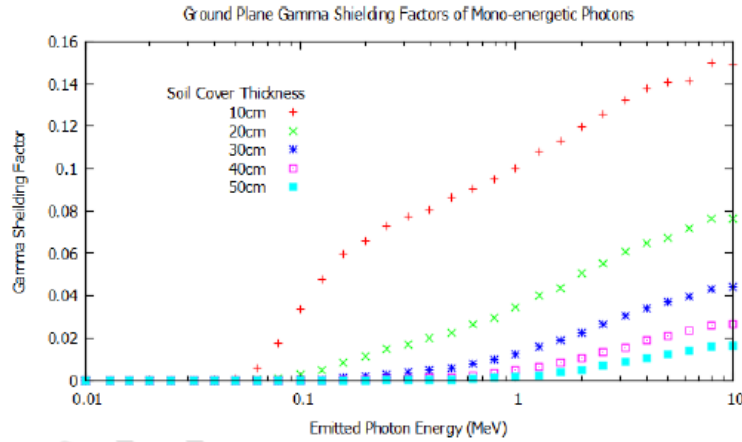


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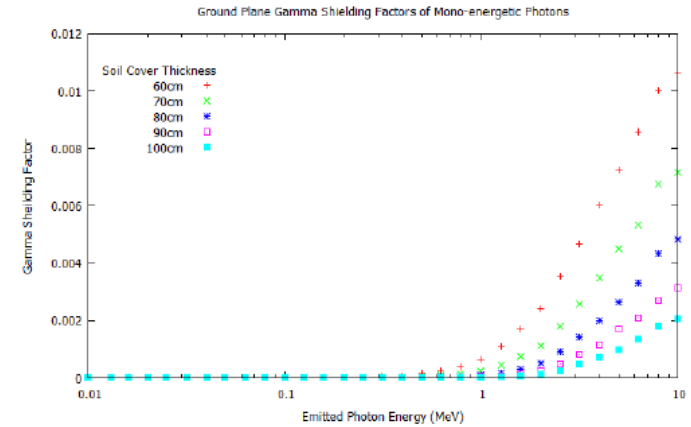


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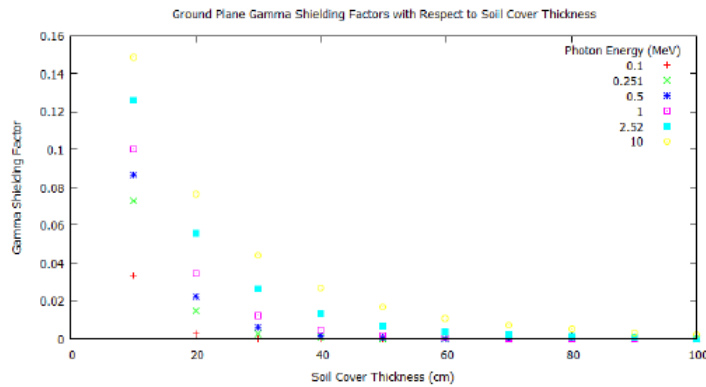


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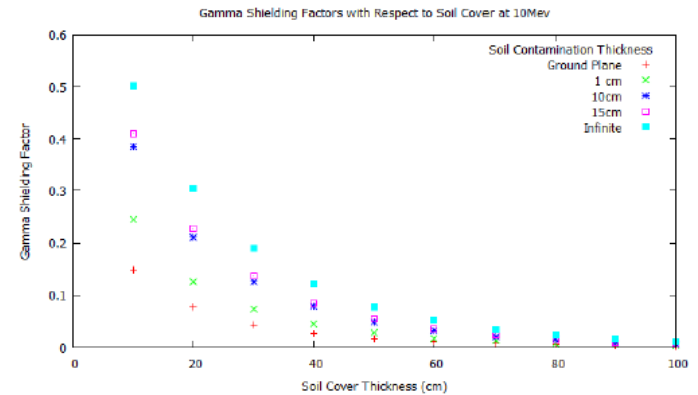


Figure 5: GSF at 10 MeV using Various Contamination Thicknesses with Respect to Soil Cover Depth

# Indoor Worker Scenario

- Long-term receptor for an indoor worker spends most, if not all, of the workday indoors. Thus, an indoor worker has no direct contact with outdoor soils.
- PRGs calculated for this receptor are expected to be protective of both workers engaged in low intensity activities (e.g. office work) and those engaged in more strenuous activity (e.g. factory or warehouse workers).



# Indoor Worker Exposure Pathways

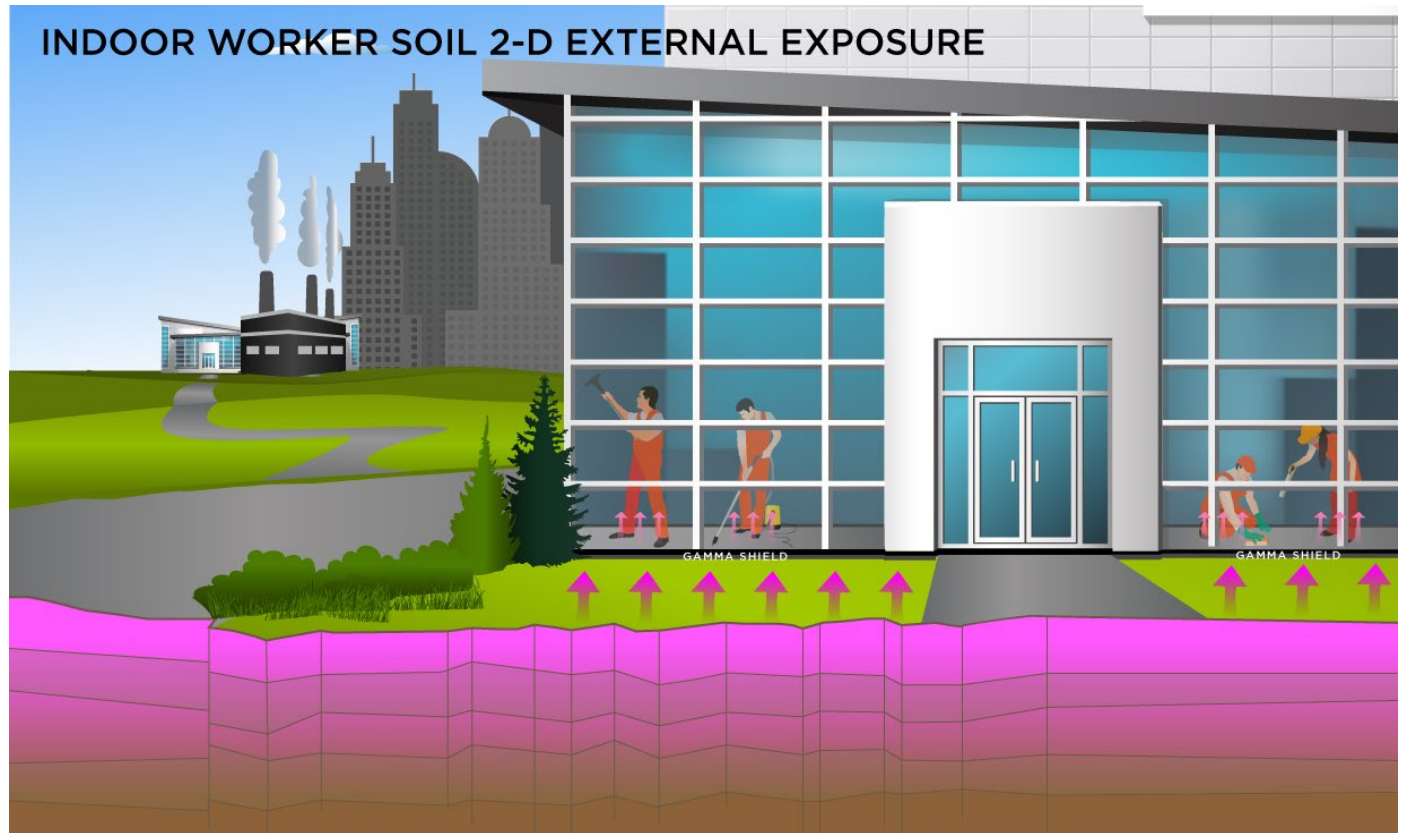
- Ambient air
- Soil
- 2D alternate external exposure



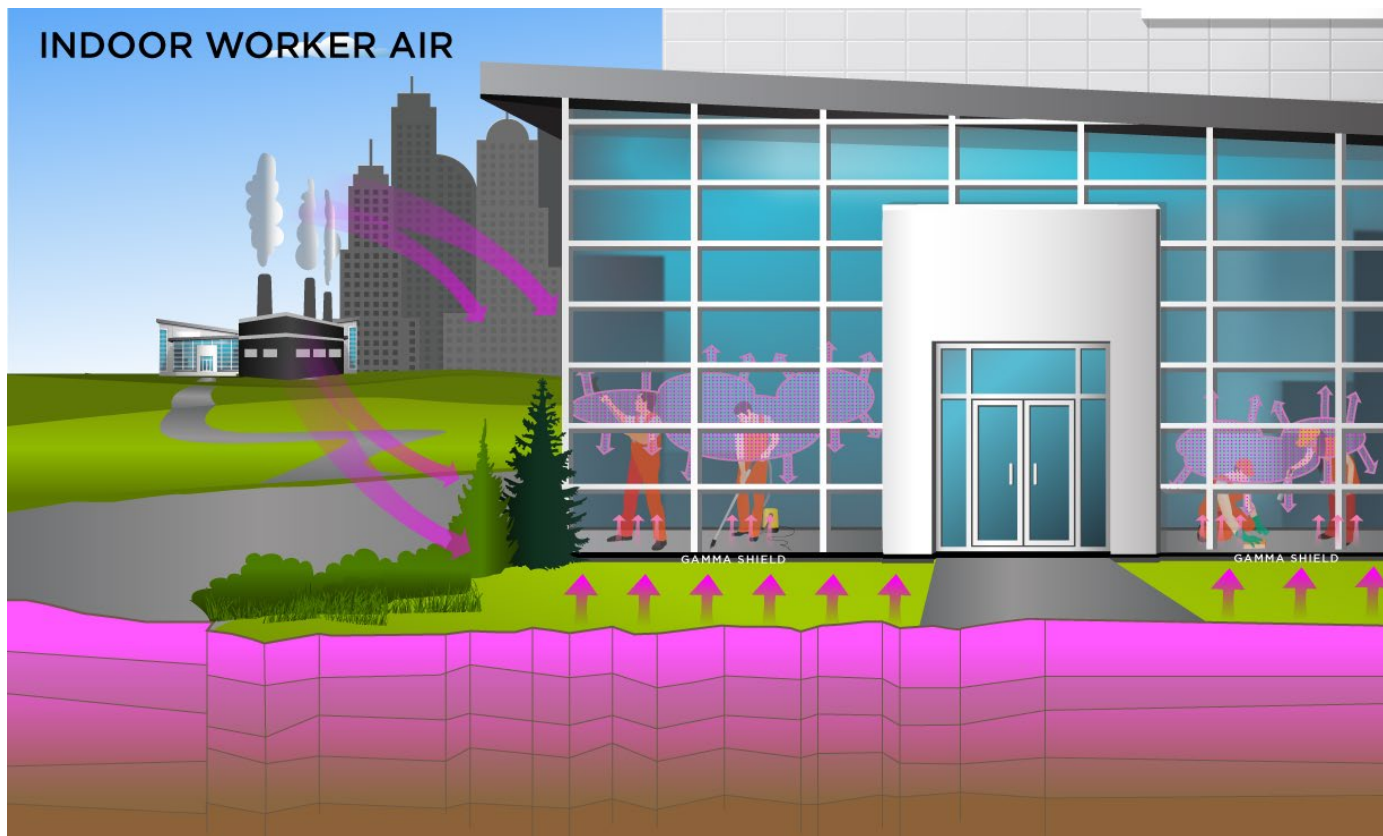
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# Indoor Worker - Soil



# Indoor Worker - Air



# Indoor Worker Ambient Air

- Two equations:
  - With half-life decay function for contaminant in air that is not being replenished.
  - Without half-life decay function for contaminant in air that is being replenished.
- Exposure Pathways
  - Inhalation
  - External exposure to contaminants in air

## Parameters Common to all Exposure Route Equations

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<input type="text" value="250"/>	EF <sub>iw</sub> (exposure frequency - indoor worker) day/yr	<input type="text" value="1.0E-6"/>	TR (target cancer risk) unitless
<input type="text" value="8"/>	ET <sub>iw</sub> (exposure time - indoor worker) hr/day		

# Indoor Worker Ambient Air SS Inputs – Inhalation and External Exposure

<input type="text" value="25"/>	$ED_{iw}$ (exposure duration - indoor worker) yr	<input type="text" value="60"/>	$IRA_{iw}$ (inhalation rate - indoor worker) $m^3/day$
<input type="text" value="250"/>	$EF_{iw}$ (exposure frequency - indoor worker) day/yr	<input type="text" value="25"/>	$t_{iw}$ (time - indoor worker) yr
<input type="text" value="8"/>	$ET_{iw}$ (exposure time - indoor worker) hr	<input type="text" value="1.0E-6"/>	TR (target cancer risk) unitless
<input type="text" value="1.0"/>	$GSF_a$ (gamma shielding factor - air) unitless		

**NOTES:**

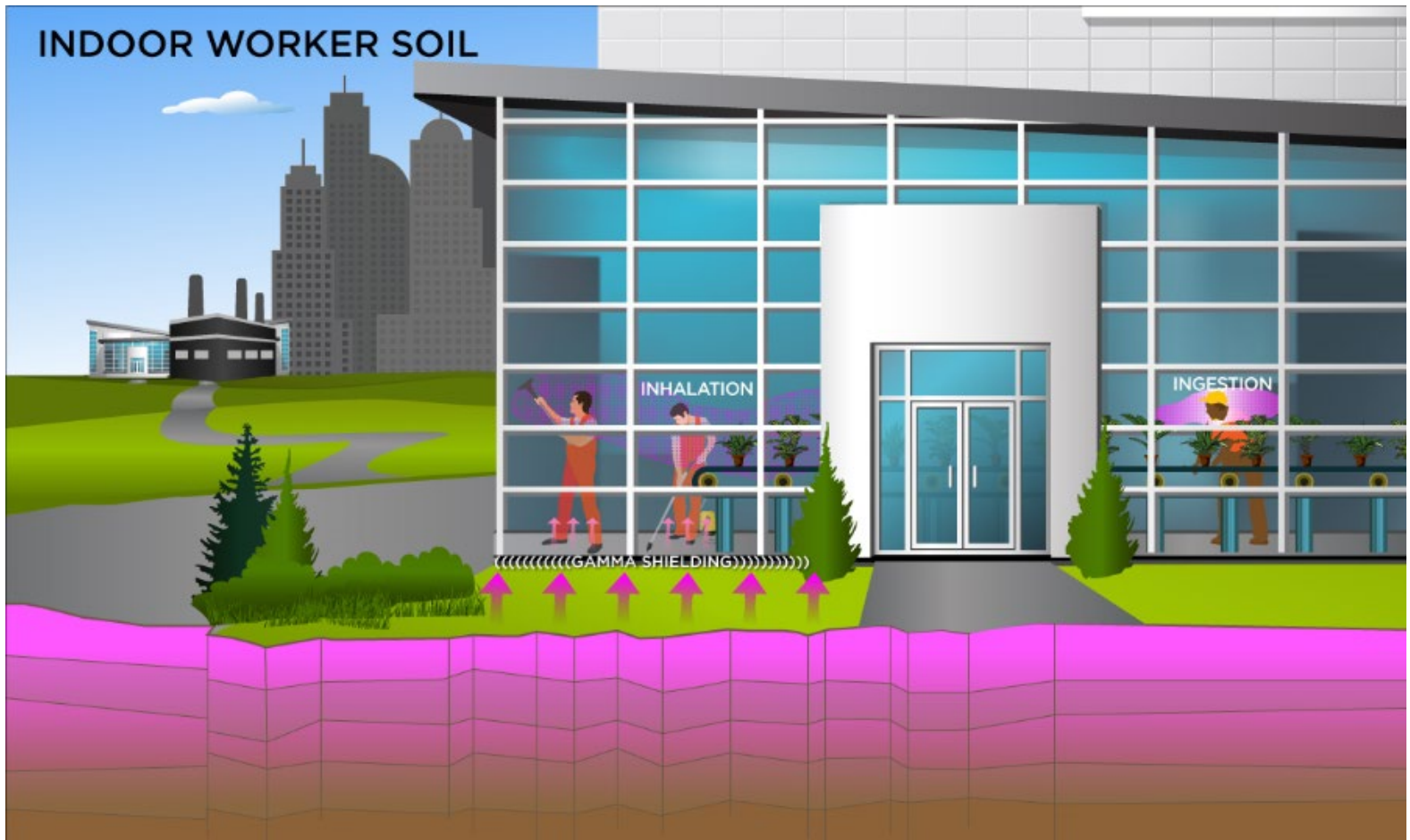
1.  $SF_i$ =inhalation slope factor (risk/pCi). rad-specific
2.  $SF_{sub}$ =submersion slope factor (risk/pCi). rad-specific
3.  $\lambda$ =decay constant

# Indoor Worker Soil

- No direct contact with outdoor soil.
- Exposure Pathways
  - Incidental ingestion of contaminated soils incorporated into indoor dust
  - Inhalation of dust particulates emitted from soil
  - External exposure to ionizing radiation
    - Gamma rays from radionuclides in soil penetrate the building foundations and flooring.



# Indoor Worker Soil



# Indoor Worker Soil SS Inputs

## Ingestion, External, and Inhalation Exposure

Select a slab size ▾ Slab size for ACF	60 <input type="text"/> $IRA_{iw}$ (inhalation rate - indoor worker) $m^3/day$
25 <input type="text"/> $ED_{iw}$ (exposure duration - indoor worker) yr	50 <input type="text"/> $IRS_{iw}$ (soil intake rate - indoor worker) mg/day
250 <input type="text"/> $EF_{iw}$ (exposure frequency - indoor worker) day/yr	25 <input type="text"/> $t_{iw}$ (time - indoor worker) yr
8 <input type="text"/> $ET_{iw}$ (exposure time - indoor worker) hr/day	1.0E-6 <input type="text"/> TR (target cancer risk) unitless
0.4 <input type="text"/> $GSF_i$ (gamma shielding factor - indoor) unitless	

**NOTES:**

1.  $SF_i$ =inhalation slope factor (risk/pCi). rad-specific
2.  $SF_o$ =ingestion slope factor (risk/pCi). rad-specific
3.  $SF_{ext-sv}$ =external exposure slope factor (risk-yr/pCi-g). rad-specific
4.  $t_{iw}=ED_{iw}$
5.  $\lambda$ =decay constant
6.  $Q/C_{wind}$ =calculations based on site size and climactic zone. Further details on the derivation of  $Q/C_w$  can be found in [Appendix D](#)
7. A, B, C = PEF region-specific dispersion constants (unitless)

# Indoor Worker 2D Alternate External Exposure

- Exposure to ionizing radiation (namely gamma rays) penetrating building foundation and floor.
- Gamma shielding factor (GSF) accounts for the shielding provided by the building.
  - GSF is the ratio of external gamma radiation level indoors on site to the radiation outdoors on site.

# Indoor Worker 2D Alternate External Exposure

- Site scenarios
  - Infinite depth (3D)
  - 1 cm soil depth
  - 5 cm soil depth
  - 15 cm soil depth
  - Contaminated dust

# Indoor Worker 2D SS Inputs (cont.)

<input type="text" value="25"/> $ED_{iw}$ (exposure duration - indoor worker) yr	<input type="text" value="0.4"/> $GSF_i$ (gamma shielding factor - indoor) unitless
<input type="text" value="250"/> $EF_{iw}$ (exposure frequency - indoor worker) day/yr	<input type="text" value="25"/> $t_{iw}$ (time - indoor worker) yr
<input type="text" value="8"/> $ET_{iw}$ (exposure time - indoor worker) hr	<input type="text" value="1.0E-6"/> TR (target cancer risk) unitless

**NOTES:**

1. Slab size for ACF in alternate external exposure equations is determined by area selected in soil section above
2.  $SF_{ext-gp}$ =ground plane external exposure slope factor (risk-yr/pCi-g). rad-specific
3.  $SF_{ext-sv}$ =infinite soil volume external exposure slope factor (risk-yr/pCi-g). rad-specific
4.  $SF_{ext-1cm}$ =soil volume at 1 cm external exposure slope factor (risk-yr/pCi-g). rad-specific
5.  $SF_{ext-5cm}$ =soil volume at 5 cm external exposure slope factor (risk-yr/pCi-g). rad-specific
6.  $SF_{ext-15cm}$ =soil volume at 15 cm external exposure slope factor (risk-yr/pCi-g). rad-specific
7.  $t_{iw}=ED_{iw}$
8.  $\lambda$ =decay constant



# Construction Worker

Standard Unpaved Road Vehicle Traffic (Site-specific only)

- ◆ This is a short-term receptor exposed during the work day working around vehicles suspending dust in the air.
- ◆ The construction worker is expected to have an elevated soil ingestion rate
- ◆ Exposure pathways
  - Incidental ingestion of soil
  - Inhalation of dust particulates emitted from soil
  - External exposure to ionizing radiation



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### Parameters Common to all Exposure Route Equations

$DW_{cw}$  (days worked - construction worker) day/wk

$ED_{cw}$  (exposure duration - construction worker)  
yr

$EF_{cw}$  (exposure frequency - construction worker)  
day/yr

$ET_{cw}$  (exposure time - construction worker) hr

$EW_{cw}$  (weeks worked - construction worker) wk/yr

$t_{cw}$  (time - construction worker) yr

TR (target cancer risk) unitless



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**5**  $DW_{cw}$  (days worked - construction worker)

day/wk

**1**  $ED_{cw}$  (exposure duration - construction worker)

yr

**250**  $EF_{cw}$  (exposure frequency - construction worker)

day/yr

**8**  $ET_{cw}$  (exposure time - construction worker) hr

**50**  $EW_{cw}$  (weeks worked - construction worker)

wk/yr

**1**  $GSF_a$  (gamma shielding factor - air) unitless

**60**  $IRA_{cw}$  (inhalation rate - construction worker)  $m^3/day$

**1**  $t_{cw}$  (time - construction worker) yr

**1.0E-6** TR (target cancer risk) unitless

### NOTES:

1.  $SF_i$ =inhalation slope factor (risk/pCi).
2.  $SF_{sub}$ =submersion slope factor (risk/pCi)
3.  $t_{cw} = ED_{cw}$
4.  $\lambda$ =decay constant

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day/yr

**8**  $ET_{cw}$  (exposure time - construction worker) hr

**50**  $EW_{cw}$  (weeks worked - construction worker)

wk/yr

**1**  $t_{cw}$  (time - construction worker) yr

**1.0E-6** TR (target cancer risk) unitless

### NOTES:

1. Slab size for ACF in alternate external exposure equations is determined by area selected in soil section above
2.  $SF_{ext-gp}$  = ground plane external exposure slope factor (mrem-cm<sup>2</sup>/pCi-yr).
3.  $SF_{ext-sv}$  = infinite soil volume external exposure slope factor (mrem-g/pCi-yr).
4.  $SF_{ext-1cm}$  = soil volume at 1 cm external exposure slope factor (mrem-g/pCi-yr).
5.  $SF_{ext-5cm}$  = soil volume at 5 cm external exposure slope factor (mrem-g/pCi-yr).
6.  $SF_{ext-15cm}$  = soil volume at 15 cm external exposure slope factor (mrem-g/pCi-yr).
7.  $\lambda$  = decay constant
8.  $ED_r = t_r$



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Select a slab size ▾ Slab size for ACF	<input type="text" value="50"/> $EW_{cw}$ (weeks worked - construction worker) wk/yr
Select a soil thickness cover layer ▾ Select cover layer thickness for $GSF_o$ (gamma shielding factor - outdoor)	<input type="text" value="60"/> $IRA_{cw}$ (soil inhalation rate - construction worker) $m^3/day$
<input type="text" value="5"/> $DW_{cw}$ (days worked - construction worker) day/wk	<input type="text" value="330"/> $IRS_{cw}$ (soil ingestion rate - construction worker) mg/day
<input type="text" value="1"/> $ED_{cw}$ (exposure duration - construction worker) yr	<input type="text" value="1"/> $t_{cw}$ (time - construction worker) yr
<input type="text" value="250"/> $EF_{cw}$ (exposure frequency - construction worker) day/yr	<input type="text" value="1.0E-6"/> TR (target cancer risk) unitless
<input type="text" value="8"/> $ET_{cw}$ (exposure time - construction worker) hr	

**NOTES:**

- $EF_{cw} = \text{freq (weeks/year)} * \text{days (days/week)}$ ;



# Construction Worker (PEF)

## Standard Unpaved Road Vehicle Traffic (Site-specific only)

<input type="text" value="20"/>	$W_R$ (width of road segment) ft	<input type="text"/>	tons/truck
<input type="text" value="0.2"/>	$M_{dry}$ (road surface material moisture content under dry, uncontrolled conditions) %	<input type="text"/>	$p$ (Rainfall Zone) (number of days with at least 0.0 cm precipitation) day/year
<input type="text"/>	number of cars	<input type="text" value="8.5"/>	$s$ (road surface silt content) %
<input type="text"/>	number of trucks	<input type="text" value="0.5"/>	$A_s$ / (acres) PEF
<input type="text"/>	tons/car		
<input type="text" value="12.9351"/>	$A$ (Dispersion Constant)	<input type="text"/>	$\Sigma VKT$ (sum of fleet vehicle km traveled) km
<input type="text" value="147.58077"/>	$L_R$ (length of road segment) ft	<input type="text"/>	$W$ (mean vehicle weight) tons
<input type="text" value="274.21393"/>	$A_R$ (surface area of contaminated road segment) $m^2$	<input type="text" value="0.04498"/>	distance (road length) km/day
<input type="text" value="5.7383"/>	$B$ (Dispersion Constant)	<input type="text"/>	$PEF_{sc}$ (particulate emission factor) $m^3/kg$
<input type="text" value="71.7711"/>	$C$ (Dispersion Constant)	<input type="text" value="23.01785"/>	$Q/C_{sr}$ (inverse of the ratio of the 1-h. geometri mean air concentration to the emission flux along a straight road segment bisecting a square site ( $g/l$ ) $g/m^2-s$ per $kg/m^3$ )
<input type="text" value="0.185837208"/>	$F_D$ Unitless Dispersion Correction Factor	<input type="text" value="8400"/>	$t_c$ (duration of construction) hours
<input type="text"/>	total number of vehicles	<input type="text" value="7200000"/>	$T$ (time over which traffic occurs) s



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$$PEF_{sc} \left( \frac{m^3_{air}}{kg_{soil}} \right) = \frac{Q}{C_{sr}} \left( \frac{\left( \frac{g}{m^2 \cdot s} \right)}{\left( \frac{kg}{m^3} \right)} \right) \times \frac{1}{F_D} \times \left[ \frac{T(s) \times A_R(m^2)}{2.6 \times \left( \frac{s}{12} \right)^{0.8} \times \left( \frac{W(tons)}{3} \right)^{0.4} \times \frac{\left( 365 \frac{days}{year} - p \frac{days}{year} \right)}{365 \frac{days}{year}} \times 281.9 \times \Sigma VKT(km)}{\left( \frac{M_{dry}}{0.2} \right)^{0.3}} \right]$$

$$\frac{Q}{C_{sr}} \left( \frac{\left( \frac{g}{m^2 \cdot s} \right)}{\left( \frac{kg}{m^3} \right)} \right) = A \times \exp \left[ \frac{(\ln A_S(\text{acre}) - B)^2}{C} \right]$$

$$A_R(m^2) = L_R(\text{ft}) \times W_R(20 \text{ ft}) \times 0.092903 \left( \frac{m^2}{ft^2} \right)$$

$$W(\text{tons}) = \frac{\left( \text{number of cars} \times \frac{\text{tons}}{\text{car}} + \text{number of trucks} \times \frac{\text{tons}}{\text{truck}} \right)}{\text{total vehicles}}$$

$$\Sigma VKT(km) = \text{total vehicles} \times \text{distance} \left( \frac{km}{day} \right) \times EW_{cw} \left( \frac{weeks}{year} \right) \times DW_{cw} \left( \frac{days}{week} \right)$$

$$T(7200000 \text{ s}) = ED_{cw}(1 \text{ yr}) \times EF_{cw} \left( \frac{250 \text{ days}}{year} \right) \times ET_{cw} \left( \frac{8 \text{ hrs}}{day} \right) \times \left( \frac{3600 \text{ s}}{hr} \right)$$

$$F_D(0.18584) = 0.1852 + \left( 5.3537 / t_c \right) + \left( -9.6318 / t_c^2 \right)$$

$$t_c(8400 \text{ hr}) = ED_{cw}(1 \text{ yr}) \times EW_{cw} \left( \frac{50 \text{ wks}}{year} \right) \times \left( \frac{7 \text{ days}}{week} \right) \times \left( \frac{24 \text{ hrs}}{day} \right)$$

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## Wind Erosion and Other Construction Activities (Site-specific only)

- ◆ This is a short-term receptor exposed during the work day working around heavy machinery suspending dust in the air.
- ◆ The construction worker is expected to have an elevated soil ingestion rate
- ◆ Exposure pathways
  - Incidental ingestion of soil
  - Inhalation of dust particulates emitted from soil
  - External exposure to ionizing radiation



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Wind Erosion and Other Construction Activities (Site-specific only)



# Construction Worker (PEF)

## Wind Erosion and Other Construction Activities (Site-specific only)

<input type="text"/>	$A_{c\text{-doz}}$ (areal extent of dozing) acres	<input type="text"/>	$N_{A\text{-grade}}$ (number of times site was graded)
<input type="text"/>	$A_{\text{excav}}$ (area of excavation site) $\text{m}^2$	11.4	$S_{\text{doz}}$ (dozing speed) kph
<input type="text"/>	$A_{c\text{-grade}}$ (areal extent of grading) acres	11.4	$S_{\text{grade}}$ (dozing speed) kph
<input type="text"/>	$A_{\text{till}}$ (areal extent of tilling) acres	<input type="text"/>	$d_{\text{excav}}$ (average depth of excavation site) m
<input type="text"/>	$B_i$ (dozing blade length) m	1.68	$\rho_{\text{soil}}$ (density) $\text{g}/\text{cm}^3$ - chemical-specific
<input type="text"/>	$B_i$ (grading blade length) m	0.5	$A_c / I$ (acres) PEF
7.9	$M_{m\text{-doz}}$ (Gravimetric soil moisture content) %	6.9	$S_{\text{doz}}$ (soil silt content) %
12	$M_{m\text{-excav}}$ (Gravimetric soil moisture content) %	18	$S_{\text{till}}$ (soil silt content) %
2	$N_{A\text{-dump}}$ (number of times soil is dumped)	4.69	$U_m$ (mean annual wind speed) m/s
2	$N_{A\text{-till}}$ (number of times soil is tilled)	11.32	$U_t$ (equivalent threshold value) m/s
<input type="text"/>	$N_{A\text{-doz}}$ (number of times site was dozed)	0	$V$ (fraction of vegetative cover)
<b>2.4538</b>	$A$ (Dispersion Constant)	<input type="text"/>	$M_{\text{till}}$ (dust emitted from tilling operations) g
<b>2023.43</b>	$A_{\text{surf}}$ (areal extent of site) $\text{m}^2$	<b>51288.84717</b>	$M_{\text{wind}}$ (dust emitted by wind erosion) g
<b>17.5660</b>	$B$ (Dispersion Constant)	<input type="text"/>	$\Sigma\text{VKT}_{\text{doz}}$ (sum of fleet vehicle km traveled) km
<b>189.0426</b>	$C$ (Dispersion Constant)	<input type="text"/>	$\Sigma\text{VKT}_{\text{grade}}$ (sum of fleet vehicle km traveled) km
<b>0.185837208</b>	$F_D$ Unitless Dispersion Correction Factor	<b>0.194</b>	$F(x)$ (function dependant on $U_m/U_t$ derived using Cowherd et al. (1985))
<input type="text"/>	$J_T$ ( $\text{g}/\text{m}^2\text{s}$ )	<input type="text"/>	$\text{PEF}'_{sc}$ (particulate emission factor) $\text{m}^3/\text{kg}$
<input type="text"/>	$M_{\text{doz}}$ (dust emitted from dozing operations) g	<b>14.31407</b>	$Q/C_{sa}$ (inverse of the ratio of the geometric mean air concentration to the emission flux at the center of a square source) $\text{g}/\text{m}^2\text{-s}$ per $\text{kg}/\text{m}^3$
<input type="text"/>	$M_{\text{excav}}$ (dust emitted from excavation soil dumping) g	<b>8400</b>	$t_c$ (duration of construction) hours
<input type="text"/>	$M_{\text{grade}}$ (dust emitted from grading operations) g	<b>7200000</b>	$T$ (time over which traffic occurs) s



# Construction Worker (PEF)

## Wind Erosion and Other Construction Activities (Site-specific only)

$$PEF'_{sc} \left( \frac{m^3_{air}}{kg_{soil}} \right) = \frac{Q}{C_{sa}} \left( \frac{\left( \frac{g}{m^2 \cdot s} \right)}{\left( \frac{kg}{m^3} \right)} \right) \times \frac{1}{F_D} \times \frac{1}{\langle J_T \rangle \left( \frac{g}{m^2 \cdot s} \right)}$$

$$\text{where: } \frac{Q}{C_{sa}} \left( \frac{\left( \frac{g}{m^2 \cdot s} \right)}{\left( \frac{kg}{m^3} \right)} \right) = A \times \exp \left[ \frac{(\ln A_c (\text{acre}) - B)^2}{C} \right]$$

$$\langle J_T \rangle \left( \frac{g}{m^2 \cdot s} \right) = \frac{M_{wind}^{PC} (g) + M_{excav} (g) + M_{doz} (g) + M_{grade} (g) + M_{till} (g)}{A_{surf} (m^2) \times T (s)}$$

$$M_{wind}^{PC} (g) = 0.036 \times (1-V) \times \left( \frac{U_m \left( \frac{m}{s} \right)}{U_t \left( \frac{m}{s} \right)} \right)^3 \times F(x) \times A_{surf} (m^2) \times ED (yr) \times 8760 \left( \frac{hr}{yr} \right)$$

$$M_{excav} (g) = 0.35 \times 0.0016 \times \frac{\left( \frac{U_m \left( \frac{m}{s} \right)}{2.2} \right)^{1.3}}{\left( \frac{M_{m-excav} (\%)}{2} \right)^{1.4}} \times P_{soil} \left( \frac{Mg}{m^3} \right) \times A_{excav} (m^2) \times d_{excav} (m) \times N_{A-dump} \times 1000 \left( \frac{g}{kg} \right)$$

$$M_{doz} (g) = 0.75 \times \frac{0.45 \times s_{doz} (\%)^{1.5}}{(M_{m-doz} (\%))^{1.4}} \times \frac{\sum VKT_{doz} (km)}{S_{doz} \left( \frac{km}{hr} \right)} \times 1000 \left( \frac{g}{kg} \right)$$

$$M_{grade} (g) = 0.60 \times 0.0056 \times S_{grade} \left( \frac{km}{hr} \right)^{2.0} \times \sum VKT_{grade} (km) \times 1000 \left( \frac{g}{kg} \right)$$

and:

$$M_{till} (g) = 1.1 \times s_{till} (\%)^{0.6} \times A_{c-till} (\text{acres}) \times 4047 \left( \frac{m^2}{\text{acre}} \right) \times 10^{-4} \left( \frac{ha}{m^2} \right) \times 1000 \left( \frac{g}{kg} \right) \times N_{A-till}$$

$$\text{where: } \sum VKT_{grade} (km) = A_{c-grade} (\text{acres}) \times 4047 \left( \frac{m^2}{\text{acre}} \right) \times \frac{1}{B_g (m)} \times \frac{1}{1000 \left( \frac{m}{km} \right)} \times N_{A-grade}$$

$$\text{where: } \sum VKT_{doz} (km) = A_{c-doz} (\text{acres}) \times 4047 \left( \frac{m^2}{\text{acre}} \right) \times \frac{1}{B_g (m)} \times \frac{1}{1000 \left( \frac{m}{km} \right)} \times N_{A-doz}$$

$$T (7200000 s) = ED_{cw} (1 yr) \times EF_{cw} \left( \frac{250 \text{ days}}{\text{year}} \right) \times ET_{cw} \left( \frac{8 \text{ hrs}}{\text{day}} \right) \times \left( \frac{3600 s}{hr} \right)$$

$$F_D (0.18584) = 0.1852 + (5.3537 / t_c) + (-9.6318 / t_c^2)$$

$$t_c (8400 hr) = ED_{cw} (1 yr) \times EV_{cw} \left( \frac{50 \text{ wks}}{\text{year}} \right) \times \left( \frac{7 \text{ days}}{\text{week}} \right) \times \left( \frac{24 \text{ hrs}}{\text{day}} \right)$$

# Recreator Scenario

- Extension of residential scenario.
- There are no default exposure parameters.
- Age-adjusted for change in intake as the receptor ages.
- Main pathways: soil, water, wild game, air



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# Recreator Common Parameters

## Parameters Common to all Exposure Route Equations

<input type="text" value="."/> $ED_{rec}$ (exposure duration - recreator) yr	<input type="text" value="."/> $ET_{rec}$ (exposure time - recreator) hr
<input type="text" value="."/> $ED_{rec-a}$ (exposure duration - recreator adult) yr	<input type="text" value="."/> $ET_{rec-a}$ (exposure time - recreator adult) hr
<input type="text" value="."/> $ED_{rec-c}$ (exposure duration - recreator child) yr	<input type="text" value="."/> $ET_{rec-c}$ (exposure time - recreator child) hr
<input type="text" value="."/> $EF_{rec}$ (exposure frequency - recreator) day/yr	<input type="text" value="."/> $t_{rec}$ (time - recreator) yr
<input type="text" value="."/> $EF_{rec-a}$ (exposure frequency - recreator adult) day/yr	<input type="text" value="1.0E-6"/> TR (target cancer risk) unitless
<input type="text" value="."/> $EF_{rec-c}$ (exposure frequency - recreator child) day/yr	

**NOTES:** Changes in these parameters will be copied down to all the media containers, however you may change each media value independently as well in the fields below.

# Recreator Soil

- Exposure pathways
  - Incidental ingestion of soil
  - Inhalation of particulates emitted from soil
  - External exposure to ionizing radiation
  - Consumption of game

# Recreator Surface Water

- Exposure pathways
  - Incidental ingestion of water
  - Inhalation of vapors NOT addressed
  - External exposure to ionizing radiation
  - Consumption of game

# Recreator SS Inputs for Soil

<p>Select a slab size ▾ Slab size for ACF</p> <p>Select a soil thickness cover layer ▾ Select cover layer thickness for GSF<sub>o</sub> (gamma shielding factor - outdoor)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ED<sub>rec</sub> (exposure duration - recreator) yr</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ED<sub>recs-a</sub> (exposure duration - recreator adult) yr</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ED<sub>recs-c</sub> (exposure duration - recreator child) yr</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EF<sub>rec</sub> (exposure frequency - recreator) day/yr</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> EF<sub>recs-a</sub> (exposure frequency - recreator adult) day/yr</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> EF<sub>recs-c</sub> (exposure frequency - recreator child) day/yr</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ET<sub>rec</sub> (exposure time - recreator) hr/day</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> ET<sub>recs-a</sub> (exposure time - recreator) hr/day</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> ET<sub>recs-c</sub> (exposure time - recreator) hr/day</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IFA<sub>rec-adj</sub> (age-adjusted inhalation rate - recreator) m<sup>3</sup></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IFS<sub>rec-adj</sub> (age-adjusted soil intake rate - recreator) mg</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 20 IRA<sub>recs-a</sub> (inhalation rate - recreator adult) m<sup>3</sup>/day</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 10 IRA<sub>recs-c</sub> (inhalation rate - recreator child) m<sup>3</sup>/day</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 100 IRS<sub>recs-a</sub> (soil intake rate - recreator adult) mg/day</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 200 IRS<sub>recs-c</sub> (soil intake rate - recreator child) mg/day</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> t<sub>rec</sub> (time - recreator) yr</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1.0E-6 TR (target cancer risk) unitless</p>
<p><b>NOTES:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SF<sub>o</sub>=oral ingestion dose conversion factor (risk/pCi).</li> <li>SF<sub>i</sub>=inhalation slope factor (risk/pCi).</li> <li>SF<sub>ext-sv</sub>=external exposure slope factor (risk-g/pCi-yr).</li> <li>ED<sub>rec</sub> = t<sub>rec</sub></li> </ol>	

# Recreator SS Inputs for Air

<input type="text" value="."/> $ED_{rec}$ (exposure duration - recreator) yr	<input type="text" value="."/> $ET_{rec-c}$ (exposure time - recreator child) hr
<input type="text" value="."/> $ED_{rec-a}$ (exposure duration - recreator adult) yr	<input type="text" value="1.0"/> $GSF_a$ (gamma shielding factor - air) unitless
<input type="text" value="."/> $ED_{rec-c}$ (exposure duration - recreator child) yr	<input type="text" value="."/> $IFA_{rec-adj}$ (age-adjusted inhalation factor) $m^3$
<input type="text" value="."/> $EF_{rec}$ (exposure frequency) day/yr	<input type="text" value="20"/> $IRA_{rec-a}$ (inhalation rate - recreator adult) $m^3/day$
<input type="text" value="."/> $EF_{rec-a}$ (exposure frequency - recreator adult) day/yr	<input type="text" value="10"/> $IRA_{rec-c}$ (inhalation rate - recreator child) $m^3/day$
<input type="text" value="."/> $EF_{rec-c}$ (exposure frequency - recreator child) day/yr	<input type="text" value="."/> $t_{rec}$ (time - recreator) yr
<input type="text" value="."/> $ET_{rec}$ (exposure time - recreator) hr	<input type="text" value="1.0E-6"/> TR (target cancer risk) unitless
<input type="text" value="."/> $ET_{rec-a}$ (exposure time - recreator adult) hr	

**NOTES:**

1.  $SF_i$ =inhalation slope factor (risk/pCi).
2.  $SF_{sub}$ =submersion slope factor (risk/pCi)
3.  $t_r = ED_r = ED_{r-c} + ED_{r-a}$
4.  $\lambda$ =decay constant

# Recreator SS Inputs for 2-D Analysis

<input type="text"/> $ED_{rec}$ (exposure duration - recreator) yr	<input type="text"/> $t_{rec}$ (time - recreator) yr
<input type="text"/> $EF_{rec}$ (exposure frequency - recreator) day/yr	<input type="text" value="1.0E-6"/> TR (target cancer risk) unitless
<input type="text"/> $ET_{rec}$ (exposure time - recreator) hr	

**NOTES:**

1. Slab size for ACF in alternate external exposure equations is determined by area selected in soil section above
2.  $SF_{ext-gp}$  = ground plane external exposure slope factor (mrem-cm<sup>2</sup>/pCi-yr).
3.  $SF_{ext-sv}$  = infinite soil volume external exposure slope factor (mrem-g/pCi-yr).
4.  $SF_{ext-1cm}$  = soil volume at 1 cm external exposure slope factor (mrem-g/pCi-yr).
5.  $SF_{ext-5cm}$  = soil volume at 5 cm external exposure slope factor (mrem-g/pCi-yr).
6.  $SF_{ext-15cm}$  = soil volume at 15 cm external exposure slope factor (mrem-g/pCi-yr).
7.  $\lambda$  = decay constant
8.  $ED_{rec} = t_{rec}$





# Recreator SS Inputs for Surface Water

<input type="text" value="."/> DFA <sub>recw-adj</sub> (age-adjusted immersion factor - recreator) L	<input type="text" value="."/> ET <sub>recw-c</sub> (exposure time - recreator child) hr/day
<input type="text" value="."/> ED <sub>rec</sub> (exposure duration - recreator) yr	<input type="text" value="."/> EV <sub>recw-a</sub> (number of bathing events per day - recreator adult) event/day
<input type="text" value="."/> ED <sub>recw-a</sub> (exposure duration - recreator adult) yr	<input type="text" value="."/> EV <sub>recw-c</sub> (number of bathing events per day - recreator child) event/day
<input type="text" value="."/> ED <sub>recw-c</sub> (exposure duration - recreator child) yr	<input type="text" value="."/> IFW <sub>recw-adj</sub> (age-adjusted water intake rate - recreator) L
<input type="text" value="."/> EF <sub>recw-a</sub> (exposure frequency - recreator adult) day/yr	<input type="text" value="0.05"/> IRW <sub>recw-a</sub> (water intake rate - recreator adult) L/hr
<input type="text" value="."/> EF <sub>recw-c</sub> (exposure frequency - recreator child) day/yr	<input type="text" value="0.05"/> IRW <sub>recw-c</sub> (water intake rate - recreator child) L/hr
<input type="text" value="."/> ET <sub>recw-a</sub> (exposure time - recreator adult) hr/day	<input type="text" value="1.0E-6"/> TR (target cancer risk) unitless

**NOTES:**

1. SF<sub>o</sub>=oral ingestion slope factor (risk/pCi).
2. SF<sub>f</sub>=food ingestion slope factor (risk/pCi).
3. SF<sub>i</sub>=inhalation slope factor (risk/pCi).
4. ED<sub>rec</sub> = t<sub>rec</sub>

# Recreator SS Inputs for Game

<input type="text" value="1"/>	$CF_{rec-fo}$ (fowl contaminated fraction) unitless	<input type="text" value="0.25"/>	MLF (game pasture plant mass loading factor)
<input type="text" value="1"/>	$CF_{rec-ga}$ (game contaminated fraction) unitless	unitless	
<input type="text" value="."/>	$ED_{rec}$ (exposure duration - recreator) yr	<input type="text" value="."/>	$Q_{p-fowl}$ (fowl fodder intake rate) kg/day
<input type="text" value="."/>	$EF_{rec}$ (exposure frequency - recreator) day/yr	<input type="text" value="."/>	$Q_{p-game}$ (land game fodder intake rate) kg/day
<input type="text" value="1"/>	$f_{p-fowl}$ (fowl on-site fraction) unitless	<input type="text" value="."/>	$Q_{s-fowl}$ (fowl soil intake rate) kg/day
<input type="text" value="1"/>	$f_{p-game}$ (land game on-site fraction) unitless	<input type="text" value="."/>	$Q_{s-game}$ (land game soil intake rate) kg/day
<input type="text" value="1"/>	$f_{s-fowl}$ (fraction of year fowl is on site) unitless	<input type="text" value="."/>	$Q_{w-fowl}$ (fowl water intake rate) kg/day
<input type="text" value="1"/>	$f_{s-game}$ (fraction of year land game is on site)	<input type="text" value="."/>	$Q_{w-game}$ (land game water intake rate) kg/day
unitless		<input type="text" value="."/>	
<input type="text" value="."/>	$IRGL_{rec}$ (fowl consumption rate) g/day	<input type="text" value="1.0E-6"/>	TR (target cancer risk) unitless
<input type="text" value="."/>	$IRGF_{rec}$ (land game consumption rate) g/day		

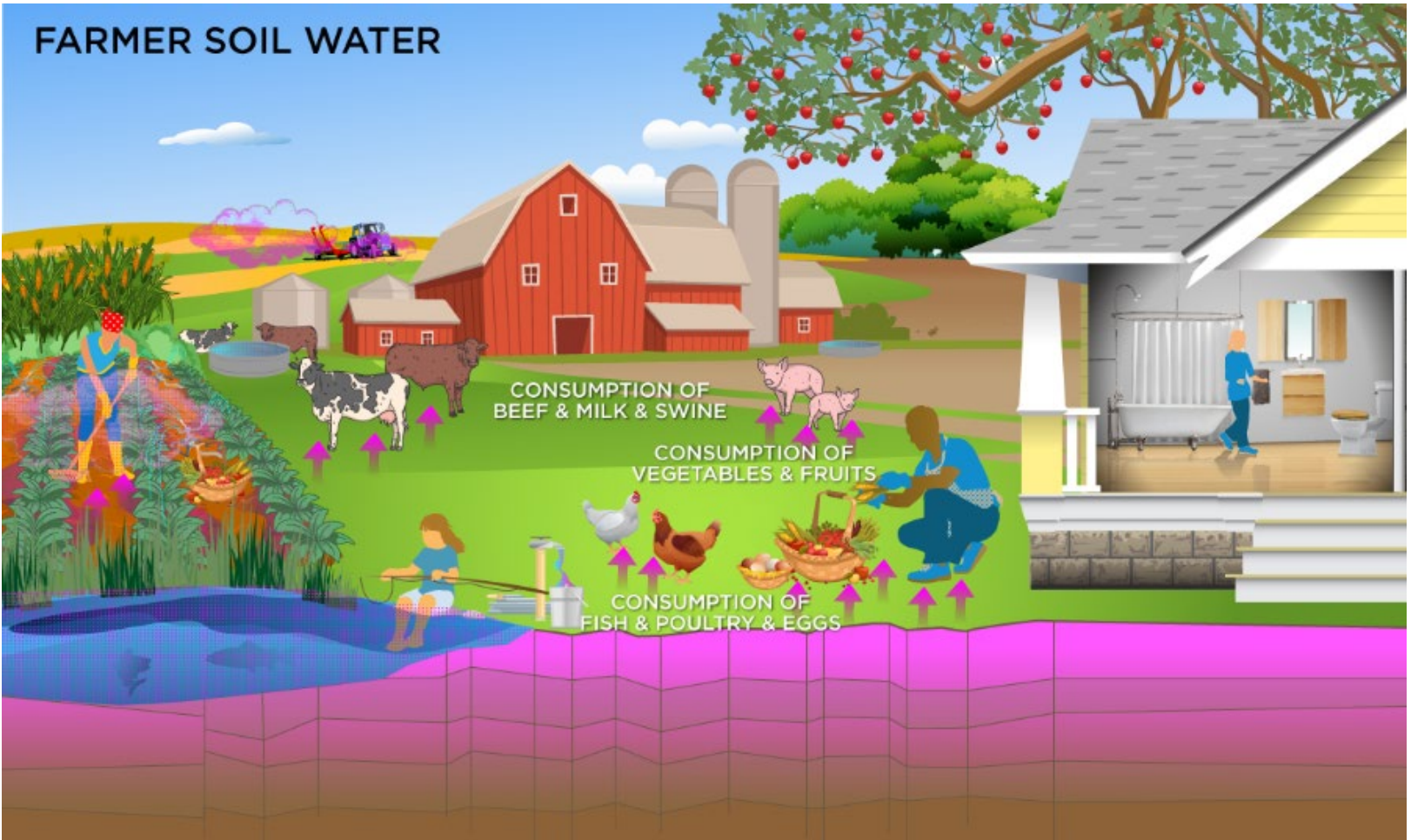
**NOTES:**

- $SF_o$ =food ingestion slope factor (risk/pCi). rad-specific

# Farmer Scenario

- Extension of residential scenario.
- Evaluates direct consumption of farm products for a subsistence farmer.
- Evaluates consumption of farm products back-calculated to soil and water.
- Age-adjusted for change in intake as the receptor ages.
- Main pathways: soil and livestock consumption

# Farmer Scenario



# Farmer Soil

- Exposure pathways
  - Incidental ingestion of soil
  - Inhalation of particulates emitted from soil
  - External exposure to ionizing radiation
  - Consumption of fruits and vegetables
    - 100% home grown

# Farmer Water

- Exposure pathways
  - Incidental ingestion of water
  - Inhalation of volatiles from water
  - External exposure to ionizing radiation
  - Consumption of fruits and vegetables
    - 100% home grown

# Farmer Livestock Consumption

- 100% homegrown livestock consumption
- All feed for animal products considered grown on contaminated media on site.
- Scenarios:
  - Meat (cattle, goat, sheep)
  - Milk (cow, goat, sheep)
  - Poultry (chicken, goose, turkey, duck)
  - Produce (25 categories)
  - Swine
  - Eggs
  - Fish



# Farmer SS Inputs

## Common Parameters

### Parameters Common to all Exposure Route Equations

$ED_f$  (exposure duration - farmer) yr

$ED_{f-a}$  (exposure duration - farmer adult) yr

$ED_{f-c}$  (exposure duration - farmer child) yr

$EF_f$  (exposure frequency - farmer) day/yr

$EF_{f-a}$  (exposure frequency - farmer adult) day/yr

$EF_{f-c}$  (exposure frequency - farmer child) day/yr

$ET_f$  (exposure time - farmer) hr

$ET_{f-a}$  (exposure time - farmer adult) hr

$ET_{f-c}$  (exposure time - farmer child) hr

$t_f$  (time - farmer) yr

TR (target cancer risk) unitless



# Farmer SS Inputs for Air

$ED_f$  (exposure duration - farmer) yr

$ED_{f-a}$  (exposure duration - farmer adult) yr

$ED_{f-c}$  (exposure duration - farmer child) yr

$EF_f$  (exposure frequency - farmer) day/yr

$EF_{f-a}$  (exposure frequency - farmer adult) day/yr

$EF_{f-c}$  (exposure frequency - farmer child) day/yr

$ET_f$  (exposure time - farmer) hr

$ET_{f-a}$  (exposure time - farmer adult) hr

$ET_f$  (exposure time - farmer child) hr

$GSF_a$  (gamma shielding factor - air) unitless

$IFA_{f-adj}$  (age-adjusted inhalation factor - farmer)  
 $m^3$

$IRA_{f-a}$  (inhalation rate - farmer adult)  $m^3/day$

$IRA_{f-c}$  (inhalation rate - farmer child)  $m^3/day$

$t_f$  (time - farmer) yr

TR (target cancer risk) unitless

## NOTES:

1.  $SF_i$ =inhalation slope factor (risk/pCi).
2.  $SF_{sub}$ =submersion slope factor (risk/pCi)
3.  $\lambda$ =decay constant

# Farmer SS Inputs for Soil

Select site area <input type="text"/> Site area for ACF	10.008 <input type="text"/> $ET_{far-i}$ (indoor exposure time fraction) hr/day
Select a cover layer <input type="text"/> Cover layer thickness for GSF <sub>o</sub>	12.168 <input type="text"/> $ET_{far-o}$ (outdoor exposure time fraction) hr/day
Select a cover layer <input type="text"/> Cover layer thickness for GSF <sub>b</sub>	0.4 <input type="text"/> GSF <sub>i</sub> (gamma shielding factor – indoor)
40 <input type="text"/> $ED_{far}$ (exposure duration – farmer) yr	259000 <input type="text"/> $IFA_{far-adj}$ (age-adjusted soil inhalation factor) m <sup>3</sup>
34 <input type="text"/> $ED_{far-a}$ (exposure duration – farmer adult) yr	1610000 <input type="text"/> $IFS_{far-adj}$ (age-adjusted soil ingestion factor) mg
6 <input type="text"/> $ED_{far-c}$ (exposure duration – farmer child) yr	20 <input type="text"/> $IRA_{far-a}$ (inhalation rate – farmer adult) m <sup>3</sup> /day
350 <input type="text"/> $EF_{far}$ (exposure frequency) day/yr	10 <input type="text"/> $IRA_{far-c}$ (inhalation rate – farmer child) m <sup>3</sup> /day
350 <input type="text"/> $EF_{far-a}$ (exposure frequency – farmer adult) day/yr	100 <input type="text"/> $IRS_{far-a}$ (soil ingestion rate – farmer adult) mg/day
350 <input type="text"/> $EF_{far-c}$ (exposure frequency – farmer child) day/yr	200 <input type="text"/> $IRS_{far-c}$ (soil ingestion rate – farmer child) mg/day
24 <input type="text"/> $ET_{far-a}$ (exposure time – farmer adult) hr/day	40 <input type="text"/> $t_{far}$ (time – farmer) yr
24 <input type="text"/> $ET_{far-c}$ (exposure time – farmer child) hr/day	1.0E-6 <input type="text"/> TR (target cancer risk) unitless

**NOTES:**

1.  $SF_s$  = soil ingestion slope factor (risk/pCi).
2.  $SF_i$  = inhalation slope factor (risk/pCi).
3.  $SF_{ext-sv}$  = external exposure slope factor (risk-g/pCi-yr).
4.  $ED_{far} = t_{far}$
5.  $\lambda$  = decay constant
6.  $0 \leq GSF_i \leq 1$
7.  $Q/C_{wind}$  = calculations based on site size and climactic zone. Further details on the derivation of  $Q/C_{wind}$  can be found in [Appendix D](#)
8. A, B, C = PEF region-specific dispersion constants (unitless)

# Farmer SS Inputs for Produce

## Parameters Common to all Agricultural Products

[Produce Consumption – back calculated to soil](#)

[Produce Consumption – back calculated to soil and water](#)

[Produce Consumption – back calculated to water](#)

[Produce consumption – direct](#)

$ED_{far}$  (exposure duration – farmer) yr

$ED_{far-a}$  (exposure duration – farmer adult) yr

$ED_{far-c}$  (exposure duration – farmer child) yr

$EF_{far-a}$  (exposure frequency – farmer adult)  
day/yr

$EF_{far-c}$  (exposure frequency – farmer child)  
day/yr

TR (target cancer risk) unitless

Climate zone

Soil type

$MLF_{pasture}$  (pasture plant mass loading factor)  
unitless

F (irrigation period) unitless

$I_f$  (interception fraction) unitless

$I_r$  (irrigation rate) L/m<sup>2</sup>-day

$\lambda_{HL}$  (soil leaching rate) 1/day

P (area density for root zone) kg/m<sup>2</sup>

T (translocation factor) unitless

$t_b$  (long term deposition and buildup) day

$t_v$  (above ground exposure time) day

$t_w$  (weathering half-life) day

$Y_v$  (plant yield – wet) kg/m<sup>2</sup>

# Farmer SS Inputs for Produce

## Select Produce Items to Include

- Toggle All
- Apples
- Asparagus
- Beets
- Berries
- Broccoli
- Cabbage
- Carrots
- Cereal Grains
- Citrus Fruits
- Corn
- Cucumbers
- Lettuce
- Lima Beans

- Okra
- Onions
- Peaches
- Pears
- Peas
- Peppers
- Potatoes
- Pumpkin
- Rice
- Snap Beans
- Strawberries
- Tomatoes

Toggle intake rates:  Fresh weight  Cooked weight

To completely remove produce from the output, un-check the 'Toggle All' box.

# Farmer SS Inputs for Produce

Apples	
<input type="text" value="1"/> $CF_{far-apple}$ (contaminated apple fraction) unitless	<input type="text" value="82.9"/> $IRAP_{far-c}$ (apple ingestion rate - farmer child) g/day
<input type="text" value="1182020"/> $IFAP_{far-adj}$ (age-adjusted apple ingestion factor) g	<input type="text" value="0.000160"/> $MLF_{apple}$ (apple mass loading factor) unitless
<input type="text" value="84.7"/> $IRAP_{far-a}$ (apple ingestion rate - farmer adult) g/day	

Asparagus	
<input type="text" value="1"/> $CF_{far-asparagus}$ (contaminated asparagus fraction) unitless	<input type="text" value="12.0"/> $IRAS_{far-c}$ (asparagus ingestion rate - farmer child) g/day
<input type="text" value="492870"/> $IFAS_{far-adj}$ (age-adjusted asparagus ingestion factor) g	<input type="text" value="0.0000790"/> $MLF_{asparagus}$ (asparagus mass loading factor) unitless
<input type="text" value="39.3"/> $IRAS_{far-a}$ (asparagus ingestion rate - farmer adult) g/day	

Beets	
<input type="text" value="1"/> $CF_{far-beet}$ (contaminated beet fraction) unitless	<input type="text" value="3.9"/> $IRBT_{far-c}$ (beet ingestion rate - farmer child) g/day
<input type="text" value="411600"/> $IFBT_{far-adj}$ (age-adjusted beet ingestion factor) g	<input type="text" value="0.000138"/> $MLF_{beet}$ (beet mass loading factor) unitless
<input type="text" value="33.9"/> $IRBT_{far-a}$ (beet ingestion rate - farmer adult) g/day	

Berries	
<input type="text" value="1"/> $CF_{far-berry}$ (contaminated berry fraction) unitless	<input type="text" value="23.9"/> $IRBE_{far-c}$ (berry ingestion rate - farmer child) g/day
<input type="text" value="471450"/> $IFBE_{far-adj}$ (age-adjusted berry ingestion factor) g	<input type="text" value="0.000166"/> $MLF_{berry}$ (berry mass loading factor) unitless
<input type="text" value="35.4"/> $IRBE_{far-a}$ (berry ingestion rate - farmer adult) g/day	

# Farmer SS Inputs for Farm Animals

## Select Animal Products to Include

- Toggle All
- Beef
- Eggs and Poultry
- Finfish
- Goat
- Goat Milk

- Dairy
- Sheep
- Sheep Milk
- Shellfish
- Swine

Toggle intake rates:  Fresh weight  Cooked weight

# Farmer SS Inputs for Beef

## Beef

[Beef Consumption – back calculated to soil](#)

[Beef Consumption – back calculated to soil and water](#)

[Beef Consumption – back calculated to water](#)

[Beef Consumption – direct](#)

$CF_{far-beef}$  (beef contaminated fraction) unitless

$IFB_{far-adj}$  (age-adjusted beef ingestion factor) g

$IRB_{far-a}$  (beef ingestion rate – farmer adult) g/day

$IRB_{far-c}$  (beef ingestion rate – farmer child) g/day

$f_{p-beef}$  (animal on-site fraction) unitless

$f_{s-beef}$  (fraction of year animal on site) unitless

$Q_{p-beef}$  (beef fodder intake rate) kg/day

$Q_{s-beef}$  (beef soil intake rate) kg/day

$Q_{w-beef}$  (beef water intake rate) L/day

# Farmer SS Inputs for Milk

## Dairy

[Dairy Consumption – back calculated to soil](#)

[Dairy Consumption – back calculated to soil and water](#)

[Dairy Consumption – back calculated to water](#)

[Dairy Consumption – direct](#)

<input type="text" value="1"/>	$CF_{\text{far-dairy}}$ (dairy contaminated fraction) unitless
<input type="text" value="6036590"/>	$IFD_{\text{far-adj}}$ (age-adjusted dairy ingestion factor) g
<input type="text" value="445.6"/>	$IRD_{\text{far-a}}$ (dairy ingestion rate – farmer adult) g/day
<input type="text" value="349.5"/>	$IRD_{\text{far-c}}$ (dairy ingestion rate – farmer child) g/day
<input type="text" value="1.03"/>	$\rho_m$ (density of milk) kg/L

<input type="text" value="1"/>	$f_{\text{p-dairy}}$ (animal on-site fraction) unitless
<input type="text" value="1"/>	$f_{\text{s-dairy}}$ (fraction of year animal on site) unitless
<input type="text" value="20.3"/>	$Q_{\text{p-dairy}}$ (dairy fodder intake rate) kg/day
<input type="text" value="0.4"/>	$Q_{\text{s-dairy}}$ (dairy soil intake rate) kg/day
<input type="text" value="92"/>	$Q_{\text{w-dairy}}$ (dairy water intake rate) L/day



# Farmer SS Inputs for Swine

## Swine

[Swine Consumption – back calculated to soil](#)

[Swine Consumption – back calculated to soil and water](#)

[Swine Consumption – back calculated to water](#)

[Swine Consumption – direct](#)

$CF_{\text{far-swine}}$  (swine contaminated fraction) unitless

$IFSW_{\text{far-adj}}$  (age-adjusted swine ingestion factor)

g

$IRSW_{\text{far-a}}$  (swine ingestion rate – farmer adult)

g/day

$IRSW_{\text{far-c}}$  (swine ingestion rate – farmer child)

g/day

$f_{\text{p-swine}}$  (animal on-site fraction) unitless

$f_{\text{s-swine}}$  (fraction of year animal on site) unitless

$Q_{\text{p-swine}}$  (swine fodder intake rate) kg/day

$Q_{\text{s-swine}}$  (swine soil intake rate) kg/day

$Q_{\text{w-swine}}$  (swine water intake rate) L/day

# Farmer SS Inputs for Egg & Poultry

Eggs and Poultry	
<a href="#">Egg Consumption – back calculated to soil</a>	
<a href="#">Egg Consumption – back calculated to soil and water</a>	
<a href="#">Egg Consumption – back calculated to water</a>	
<a href="#">Egg Consumption – direct</a>	
<a href="#">Poultry Consumption – back calculated to soil</a>	
<a href="#">Poultry Consumption – back calculated to soil and water</a>	
<a href="#">Poultry Consumption – back calculated to water</a>	
<a href="#">Poultry Consumption – direct</a>	
<input type="text" value="1"/> $CF_{far-egg}$ (egg contaminated fraction) unitless <input type="text" value="1"/> $CF_{far-poultry}$ (poultry contaminated fraction unitless) <input type="text" value="658455"/> $IFE_{far-adj}$ (age-adjusted egg ingestion factor) g <input type="text" value="1318100"/> $IFP_{far-adj}$ (age-adjusted poultry ingestion factor) g <input type="text" value="53.4"/> $IRE_{far-a}$ (egg ingestion rate – farmer adult) g/day <input type="text" value="10.95"/> $IRE_{far-c}$ (egg ingestion rate – farmer child) g/day <input type="text" value="106.6"/> $IRP_{far-a}$ (poultry ingestion rate – farmer adult)	<input type="text" value="23.6"/> $IRP_{far-c}$ (poultry ingestion rate – farmer child) g/day <input type="text" value="1"/> $f_{p-poultry}$ (animal on-site fraction) unitless <input type="text" value="1"/> $f_{s-poultry}$ (fraction of year animal on site) unitless <input type="text" value="0.2"/> $Q_{p-poultry}$ (poultry fodder intake rate) kg/day <input type="text" value="0.022"/> $Q_{s-poultry}$ (poultry soil intake rate) kg/day <input type="text" value="0.4"/> $Q_{w-poultry}$ (poultry water intake rate) L/day Toggle poultry type: <input checked="" type="radio"/> Chicken <input type="radio"/> Duck <input type="radio"/> Turkey <input type="radio"/> Goose

# Farmer SS Inputs for Fish

## Finfish

[Fish Consumption PRG - back calculated to soil](#)

[Fish Consumption PRG - back calculated to water](#)

[Fish Consumption PRG - direct](#)

<input type="text" value="1"/>	$CF_{\text{far-finfish}}$ (finfish contaminated fraction) unitless	<input type="text" value="155.9"/>	$IRFI_{\text{far-a}}$ (finfish ingestion rate - farmer adult) g/day
<input type="text" value="1931020"/>	$IFFI_{\text{far-adj}}$ (age-adjusted finfish ingestion fraction) g	<input type="text" value="36.1"/>	$IRFI_{\text{far-c}}$ (finfish ingestion rate - farmer child) g/day

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## Shellfish

<input type="text" value="1"/>	$CF_{\text{far-shellfish}}$ (shellfish contaminated fraction) unitless	<input type="text" value="208.9"/>	$IRSF_{\text{far-a}}$ (shellfish ingestion rate - farmer adult) g/day
<input type="text" value="2530640"/>	$IFSF_{\text{far-adj}}$ (age-adjusted shellfish ingestion fraction) g	<input type="text" value="21.3"/>	$IRSF_{\text{far-c}}$ (shellfish ingestion rate - farmer child) g/day

# Farmer Total Equations

## Total Soil

$$PRG_{\text{soil-f-tot}} \text{ (pCi/g)} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{PRG_{\text{soil-f-sol-ing}}} + \frac{1}{PRG_{\text{soil-f-sol-inh}}} + \frac{1}{PRG_{\text{soil-f-sol-ext}}} + \frac{1}{PRG_{\text{soil-f-prod-ing}}} + \frac{1}{PRG_{\text{soil-f-egg-ing}}} + \frac{1}{PRG_{\text{soil-f-po-ing}}} + \frac{1}{PRG_{\text{soil-f-fish-ing}}} + \frac{1}{PRG_{\text{soil-f-beef-ing}}} + \frac{1}{PRG_{\text{soil-f-dairy-ing}}} + \frac{1}{PRG_{\text{soil-f-sw-ing}}}}$$

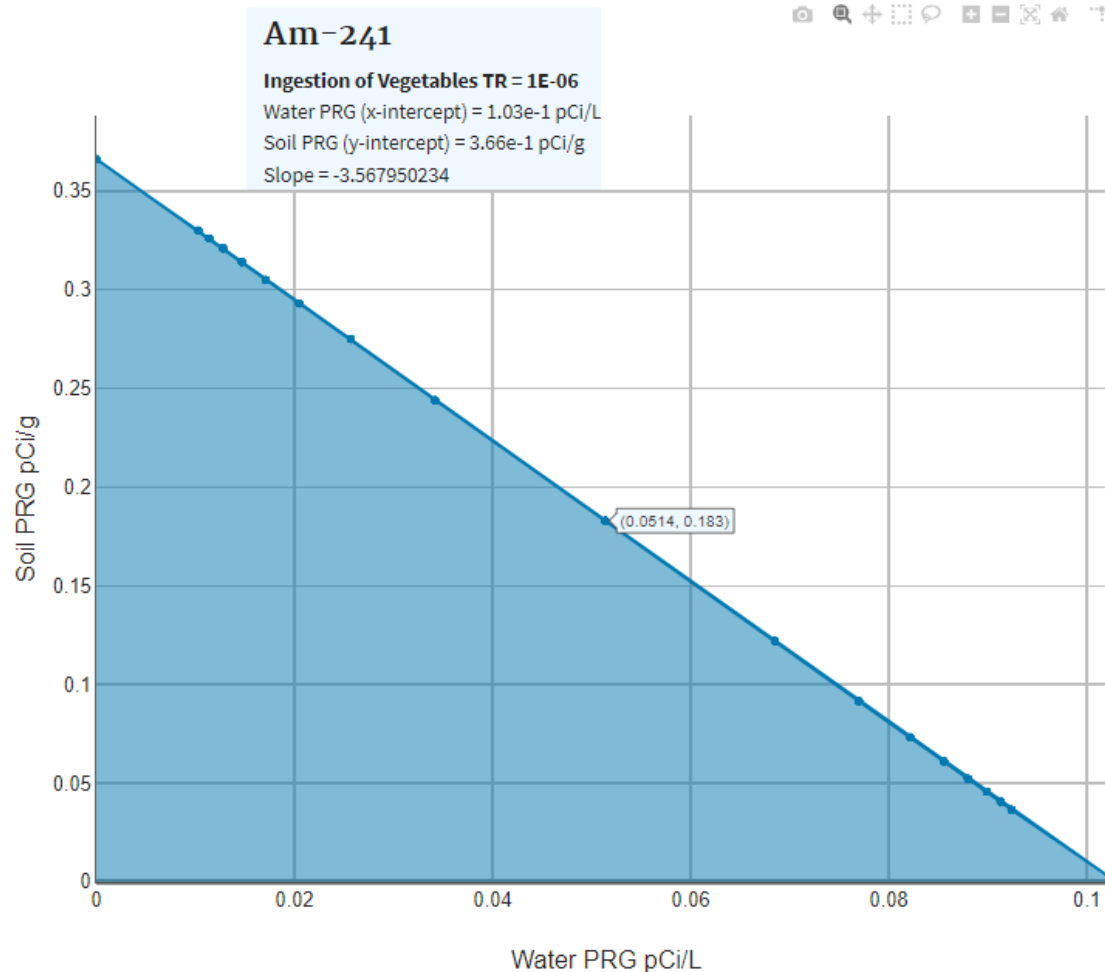
## Total Agricultural products - back calculated to water

$$PRG_{\text{wat-f-tot}} \text{ (pCi/L)} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{PRG_{\text{water-f-ing}}} + \frac{1}{PRG_{\text{water-f-inh}}} + \frac{1}{PRG_{\text{water-f-imm}}} + \frac{1}{PRG_{\text{water-f-prod-ing}}} + \frac{1}{PRG_{\text{water-f-egg-ing}}} + \frac{1}{PRG_{\text{water-f-po-ing}}} + \frac{1}{PRG_{\text{water-f-fish-ing}}} + \frac{1}{PRG_{\text{water-f-beef-ing}}} + \frac{1}{PRG_{\text{water-f-dairy-ing}}} + \frac{1}{PRG_{\text{water-f-sw-ing}}}}$$

## Total Water

$$PRG_{\text{water-f-tot}} \text{ (pCi/g)} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{PRG_{\text{water-f-ing}}} + \frac{1}{PRG_{\text{water-f-inh}}} + \frac{1}{PRG_{\text{water-f-imm}}} + \frac{1}{PRG_{\text{water-f-prod}}}}$$

# Farmer Soil and Water Graph



# Site-specific Factors

- Blue input fields in the calculator are variable-dependent and automatically adjusted based on site-specific inputs.
- Particular Emission Factor (PEF)
- Volatilization Factor (VF)
- Soil to Groundwater transport
- Radionuclide decay constant ( $\lambda$ )
- Area Correction Factor (ACF)
- Gamma Shielding Factor (soil)  $GSF_o$

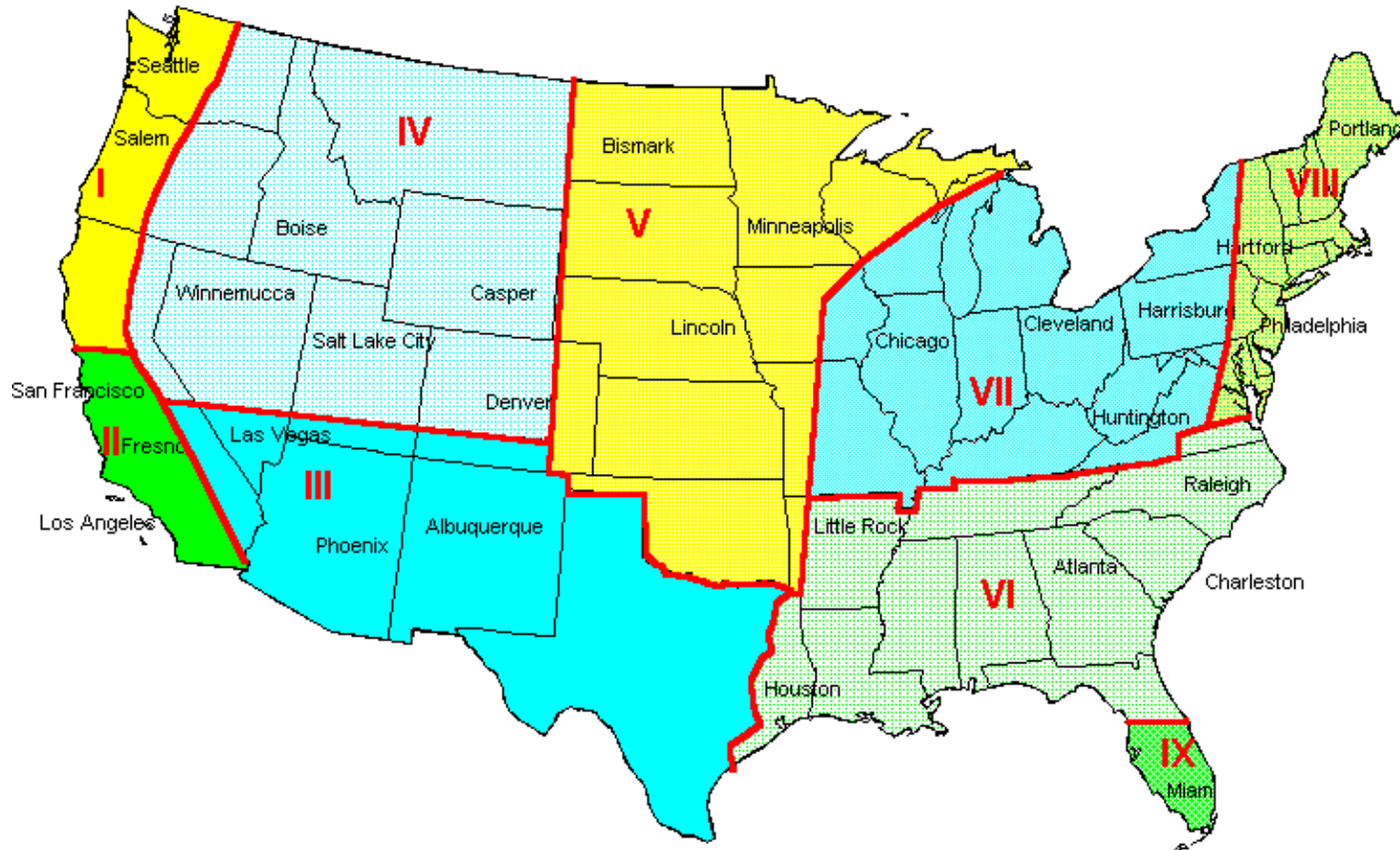


# Particulate Emission Factor

- Expresses the dispersion of particulate matter in a specific climate. Varies with weather conditions.
- Determines impact of adsorbed radionuclides on dispersed particulate matter.
- Required for calculations in soil scenarios for residential, farmer, and outdoor, indoor, and composite workers.
- Does not significantly affect most PRGs with exception of a few radionuclides



# US Climactic Zones – For Calculating PEF



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# Soil to GW Equations – Dilution Factor

- For residential soil to groundwater, the PRGs can be calculated with one of two methods:
  - Partitioning equation for migration to groundwater: employs default partitioning equation for migration. Dilution factor defaults to 1 for 0.5-acre source.
  - Mass-limit equation for migration to groundwater. Use if all the parameters needed to calculate a dilution factor are available.

# Volatilization Factor

- Replaces PEF for tritium ( $^3\text{H}$ ) assessment.
- Default value is  $17 \text{ m}^3/\text{kg}$
- VF value is based on steady state model that assumes, on average,  $^3\text{H}$  in soil pore water and in air

# Groundwater Transport – $K_D$

- $K_D$  – soil-to-water partition coefficient.
- Accounts for partitioning of contaminants in soil to groundwater migration.
- Use for farmer soil land use in fish, milk, beef, and swine exposure routes.

# Radionuclide Decay Constant ( $\lambda$ )

- Residential air, soil, workers, and farmer soil have a decay constant term based on the half-life of the isotope.
- Make realistic PRGs by including contributions from short-lived decay products.
- Should be used to establish the actual degree of equilibrium between parent nuclide and daughters.
- Should use +D values if data is not sufficient to calculate  $\lambda$ .

# Area Correction Factor

- Infinite slab assumption – thickness of contaminated zone and its aerial extent are so large that it effectively behaves as if it were infinite in its physical dimensions.
- In practice, soil contaminated to depth  $> 15\text{cm}$ , aerial extent  $> 10,000\text{ m}^2$  creates a radiation field comparable to infinite slab.

# Area Correction Factor

- In most residential settings, infinite slab assumption results in an overly conservative PRG.
- ACF used to compensate and adjust source area.
- ACF is variable by isotope, source thickness and area for site-specific analysis.
- PRG calculator has 19 different site area choices. If no size is selected for finite analysis, the ACF for the most protective size is selected.

# Residential Generic Outputs

## Ambient Air

Resident Peak Risk PRGs for Air

Peak PRG Results	Inhalation PRG TR=1.0E-06 (pCi/m <sup>3</sup> )	External Exposure PRG TR=1.0E-06 (pCi/m <sup>3</sup> )	Total PRG TR=1.0E-06 (pCi/m <sup>3</sup> )
Peak PRG for Cs-137 @ PRG units	2.82E-03	2.24E+01	2.82E-03
Peak start time for maximum risk (yrs)	1.00E-08	1.00E-08	1.00E-08
Maximum risk during peak interval (unitless)	3.54E-04	4.47E-08	3.55E-04
Maximum risk-rate during peak interval (risk/yr)	1.81E-05	2.28E-09	1.81E-05

Resident PRGs for Air

Isotope	Inhalation Slope Factor (risk/pCi)	Submersion External Exposure Slope Factor (risk/yr per pCi/m <sup>3</sup> )	Lambda (1/yr)	Half-life (yr)	Inhalation PRG TR=1.0E-06 (pCi/m <sup>3</sup> )	External Exposure PRG TR=1.0E-06 (pCi/m <sup>3</sup> )	Total PRG TR=1.0E-06 (pCi/m <sup>3</sup> )	Total PRG TR=1.0E-06 (mg/n)
Cs-137	1.12E-10	1.62E-12	2.30E-02	3.02E+01	5.52E-02	2.47E+04	5.52E-02	6.39E-1
Ba-137m	0.00E+00	2.52E-09	1.43E+05	4.86E-06	-	1.59E+01	1.59E+01	2.96E-1

## Tapwater

Peak PRG Results	Ingestion PRG R=1.0E-06 (pCi/L)	Inhalation PRG TR=1.0E-06 (pCi/L)	Immersion PRG TR=1.0E-06 (pCi/L)	Produce Consumption PRG TR=1.0E-06 (pCi/L)	Total PRG TR=1.0E-06 (pCi/L)
Peak PRG for Cs-137 @ PRG units	1.28E+00	-	3.69E+05	6.51E-01	5.06E-01
Peak start time for maximum risk (yrs)	1.00E-08	-	1.00E-08	1.00E-08	1.00E-08
Maximum risk during peak interval (unitless)	1.39E-07	-	2.71E-12	1.54E-06	1.97E-06
Maximum risk-rate during peak interval (risk/yr)	1.24E-08	-	1.38E-13	7.84E-08	1.01E-07

Isotope	Parent	0.18 exchanges per hour A <sub>eq</sub> (unitless)	ICRP Lung Absorption Type	Water Ingestion Slope Factor (risk/pCi)	Inhalation Slope Factor (risk/pCi)	Food Ingestion Slope Factor (risk/pCi)	Immersion Slope Factor (risk/yr per pCi/L)
Cs-137	Cs-137	-	S	3.05E-11	1.12E-10	3.74E-11	2.24E-15
Ba-137m	Cs-137	-	-	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	5.46E-12

Isotope	Wet Soil-to-plant transfer factor Woody tree (pCi/g-fresh plant per pCi/g-dry soil)	Wet Soil-to-plant transfer factor Leaf (pCi/g-fresh plant per pCi/g-dry soil)	Wet Soil-to-plant transfer factor Root (pCi/g-fresh plant per pCi/g-dry soil)	Wet Soil-to-plant transfer factor Shrub (pCi/g-fresh plant per pCi/g-dry soil)	Wet Soil-to-plant transfer factor Non-leafy fruit (pCi/g-fresh plant per pCi/g-dry soil)
Cs-137	5.80E-03	6.00E-02	4.20E-02	2.10E-03	2.10E-02
Ba-137m	1.00E-02	5.00E-03	5.00E-03	1.00E-02	1.00E-02

Isotope	Lambda <sub>E</sub> (1/day)	Irr <sub>dep</sub> (L/kg)	Ingestion PRG TR=1.0E-06 (pCi/L)	Inhalation PRG TR=1.0E-06 (pCi/L)	Immersion PRG TR=1.0E-06 (pCi/L)	Produce Consumption PRG TR=1.0E-06 (pCi/L)	Total PRG TR=1.0E-06 (pCi/L)	Total PRG TR=1.0E-06 (mg/L)
Cs-137	4.95E-02	3.64E+00	1.71E+00	-	6.40E+08	4.88E-01	3.80E-01	4.40E-12
Ba-137m	4.95E-02	3.64E+00	-	-	2.63E+05	-	2.63E+05	4.89E-13

# Residential Generic Outputs

## Soil

	gestion PRG	Inhalation PRG	External Exposure PRG	Produce Consumption PRG	Total PRG
Peak PRG Results	-1.0E-06 pCi/g	TR=1.0E-06 (pCi/g)	TR=1.0E-06 (pCi/g)	TR=1.0E-06 (pCi/g)	TR=1.0E-06 (pCi/g)
Peak PRG for Cs-137 @ PRG units	9E+01	9.97E+04	6.06E-02	1.19E-01	4.01E-02
Peak start time for maximum risk (yrs)	0E-08	1.00E-08	1.00E-08	1.00E-08	1.00E-08
Maximum risk during peak interval (unitless)	9E-08	1.00E-11	1.65E-05	8.41E-06	2.49E-05
Maximum risk-rate during peak interval (risk/yr)	3E-09	5.12E-13	8.43E-07	4.30E-07	8.43E-07

Isotope	ICRP Lung Absorption Type	Inhalation Slope Factor (risk/pCi)	External Exposure Slope Factor (risk/yr per pCi/g)	Food Ingestion Slope Factor (risk/pCi)	Soil Ingestion Slope Factor (risk/pCi)	Lambda (1/yr)	Half-life (yr)	Default Soil Volume Area Correction Factor	Wet Soil-to-plant transfer factor Woody tree (pCi/g-fresh plant per pCi/g-dry soil)	Wet Soil-to-plant transfer factor Leaf (pCi/g-fresh plant per pCi/g-dry soil)	Wet Soil-to-plant transfer factor Root (pCi/g-fresh plant per pCi/g-dry soil)	Wet Soil-to-plant transfer factor Shrub (pCi/g-fresh plant per pCi/g-dry soil)
Cs-137	S	1.12E-10	5.52E-10	3.74E-11	4.26E-11	2.30E-02	3.02E+01	1.00E+00	5.80E-03	6.00E-02	4.20E-02	2.10E-03
Ba-137m	-	0.00E+00	2.69E-06	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	1.43E+05	4.86E-06	1.00E+00	1.00E-02	5.00E-03	5.00E-03	1.00E-02

Isotope	Wet Soil-to-plant transfer factor Non-leafy fruit (pCi/g-fresh plant per pCi/g-dry soil)	Wet Soil-to-plant transfer factor Maize grain (pCi/g-fresh plant per pCi/g-dry soil)	Wet Soil-to-plant transfer factor Legume seed (pCi/g-fresh plant per pCi/g-dry soil)	Wet Soil-to-plant transfer factor Tuber (pCi/g-fresh plant per pCi/g-dry soil)	Wet Soil-to-plant transfer factor Herbaceous (pCi/g-fresh plant per pCi/g-dry soil)	Particulate Emission Factor (m <sup>3</sup> /kg)	Ingestion PRG (pCi/g)	Inhalation PRG (pCi/g)	External Exposure PRG (pCi/g)	Produce Consumption PRG (pCi/g)	Total PRG (pCi/g)	Total PRG (mg/kg)
Cs-137	2.10E-02	3.30E-02	4.00E-02	5.60E-02	2.90E-03	1.36E+09	2.10E+01	7.51E+04	2.10E+02	8.95E-02	8.91E-02	1.03E-09
Ba-137m	1.00E-02	1.00E-02	1.00E-02	5.00E-03	1.00E-02	1.36E+09	-	-	4.31E-02	-	4.31E-02	8.03E-17



# Residential Generic Outputs

## 2D Direct External Exposure

Peak PRG Results	Soil Volume PRG TR=1.0E-06 (pCi/g)	Soil Volume @ 1cm PRG TR=1.0E-06 (pCi/g)	Soil Volume @ 5cm PRG TR=1.0E-06 (pCi/g)	Soil Volume @ 15cm PRG TR=1.0E-06 (pCi/g)	Ground Plane PRG TR=1.0E-06 (pCi/cm <sup>2</sup> )
Peak PRG for Cs-137 @ PRG units	5.06E-02	2.97E-01	1.05E-01	6.80E-02	3.03E-01
Peak start time for maximum risk (yrs)	1.00E-08	1.00E-08	1.00E-08	1.00E-08	1.00E-08
Maximum risk during peak interval (unitless)	1.65E-05	3.36E-06	9.48E-06	1.47E-05	3.30E-06
Maximum risk -rate during peak interval (risk/yr)	8.43E-07	1.72E-07	4.84E-07	7.51E-07	1.68E-07

Isotope	External Exposure Slope Factor (risk/yr per pCi/g)	External Exposure Slope Factor (1 cm) (risk/yr per pCi/g)	External Exposure Slope Factor (5 cm) (risk/yr per pCi/g)	External Exposure Slope Factor (15 cm) (risk/yr per pCi/g)	Ground Plane External Exposure Slope Factor (risk/yr per pCi/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Lambda (1/yr)	Halflife (yr)	Default Soil Volume Area Correction Factor	Default Ground Plane Area Correction Factor	Default 1 cm Area Correction Factor	Default 5 cm Area Correction Factor	Default 15cm Area Correction Factor	Default Soil Volume Gamma Shielding Factor
<a href="#">Cs-137</a>	5.52E-10	1.92E-10	4.24E-10	5.42E-10	5.53E-10	2.30E-02	3.02E+01	1.00E+00	1.00E+00	1.00E+00	1.00E+00	1.00E+00	1.00E+00
<a href="#">Ba-137m</a>	2.69E-06	5.47E-07	1.54E-06	2.39E-06	5.36E-07	1.43E+05	4.86E-06	1.00E+00	1.00E+00	1.00E+00	1.00E+00	1.00E+00	1.00E+00

Isotope	Default Ground Plane Gamma Shielding Factor	Default 1 cm Gamma Shielding Factor	Default 5 cm Gamma Shielding Factor	Default 15 cm Gamma Shielding Factor	Total Indoor GSF Soil Volume	Total Indoor GSF Ground Plane	Total Indoor GSF @ 1cm	Total Indoor GSF @ 5cm	Total Indoor GSF @ 15cm	Soil Volume PRG TR=1.0E-06 (pCi/g)	Soil Volume @ 1cm PRG TR=1.0E-06 (pCi/g)	Soil Volume @ 5cm PRG TR=1.0E-06 (pCi/g)	Soil Volume @ 15cm PRG TR=1.0E-06 (pCi/g)	Ground Plane PRG TR=1.0E-06 (pCi/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Soil Volume PRG TR=1.0E-06 (mg/kg)
<a href="#">Cs-137</a>	1.00E+00	1.00E+00	1.00E+00	1.00E+00	4.00E-01	4.00E-01	4.00E-01	4.00E-01	4.00E-01	2.10E+02	6.01E+02	2.73E+02	2.14E+02	2.09E+02	2.42E-06
<a href="#">Ba-137m</a>	1.00E+00	1.00E+00	1.00E+00	1.00E+00	4.00E-01	4.00E-01	4.00E-01	4.00E-01	4.00E-01	4.31E-02	2.11E-01	7.50E-02	4.83E-02	2.16E-01	8.03E-17

# Residential Generic Outputs

## Soil to Groundwater

	Ingestion PRG TR=1.0E-06 (pCi/L)	Inhalation PRG TR=1.0E-06 (pCi/L)	Immersion PRG TR=1.0E-06 (pCi/L)	Produce Consumption PRG TR=1.0E-06 (pCi/L)	Total PRG TR=1.0E-06 (pCi/L)	SSL Risk-based TR=1E-06 (pCi/g)	SSL MCL-based (pCi/g)
<b>Peak PRG Results</b>							
<i>Peak PRG for Cs-137 @ PRG units</i>	2.28E+00	-	3.69E+05	6.51E-01	5.06E-01	4.96E+01	-
<i>Peak start time for maximum risk (yrs)</i>	1.00E-08	-	1.00E-08	1.00E-08	1.00E-08	1.00E-08	-
<i>Maximum risk during peak interval (unitless)</i>	4.39E-07	-	2.71E-12	1.54E-06	1.97E-06	2.01E-08	-
<i>Maximum risk-rate during peak interval (risk/yr)</i>	2.24E-08	-	1.38E-13	7.84E-08	1.01E-07	1.03E-09	-

Isotope	Parent	0.18 exchanges per hour A <sub>eq</sub> (unitless)	ICRP Lung Absorption Type	Water Ingestion Slope Factor (risk/pCi)	Inhalation Slope Factor (risk/pCi)	Food Ingestion Slope Factor (risk/pCi)	Immersion Slope Factor (risk/yr per pCi/L)	Wet Soil-to-plant transfer factor Woody tree (pCi/g-fresh plant per pCi/g-dry soil)	Wet Soil-to-plant transfer factor Leaf (pCi/g-fresh plant per pCi/g-dry soil)	Wet Soil-to-plant transfer factor Root (pCi/g-fresh plant per pCi/g-dry soil)	Wet Soil-to-plant transfer factor Shrub (pCi/g-fresh plant per pCi/g-dry soil)	Wet Soil-to-plant transfer factor Non-leafy fruit (pCi/g-fresh plant per pCi/g-dry soil)
<a href="#">Cs-137</a>	Cs-137	-	S	3.05E-11	1.12E-10	3.74E-11	2.24E-15	5.80E-03	6.00E-02	4.20E-02	2.10E-03	2.10E-02
<a href="#">Ba-137m</a>	Cs-137	-	-	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	5.46E-12	1.00E-02	5.00E-03	5.00E-03	1.00E-02	1.00E-02

Isotope	Wet Soil-to-plant transfer factor Maize grain (pCi/g-fresh plant per pCi/g-dry soil)	Wet Soil-to-plant transfer factor Legume seed (pCi/g-fresh plant per pCi/g-dry soil)	Wet Soil-to-plant transfer factor Tuber (pCi/g-fresh plant per pCi/g-dry soil)	Wet Soil-to-plant transfer factor Herbaceous (pCi/g-fresh plant per pCi/g-dry soil)	K <sub>d</sub> Distribution coefficient (L/kg)	Lambda <sub>g</sub> (1/day)	Irr <sub>dep</sub> (L/kg)	Ingestion PRG TR=1.0E-06 (pCi/L)	Inhalation PRG TR=1.0E-06 (pCi/L)	Immersion PRG TR=1.0E-06 (pCi/L)	Produce Consumption PRG TR=1.0E-06 (pCi/L)	Total PRG TR=1.0E-06 (pCi/L)	Total PRG TR=1.0E-06 (mg/L)
<a href="#">Cs-137</a>	3.30E-02	4.00E-02	5.60E-02	2.90E-03	1.00E+01	2.70E-05	3.64E+00	1.71E+00	-	6.40E+08	4.88E-01	3.80E-01	4.40E-12
<a href="#">Ba-137m</a>	1.00E-02	1.00E-02	5.00E-03	1.00E-02	4.00E-01	2.70E-05	3.64E+00	-	-	2.63E+05	-	2.63E+05	4.89E-13

Total PRG TR=1.0E-06 (mg/L)	Groundwater Risk-based Concentration TR=1E-06 (pCi/L)	Groundwater MCL-based Concentration (pCi/L)	SSL Risk-based TR=1E-06 (pCi/g)	SSL Risk-based TR=1E-06 (mg/kg)	SSL MCL-based (pCi/g)	SSL MCL-based (mg/kg)
4.40E-12	3.80E-01	2.00E+02	3.88E-03	4.49E-14	2.04E+00	2.36E-11
4.89E-13	2.63E+05	-	1.58E+02	2.93E-16	-	-

# Residential Generic Outputs

## Fish

Peak PRG Results	Finfish Consumption PRG TR=1.0E-06 (pCi/g)
<i>Peak PRG for Cs-137 @ PRG units</i>	7.23E-02
<i>Peak start time for maximum risk (yrs)</i>	1.00E-08
<i>Maximum risk during peak interval (unitless)</i>	1.38E-05
<i>Maximum risk-rate during peak interval (risk/yr)</i>	7.06E-07

Isotope	Food Ingestion Slope Factor (risk/pCi)	Finfish Consumption PRG TR=1.0E-06 (pCi/g)	Finfish Consumption PRG TR=1.0E-06 (mg/kg)
<a href="#">Cs-137</a>	3.74E-11	5.45E-02	6.30E-10
<a href="#">Ba-137m</a>	0.00E+00	-	-



# Radiation Risk Assessment Calculator Training

## Section 4: DCC Calculator

# DCC Outline

- Background
- Use of Dose Assessment at Superfund Sites
- Development Approach
- Calculator Walkthrough
  - Scenarios
  - Inputs
  - Outputs

# DCC Background

- Dose compliance concentrations (DCCs) are isotope activities that correspond to fixed levels of dose.
- Dose conversion factors (DCFs) for a given radionuclide represent the dose equivalent per unit intake or external exposure of that radionuclide.



# DCFs

- Used to convert a radionuclide concentration in soil, air, water or foodstuffs to a radiation dose.
- May be specified for specific body organs or tissues of interest, or as a weighted sum of individual organ dose (EDE).
- DCF sets: present DCFs that may be used to calculate either organ DE or EDE for ingestion and inhalation
  - ICRP 30
  - ICRP 60
  - ICRP 107 (ORNL) – based on more recent findings



# Radiation Standards

- Standards consist of Effective Dose or Organ Equivalent Dose critical organ dose annual limits
- Equivalent Dose Limits may consider:
  - Specific target tissue or organ (e.g. thyroid)
  - The most radiosensitive tissue or organ
  - Tissue or organ receiving highest dose
- Dose to an organ from internally-deposited radionuclides is generally calculated separately from dose due to external exposure. However, the annual limit is based on the sum of external and internal organ dose.





# Dose Assessment in Superfund Sites

- Superfund is **NOT** a dose-based program.
  - Dose assessments should only be conducted under CERCLA when necessary to demonstrate ARAR compliance.
- Dose recommendations (e.g. DOE orders, NRC regulatory guides) should generally not be used as TBCs.

# Dose Assessment in Superfund Sites (cont.)

- Dose is not used because dose-based guidance would result in unnecessary inconsistency regarding how radiological and non-radiological (chemical) contaminants are addressed at Superfund sites.
  - Estimates of risk from a given dose estimate may vary by an order of magnitude or more.

# Dose Assessment in Superfund Sites (cont.)

- Dose-based guidance generally begins an analysis for determining a site-specific cleanup level at a minimally acceptable risk level rather than the  $10^{-6}$  departure set by NCP.
- ARARs above dose of 12 mrem/yr are not considered sufficiently protective.
  - Do not use to establish cleanup levels.
  - Cleanup levels not based on ARAR should be based on carcinogenic risk range of  $10^{-4}$  to  $10^{-6}$ .



# Development Approach – Addressing Radionuclide Background

- Natural background radiation should be considered prior to applying DCCs as cleanup levels.
- Some ARARs are established as increments above background concentrations – obey ARAR procedure.

# Development Approach – Potential Problems

- To avoid misuse of DCCs, the following should be avoided:
  - Applying DCCs w/out adequate CSM
  - Use of DCCs as cleanup levels w/out considering other relevant criteria
  - Use of DCCs as cleanup levels w/out verifying numbers with a health physicist/risk assessor
  - Use of outdated, superseded DCC tables
  - Not considering effects from presence of multiple isotopes

# DCC Calculator Overview

## Using the DCC Calculator

### Select Scenario

- Resident
- Composite Worker
- Outdoor Worker
- Indoor Worker
- Construction Worker - Standard Unpaved Road Vehicle Traffic (Site-specific only)
- Construction Worker - Wind Erosion and Other Construction Activities (Site-specific only)
- Recreator (Site-specific only)
- Farmer
- Soil to Groundwater

### Select Media:

- Soil
- Air
- 2-D External Exposure
- Tap Water
- Fish

### Select Units

- pCi
- Bq

### Select ICRP rule

- 107 - Center for Radiation Protection Knowledge
- 60/68/72
- 30

### Select DCC type

- Defaults
- Site-specific

Select Isotope Info Type: Database defaults ▾

- select-
- Database defaults
- User-provided

Select Dose Output:

- No
- Yes

## Select Individual Isotopes

### Complete List

Ac-223  
Ac-224  
Ac-225  
Ac-226  
Ac-227  
Ac-228  
Ac-230  
Ac-231  
Ac-232  
Ac-233

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### Selected

Am-241  
Cs-137  
Sr-90  
U-235

### Common Isotopes

Ra-226  
Ra-228  
Rn-220  
Rn-222  
Tc-99  
Th-228  
Th-230  
Th-232  
U-234  
U-238

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### Or Select All

ALL

### Source and Decay Output Options

- Assumes period of peak dose (with decay and progeny ingrowth)
- Assumes secular equilibrium throughout chain (no decay)
- Does not assume secular equilibrium, provides results for progeny throughout chain
- Does not assume secular equilibrium, provides results for selected isotopes only

### Peak Time Period

- Infinite
- 10,000 Years
- 1,000 Years
- 100 Years
- Other:

Retrieve

# DCC Calculator Walkthrough

- Select exposure scenario
  - Same scenarios as discussed in PRG
- Select DCC type: defaults or site-specific
- Select units: units of activity in pCi or Bq
- Select ICRP rule (107, 60 or 30)
- Select isotopes of interest



# Residential SS Inputs

## Common Parameters

### Parameters Common to all Exposure Route Equations

AAF<sub>a</sub> (annual age fraction - resident adult)

unitless

AAF<sub>c</sub> (annual age fraction - resident child)

unitless

DL (dose limit) mrem

ED<sub>r</sub> (exposure duration - resident) yr

ED<sub>ra</sub> (exposure duration - resident adult) yr

ED<sub>rc</sub> (exposure duration - resident child) yr

EF<sub>r</sub> (exposure frequency - resident) day/yr

EF<sub>ra</sub> (exposure frequency - resident adult) day/yr

EF<sub>rc</sub> (exposure frequency - resident child) day/yr

ET<sub>r</sub> (exposure time - resident) hr

ET<sub>ra</sub> (exposure time - resident adult) hr

ET<sub>rc</sub> (exposure time - resident child) hr

t<sub>r</sub> (time - resident) yr



# Residential SS Inputs

## Soil- Ingestion, External, Inhalation & Produce

Select a slab size ▾ Slab size for ACF	24	$ET_{r-c}$ (exposure time - resident child) hr/day
Select a soil thickness cover layer ▾ Select cover layer thickness for $GSF_o$ (gamma shielding factor - outdoor)	16.416	$ET_{r-i}$ (exposure time - indoor resident) hr/day
<b>0.77</b> $AAF_a$ (annual age fraction - resident adult) unitless	1.752	$ET_{r-o}$ (exposure time - outdoor resident) hr/day
<b>0.23</b> $AAF_c$ (annual age fraction - resident child) unitless	0.4	$GSF_i$ (gamma shielding factor - indoor) unitless
<b>1</b> DL (dose limit) mrem	<b>6195</b>	$IFA_{r-adj}$ (age-adjusted soil inhalation factor - resident) $m^3$
<b>26</b> $ED_r$ (exposure duration - resident) yr	<b>43050</b>	$IFS_{r-adj}$ (age-adjusted soil ingestion factor - resident) mg
20 $ED_{r-a}$ (exposure duration - resident adult) yr	20	$IRA_{r-a}$ (inhalation rate - resident adult) $m^3/day$
6 $ED_{r-c}$ (exposure duration - resident child) yr	10	$IRA_{r-c}$ (inhalation rate - resident child) $m^3/day$
<b>350</b> $EF_r$ (exposure frequency - resident) day/yr	100	$IRS_{r-a}$ (soil intake rate - resident adult) mg/day
350 $EF_{r-a}$ (exposure frequency - resident adult) day/yr	200	$IRS_{r-c}$ (soil intake rate - resident child) mg/day
350 $EF_{r-c}$ (exposure frequency - resident child) day/yr	0.26	MLF (produce plant mass loading factor) unitless
24 $ET_{r-a}$ (exposure time - resident adult) hr/day	<b>26</b>	$t_r$ (time - resident) yr

### NOTES:

1.  $DCF_o$ =oral ingestion dose conversion factor (mrem/pCi).
2.  $DCF_i$ =inhalation dose conversion factor (mrem/pCi).
3.  $DCF_{ext-sv}$ =external exposure dose conversion factor (mrem-g/pCi-yr).
4.  $t_r$ =time of exposure (yr) =  $ED_r$  =  $ED_{r-c}$  =  $ED_{r-a}$
5.  $\lambda$ =decay constant
6.  $Q/C_{wind}$ =calculations based on site size and climactic zone. Further details on the derivation of  $Q/C_{wind}$  can be found in [Appendix D](#)
7. A, B, C = PEF region-specific dispersion constants (unitless)
8.  $0 \leq GSF_i \leq 1$

# Residential SS Inputs

## Produce

### Produce Ingestion Parameters

#### Produce Consumption - direct

$CPF_r$  (contaminated plant fraction) unitless

$IFF_{r-adj}$  (age-adjusted fruit ingestion factor - resident) g

$IFV_{r-adj}$  (age-adjusted vegetable ingestion factor - resident) g

$IRF_{r-a}$  (fruit consumption rate - resident adult) g/day

$IRF_{r-c}$  (fruit consumption rate - resident child) g/day

$IRV_{r-a}$  (vegetable consumption rate - resident adult) g/day

$IRV_{r-c}$  (vegetable consumption rate - resident child) g/day

# Residential SS Inputs

## Air – External and Inhalation

AAF<sub>a</sub> (annual age fraction - resident adult)

unitless

AAF<sub>c</sub> (annual age fraction - resident child)

unitless

DL (dose limit) mrem

ED<sub>r</sub> (exposure duration - resident) yr

ED<sub>r-a</sub> (exposure duration - resident adult) yr

ED<sub>r-c</sub> (exposure duration - resident child) yr

EF<sub>r</sub> (exposure frequency) day/yr

EF<sub>r-a</sub> (exposure frequency - resident adult) day/yr

EF<sub>r-c</sub> (exposure frequency - resident child) day/yr

ET<sub>r</sub> (exposure time - resident) hr

ET<sub>r-a</sub> (exposure time - resident adult) hr

ET<sub>r-c</sub> (exposure time - resident child) hr

GSF<sub>a</sub> (gamma shielding factor) unitless

IFA<sub>r-adj</sub> (age-adjusted inhalation factor) m<sup>3</sup>

IRA<sub>r-a</sub> (inhalation rate - resident adult) m<sup>3</sup>/day

IRA<sub>r-c</sub> (inhalation rate - resident child) m<sup>3</sup>/day

t<sub>r</sub> (time - resident) yr

### NOTES:

1. DCF<sub>i</sub>=inhalation dose conversion factor (mrem/pCi)
2. DCF<sub>sub</sub>=submersion dose conversion factor (mrem/pCi)
3. t<sub>r</sub>=time of exposure (yr) = ED<sub>r</sub> = ED<sub>r-c</sub> = ED<sub>r-a</sub>
4. λ=decay constant
5. 0 ≤ GSF<sub>o</sub> ≤ 1

# Residential SS Inputs

## Tapwater – Ingestion, External, Inhalation, & Produce

AAF<sub>a</sub> (annual age fraction - resident adult)  
unitless

AAF<sub>c</sub> (annual age fraction - resident child)  
unitless

DFA<sub>r-adj</sub> (age-adjusted immersion factor - resident)  
hr

DL (dose limit) mrem

ED<sub>r</sub> (exposure duration - resident) yr

ED<sub>r-a</sub> (exposure duration - resident adult) yr

ED<sub>r-c</sub> (exposure duration - resident child) yr

EF<sub>r-a</sub> (exposure frequency - resident adult) day/yr

EF<sub>r-c</sub> (exposure frequency - resident child) day/yr

ET<sub>r-a</sub> (exposure time - resident adult) hr

ET<sub>r-c</sub> (exposure time - resident child) hr

EV<sub>r-a</sub> (bathing events per day - resident adult)  
event/day

EV<sub>r-c</sub> (bathing events per day - resident child)  
event/day

F (irrigation period) unitless

IFA<sub>r-adj</sub> (age-adjusted inhalation factor - resident)  
m<sup>3</sup>

I<sub>f</sub> (interception fraction) unitless

IFW<sub>r-adj</sub> (adjusted intake factor - resident) L-  
yr/kg-day

IRA<sub>r-a</sub> (inhalation rate - resident adult) m<sup>3</sup>/day

IRA<sub>r-c</sub> (inhalation rate - resident child) m<sup>3</sup>/day

I<sub>r</sub> (irrigation rate) L/m<sup>2</sup>-day

IRW<sub>r-a</sub> (water intake rate - resident adult) L/day

IRW<sub>r-c</sub> (water intake rate - resident child) L/day

K (volatilization factor of Andelman) L/m<sup>3</sup>

λ<sub>HL</sub> (soil leaching rate) 1/day

MLF (produce plant mass loading factor) unitless

P (area density for root zone) kg/m<sup>2</sup>

T (translocation factor) unitless

t<sub>a-event</sub> (duration of bathing event - adult) hr/event

t<sub>b</sub> (long term deposition and buildup) day

t<sub>c-event</sub> (duration of bathing event - child) hr/event

t<sub>v</sub> (above ground exposure time) day

t<sub>w</sub> (weathering half-life) day

Y<sub>v</sub> (plant yield - wet) kg/m<sup>2</sup>

# Residential SS Inputs

## Soil – 2-D Analysis

DL (dose limit) mrem

ED<sub>r</sub> (exposure duration - resident) yr

EF<sub>r</sub> (exposure frequency - resident) day/yr

ET<sub>r-i</sub> (exposure time - indoor resident) hr/day

ET<sub>r-o</sub> (exposure time - outdoor resident) hr/day

GSF<sub>i</sub> (gamma shielding factor - indoor) unitless

t<sub>r</sub> (time - resident) yr

### NOTES:

1. Slab size for ACF in alternate external exposure equations is determined by size selected in soil section above
2. DCF<sub>ext-gp</sub>=ground plane external exposure dose conversion factor (mrem-cm<sup>2</sup>/pCi-yr).
3. DCF<sub>ext-sv</sub>=infinite soil volume external exposure dose conversion factor (mrem-g/pCi-yr).
4. DCF<sub>ext-1cm</sub>=soil volume at 1 cm external exposure dose conversion factor (mrem-g/pCi-yr).
5. DCF<sub>ext-5cm</sub>=soil volume at 5 cm external exposure dose conversion factor (mrem-g/pCi-yr).
6. DCF<sub>ext-15cm</sub>=soil volume at 15 cm external exposure dose conversion factor (mrem-g/pCi-yr).
7. t<sub>r</sub>=time of exposure (yr) = ED<sub>r</sub>
8. λ=decay constant
9. 0 ≤ GSF<sub>i</sub> ≤ 1



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# Residential SS Inputs

## Particulate Emission Factor

$$PEF_w \left( \frac{m^3_{air}}{kg_{soil}} \right) = \frac{Q}{C_{wind}} \left( \frac{\frac{g}{m^2 \cdot s}}{\frac{kg}{m^3}} \right) \times \frac{3,600 \left( \frac{s}{hour} \right)}{0.036 \times (1-V) \times \left( \frac{U_m \left( \frac{m}{s} \right)}{U_t \left( \frac{m}{s} \right)} \right)^3} \times F(x)$$

$$\text{and: } \frac{Q}{C_{wind}} = A \times \exp \left[ \frac{(\ln A_s (\text{acre}) - B)^2}{C} \right]$$

Default  City (Climatic Zone) - Selection based on most likely climatic conditions for the site

0.5  A<sub>s</sub> (acres)

**1359344438** PEF (particulate emission factor) m<sup>3</sup>/kg

**93.77** Q/C<sub>wp</sub> / inverse of the ratio of the geometric mean air concentration to the emission flux at center of a square source (g/m<sup>2</sup>-s per kg/m<sup>3</sup>) PEF Selection

**16.2302** A (Dispersion Constant)

**18.7762** B (Dispersion Constant)

**216.108** C (Dispersion Constant)

0.5  V / fraction of vegetative cover (unitless)

4.69  U<sub>m</sub> / mean annual wind speed (m/s)

11.32  U<sub>t</sub> / equivalent threshold value (m/s)

0.194  F(x) / function dependant on U<sub>m</sub>/U<sub>t</sub> derived using Cowherd et al. (1985) (unitless)

# Residential SS Inputs

## Fish

### Resident Exposure to Consumption of Fish

#### Ingestion Exposure

Fish Ingestion

**1** DL (dose limit) mrem

**26** ED<sub>r</sub> (exposure duration - resident) yr

**350** EF<sub>r</sub> (exposure frequency - resident) day/yr

IRF<sub>a</sub> (fish intake rate - adult) g/day

**26** t<sub>r</sub> (time - resident) yr

**NOTES:**

1. DCF<sub>o</sub>=food dose conversion factor (mrem/pCi). rad-specific

# Residential SS Inputs

## Soil to Groundwater – Dilution Factor

Dilution Factor for Migration to Groundwater	
<u>Dilution Attenuation Factor</u>	
<u>Mixing Zone Depth</u>	
<input type="text" value="1"/> DAF (dilution attenuation factor) unitless	<input type="text" value="."/> $d_a$ (aquifer thickness) m - site-specific
<input type="text" value="."/> K (aquifer hydraulic conductivity) m/yr	<input type="text" value="."/> i (hydraulic gradient) m/m
<input type="text" value="."/> L (source length parallel to ground water flow) m	<input type="text" value="0.18"/> I (infiltration rate) m/yr
<input type="text" value="."/> d (mixing zone depth) m - site-specific	
<p><b>NOTES:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The dilution factor (DAF) has a default of 1 for a <math>\leq 0.5</math>-acre source.</li> <li>2. If DAF is known, enter it above. Or, to calculate DAF, enter your own site-specific values for the variables in the necessary fields above.</li> <li>3. When DAF is entered or calculated, the values for the blue DAF boxes in the Migration to Groundwater sections below will be populated. If DAF is not entered or calculated, the default value of 1 will be used.</li> </ol>	



# Residential SS Inputs

## Soil to Groundwater – Partition Equation

### Partitioning Equation for Migration to Groundwater

Method 1

DAF (dilution attenuation factor) unitless

t (time) yr

$\rho_b$  (dry soil bulk density) kg/L

$\theta_w$  (water-filled soil porosity)  $L_{\text{water}}/L_{\text{soil}}$

#### NOTES:

1. The Partitioning Equation for Migration to Ground Water is used by default. To use the [Mass-Limit Equation](#), enter values for the required parameters in the section below.
2. The dilution factor (DAF) has a default of 1 for a  $\leq 0.5$ -acre source.
3. If DAF is known, enter it in the [Dilution Factor](#) section above. When DAF is entered or calculated in the section above, the value for the blue DAF box in this section will be populated. If DAF is not entered or calculated, the default value of 1 will be used.



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# Residential SS Inputs

## Soil to Groundwater – Mass Limit

### Mass-Limit Equation for Migration to Groundwater

Method 2

DAF (dilution attenuation factor) unitless

ED<sub>gw</sub> (exposure duration) yr

d<sub>s</sub> (depth of source) m - site-specific

ρ<sub>b</sub> (dry soil bulk density) kg/L

#### NOTES:

1. The [Partitioning Equation](#) for Migration to Groundwater above is used by default. To use the Mass-Limit Equation, enter values for ED, d<sub>s</sub>, and P<sub>b</sub> in this section and enter a value for I in the [Dilution Factor](#) section above.
2. The dilution factor (DAF) has a default of 1 for a <= 0.5-acre source.
3. If DAF is known, enter it in the [Dilution Factor](#) section above. When DAF is entered or calculated in the section above, the value for the blue DAF box in this section will be populated. If DAF is not entered or calculated, the default value of 1 will be used.

# DCC Residential Generic Output

Soil

Isotope	ICRP Lung Absorption Type	Inhalation DCF (mrem/pCi)	External Exposure DCF (mrem/yr per pCi/g)	Ingestion DCF (mrem/pCi)	Particulate Emission or Volatilization factor (m <sup>3</sup> /kg)
K-40	F	7.77E-6	0.994045	0.0000229	1.36E+09

Lambda (1/yr)	Halflife (years)	1000029 m <sup>2</sup> Soil Volume Area Correction Factor	cm Soil Volume Gamma Shielding Factor	Wet Soil-to-plant transfer factor (pCi/g-fresh plant per pCi/g-wet soil)	Ingestion PRG (pCi/g)
5.54E-10	1.25E+09	1.00E+00	1.00E+00	6.44E-01	1.01E+03

Inhalation PRG (pCi/g)	External Exposure PRG (pCi/g)	Produce Consumption PRG (pCi/g)	Total PRG (pCi/g)	Total PRG (mg/kg)
2.82E+07	1.16E-01	2.04E+00	1.10E-01	1.54E-02

# DCC Residential Generic Output

## Air

Isotope	Inhalation DCF (mrem/pCi)	External Exposure DCF (Submersion) (mrem/yr per pCi/m <sup>3</sup> )	Lambda (1/yr)	Halflife (years)
K-40	7.77E-6	0.0009243	5.54E-10	1.25E+09

Inhalation PRG (pCi/m <sup>3</sup> )	External Exposure PRG (pCi/m <sup>3</sup> )	Ambient Air PRG (pCi/m <sup>3</sup> )	Inhalation PRG (no decay) (pCi/m <sup>3</sup> )	External Exposure PRG (no decay) (pCi/m <sup>3</sup> )	Ambient Air PRG (no decay) (pCi/m <sup>3</sup> )
2.08E+01	4.34E+01	1.40E+01	2.08E+01	4.34E+01	1.40E+01

## Fish

Isotope	Ingestion DCF (mrem/pCi)	Ingestion of Fish PRG DL=1 (pCi/g)	Ingestion of Fish PRG DL=1 (mg/kg)
K-40	0.0000229	8.87E-02	1.24E-02

# DCC Residential Generic Output

## Tapwater

Isotope	ICRP Lung Absorption Type	Water Ingestion DCF (mrem/pCi)	Inhalation DCF (mrem/pCi)	Ingestion DCF (mrem/pCi)	Immersion DCF (mrem/yr per pCi/L)
K-40	F	-	7.77E-06	2.29E-05	1.96E-06

Halflife (days)	$\lambda_i$ (1/day)	$\lambda_B$ (1/day)	$\lambda_E$ (1/day)	Wet Soil-to-plant transfer factor (pCi/g-fresh plant per pCi/g-wet soil)	$Irr_{rup}$ (L/kg)	$Irr_{res}$ (L/kg)	$Irr_{dep}$ (L/kg)
4.57E+11	1.52E-12	2.70E-05	4.95E-02	6.44E-01	2.30E+01	9.29E+00	3.64E+00

Ingestion PRG (pCi/L)	Inhalation PRG (pCi/L)	Immersion PRG (pCi/L)	ingpp	Produce Consumption PRG (pCi/L)	Total PRG (pCi/L)	Total PRG (mg/L)
-	-	1.90E+07	1.8475483	5.14E+01	5.14E+01	7.20E-03



# DCC Residential Generic Output

2-D

Isotope	External Exposure DCF (mrem/yr per pCi/g)	External Exposure DCF (1 cm) (mrem/yr per pCi/g)	External Exposure DCF (5 cm) (mrem/yr per pCi/g)	External Exposure DCF (15 cm) (mrem/yr per pCi/g)
K-40	0.994045	0.177175	0.50355	0.8206

External Exposure DCF (Ground Plane) (mrem/yr per pCi/cm <sup>2</sup> )	1000029 m <sup>2</sup> Soil Volume Area Correction Factor	1000029 m <sup>2</sup> Ground Plane Area Correction Factor	1000029 m <sup>2</sup> 1 cm Area Correction Factor	1000029 m <sup>2</sup> 5 cm Area Correction Factor	1000029 m <sup>2</sup> 15cm Area Correction Factor
0.238068	1.00E+00	1.00E+00	1.00E+00	1.00E+00	1.00E+00

cm Soil Volume Gamma Shielding Factor	cm Ground Plane Gamma Shielding Factor	cm 1 cm Gamma Shielding Factor	cm 5 cm Gamma Shielding Factor	cm 15 cm Gamma Shielding Factor	Lambda	Halflife (years)
1.00E+00	1.00E+00	1.00E+00	1.00E+00	1.00E+00	5.54E-10	1.25E+09

Soil Volume PRG (pCi/g)	Soil Volume @ 1cm PRG (pCi/g)	Soil Volume @ 5cm PRG (pCi/g)	Soil Volume @ 15cm PRG (pCi/g)	Ground Plane PRG (pCi/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Soil Volume PRG (mg/kg)
1.47E+00	8.25E+00	2.90E+00	1.78E+00	6.14E+00	2.06E-01

# DCC Residential Generic Output

## Soil to Groundwater

Isotope	ICRP Lung Absorption Type	Ingestion DCF (mrem/pCi)	Water Ingestion DCF (mrem/pCi)	Inhalation DCF (mrem/pCi)	Immersion DCF (mrem/yr per pCi/L)
K-40	F	2.29E-05	-	7.77E-06	1.96E-06

Halflife (days)	$\lambda_i$ (1/day)	$\lambda_B$ (1/day)	$\lambda_E$ (1/day)	Wet Soil-to-plant transfer factor (pCi/g-fresh plant per pCi/g-wet soil)	$Irr_{rup}$ (L/kg)	$Irr_{res}$ (L/kg)	$Irr_{dep}$ (L/kg)
4.57E+11	1.52E-12	2.70E-05	4.95E-02	6.44E-01	2.30E+01	9.29E+00	3.64E+00

MCL (pCi/L)	Distribution coefficient (L/kg)	Lambda (1/yr)	decay	Ingestion PRG (pCi/L)	Inhalation PRG (pCi/L)	Immersion PRG (pCi/L)
1.88E+00	1.30E+01	5.54E-10	1.4403E-8	-	-	7.32E+05

Produce Consumption PRG (pCi/L)	Tap Water PRG (pCi/L)	Total PRG (mg/L)	Groundwater Risk-based Concentration (activity)	Groundwater MCL-based Concentration (activity)	SSL Risk-based (pCi/g)	SSL Risk-based (mg/kg)	SSL MCL-based (pCi/g)	SSL MCL-based (mg/kg)
2.05E+00	2.05E+00	2.88E-04	2.05E+00	1.88E+00	2.71E-02	3.80E-03	2.49E-02	3.48E-03



# Radiation Risk Assessment Calculator Training

## Section 5: RSL for Total Uranium



# RSL Calculator Inputs

[http://epa-prgs.ornl.gov/cgi-bin/chemicals/csl\\_search](http://epa-prgs.ornl.gov/cgi-bin/chemicals/csl_search)

Using the RSL Calculator

## Select Scenario

- Resident
- Composite Worker (presented in Generic Tables)
- Construction Worker (RSL only)
- Indoor Worker (RSL only)
- Outdoor Worker RSL only
- Fish (RSL only)
- Soil to Groundwater (RSL only)
- Recreator (Site Specific RSL only)

## Select Media: Select RfD/RfC Type:

- Soil
- Air  Chronic
- Tapwater  Subchronic

## Select SL type

- Defaults
- Site Specific

## Select Risk Output:

- No
- Yes

## Select Individual Chemicals

ALAR (1596845)  
Acenaphthene (83329)  
Acenaphthylene (208968)  
Acephate (30560191)  
Acetaldehyde (75070)  
Acetochlor (34256821)  
Acetone (67641)  
Acetone Cyanohydrin (75865)  
Acetonitrile (75058)  
Acetophenone (98862)  
Acetylaminofluorene, 2- (53963)  
Acifluorfen (50594666)

## Or Select Individual CAS Numbers

50000  
50328  
50293  
50011  
51752  
51365  
51365  
51796  
51285  
52857  
53703  
53963



## Selected

## Or Select All

ALL

## Include Metadata

Yes

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To add a chemical not in the list, select "Site Specific", "User-provided", then "Test Chemical".

# RSL SS Parameters - soil

Age Segment (yr)	AF (mg/cm <sup>2</sup> )	BW (kg)	ED (yr)	EF (day/yr)	ET (hr/event)	IRS (mg/day)	SA (cm <sup>2</sup> /day)
0-2	0.2	15	2	350	24	200	2373
2-6	0.2	15	4	350	24	200	2373
6-16	0.07	80	10	350	24	100	6032
16-26	0.07	80	10	350	24	100	6032
Child (0-6)	0.2	15	6	350	24	200	2373
Adult (6-26)	0.07	80	20	350	24	100	6032

# RSL SS Parameters - air

## Inhalation Exposure

[Air Carcinogenic Inhalation](#)

[Air Carinogenic-\(Vinyl Chloride\) Inhalation](#)

[Air Non-Carcinogenic Inhalation](#)

ED<sub>r</sub> (exposure duration - resident) year

EF<sub>r</sub> (exposure frequency) day/year

ET<sub>r</sub> (exposure time) hour/day

THQ (target hazard quotient) unitless

LT (lifetime - resident) year

TR (target cancer risk) unitless

### NOTES:

1. Input fields with a "pink" background are a required entry.
2. Input fields with a "blue" background are calculated dynamically.
3. IUR=inhalation unit risk ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )<sup>-1</sup>. chemical-specific
4. RfC=inhalation reference concentration ( $\text{mg}/\text{m}^3$ ). chemical-specific

# RSL SS Parameters - tapwater

Exposure Assessment Details							
Age Segment (yr)	BW (kg)	ED (yr)	EF (day/yr)	ET (hr/event)	EV (events/day)	IRW (L/day)	SA (cm <sup>2</sup> )
0-2	15	2	350	0.54	1	0.78	6378
2-6	15	4	350	0.54	1	0.78	6378
6-16	80	10	350	0.71	1	2.5	20900
16-26	80	10	350	0.71	1	2.5	20900
Child (0-6)	15	6	350	0.54	1	0.78	6378
Adult (6-26)	80	20	350	0.71	1	2.5	20900

# RSL SS Output - soil

Chemical	CAS Number	Mutagen?	VOC?	Ingestion SF (mg/kg-day) <sup>-1</sup>	SFO Ref	Inhalation Unit Risk (ug/m <sup>3</sup> ) <sup>-1</sup>	IUR Ref
Uranium (Soluble Salts)	NA	No	No	-		-	

Chronic RfD (mg/kg-day)	Chronic RfD Ref	Chronic RfC (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Chronic RfC Ref	GIABS	ABS	RBA	Particulate Emission Factor (m <sup>3</sup> /kg)
3.00E-03	I	4.00E-05	A	1	-	1	1.36E+09

Ingestion SL TR=1.0E-6 (mg/kg)	Dermal SL TR=1.0E-6 (mg/kg)	Inhalation SL TR=1.0E-6 (mg/kg)	Carcinogenic SL TR=1.0E-6 (mg/kg)	Ingestion SL Child HQ=1 (mg/kg)	Dermal SL Child HQ=1 (mg/kg)	Inhalation SL Child HQ=1 (mg/kg)	Noncarcinogenic SL Child HI=1 (mg/kg)
-	-	-	-	2.35E+02	-	5.67E+04	2.34E+02

# RSL SS Output - air

Chemical	CAS Number	Mutagen?	VOC?	Inhalation Unit Risk (ug/m <sup>3</sup> ) <sup>-1</sup>	IUR Ref	Chronic RfD (mg/kg-day)
Uranium (Soluble Salts)	NA	No	No	-		3.00E-03

Chronic RfC (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Chronic RfC Ref	Carcinogenic SL TR=1.0E-6 (ug/m <sup>3</sup> )	Noncarcinogenic SL HI=1 (ug/m <sup>3</sup> )	Screening Level (ug/m <sup>3</sup> )
4.00E-05	A	-	4.17E-02	4.17E-02 nc

# RSL SS Output - tapwater

Chemical		CAS Number	Mutagen?	VOC?	Chemical Type	Ingestion SF (mg/kg-day) <sup>-1</sup>	SFO Ref			
Uranium (Soluble Salts)		NA	No	No	Inorganics	-				
Chronic RfD (mg/kg-day)	RfD Ref	Chronic RfC (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	RfC Ref	GIABS	K <sub>p</sub> (cm/hr)	MW	B (unitless)	t (hr)	τ <sub>event</sub> (hr/event)	FA (unitless)
3.00E-03	I	4.00E-05	A	1	0.001	238.03	0.0059339	5.4328535	2.2636889	1
In EPD?	DA <sub>event</sub> (ca)	DA <sub>event</sub> (nc child)	DA <sub>event</sub> (nc adult)	MCL ug/L						
Yes	-	0.0073579	0.0119754	3.00E+01						
Ingestion SL Child HQ=1 (µg/L)	Dermal SL Child HQ=1 (µg/L)	Inhalation SL Child HQ=1 (µg/L)	Noncarcinogenic SL Child HI=1 (µg/L)	Ingestion SL Adult HQ=1 (µg/L)	Dermal SL Adult HQ=1 (µg/L)	Inhalation SL Adult HQ=1 (µg/L)	Noncarcinogenic SL Adult HI=1 (µg/L)			
6.02E+01	1.36E+04	-	5.99E+01	1.00E+02	1.69E+04	-	9.95E+01			



# Radiation Risk Assessment Calculator Training

## Section 6: BPRG and BDCC Calculators



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# BPRG Background

- Establish  $10^{-6}$  risk-based PRGs inside radioactively contaminated buildings.
- Presented for settled dust and fixed 3D external exposure for residents and indoor workers.
- Based on default exposure parameters, RME conditions.
- BPRGs in both activity and mass units.
- CSFs from ORNL.



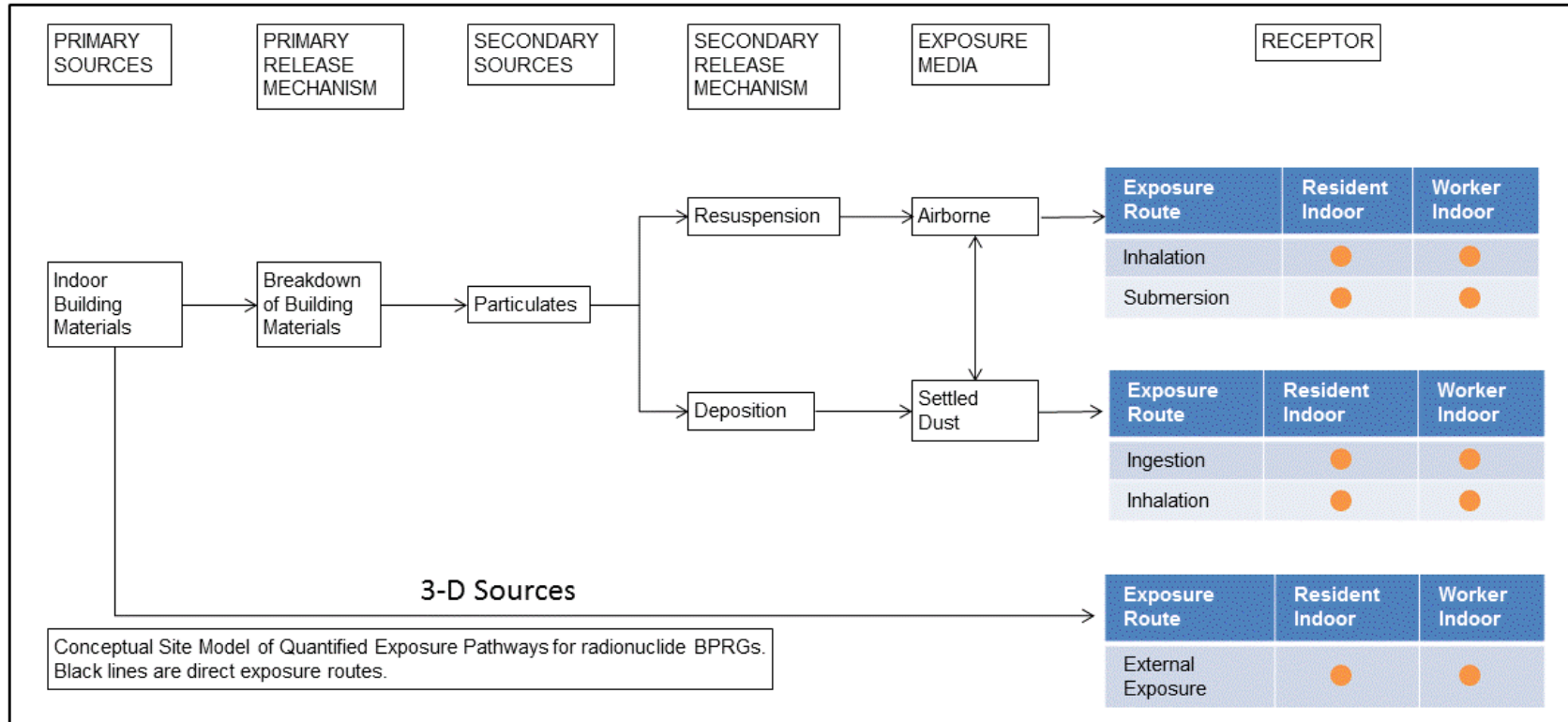
# Building Calculator Walkthrough

- Scenarios
  - Residential
  - Commercial/industrial indoor worker
- Exposure pathways
  - Settled dust
  - Ambient air
  - 3D direct external exposure to contaminated building materials
  - 3D direct external exposure to settled dust on indoor surface

# BDCC Background

- Establish DCCs inside radioactively contaminated buildings.
- Calculate RME concentrations from standardized equations that combine exposure and toxicity info in the form of DCFs.
- Choice of ICRP 30, 60 and 107 DCFs.
- Same exposure scenarios and pathways as BPRG.

# Example CSM – BPRG and BDCC



# BPRG Calculator Overview

## Select Target Risk?

- 10<sup>-6</sup>
- 10<sup>-5</sup>
- 10<sup>-4</sup>
- Other:

## Select Scenario?

- Resident
- Indoor Worker

### Select Media:

- Dust
- Air
- 3-D External Exi

## Select Source Depths?

- 1 cm
- 5 cm
- 15 cm
- Infinite Soil Volume
- Ground Plane

## Select Site Info Type?

- Defaults
- Site-specific

## Select Risk Output?

- No
- Yes

## Select Units?

- pCi
- Bq

## Select Individual Isotopes?

### Complete List

Ac-223  
Ac-224  
Ac-225  
Ac-226  
Ac-227  
Ac-228  
Ac-230  
Ac-231  
Ac-232  
Ac-233



### Selected

Am-241  
Co-60  
Cs-137  
Ra-226

### Common Isotopes

H-3  
I-129  
I-131  
Pu-238  
Pu-239  
Pu-240  
Ra-228  
Rn-220  
Rn-222  
Sr-90



Or Select All

ALL

## Source and Decay Output Options?

- Assumes period of peak risk (with decay and progeny ingrowth)
- Assumes secular equilibrium throughout chain (no decay)
- Does not assume secular equilibrium, provides results for progeny throughout chain
- Does not assume secular equilibrium, provides results for selected isotopes only

### Peak Time Period?

- Infinite (Default)
- 10,000 Years
- 1,000 Years
- 100 Years
- Other:

(Values between 70 years and 1E+12 years only)

Retrieve (new tab)

# BDCC Calculator Overview

## Select Dose Limit (mrem/year)

1  
 Other:

## Select Scenario

Resident  
 Indoor Worker

## Select Media:

Dust  
 Air  
 3-D External Exposure

## Select Source Depths

1 cm  
 5 cm  
 15 cm  
 Infinite Soil Volume  
 Ground Plane

## Select Site Info Type

Defaults  
 Site-specific

## Select Dose Output

No  
 Yes

## Select ICRP Rule

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 60/68/72  
 30

## Select Units

pCi  
 Bq

## Select Individual Isotopes

### Complete List

Ac-223  
Ac-224  
Ac-225  
Ac-226  
Ac-227  
Ac-228  
Ac-230  
Ac-231  
Ac-232  
Ac-233



### Selected

Am-241  
Co-60  
Cs-137  
Ra-226

### Common Isotopes

H-3  
I-129  
I-131  
Pu-238  
Pu-239  
Pu-240  
Ra-228  
Rn-220  
Rn-222  
Sr-90



### Or Select All

ALL

## Source and Decay Output Options

Assumes period of peak risk (with decay and progeny ingrowth)  
 Assumes secular equilibrium throughout chain (no decay)  
 Does not assume secular equilibrium, provides results for progeny throughout chain  
 Does not assume secular equilibrium, provides results for selected isotopes only

### Peak Time Period

Infinite (Default)  
 10,000 Years  
 1,000 Years  
 100 Years  
 Other:  
 (Values between 70 years and 1E+12 years only)

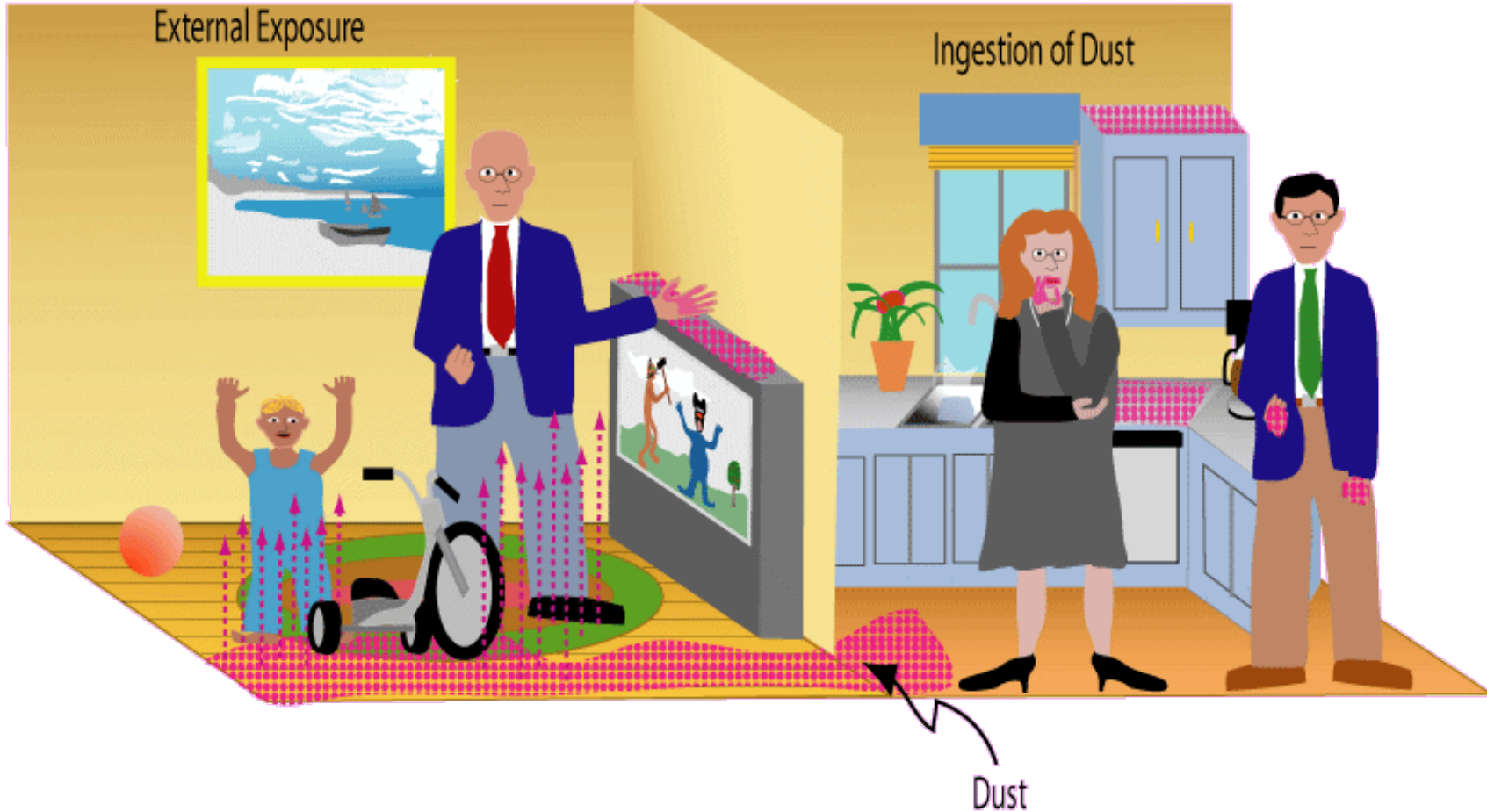
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# Residential Settled Dust

- Exposure to radionuclides in settled dust on indoor surfaces.
- Two exposure routes
  - External exposure
  - Ingestion: occurs when hands contact dust-laden surface, then come in contact with mouth
- Variation allowed for hard and soft surfaces, as transfer to skin varies by surface type.



# Residential Settled Dust





# Residential SS Input Settled Dust on Surfaces

## ◆ Combined Ingestion and Ground Plane External Exposure

<input type="text" value="26"/>	ED <sub>r</sub> (exposure duration - resident) yr	<input type="text" value="1"/>	F <sub>in</sub> (fraction time spent indoors) unitless
<input type="text" value="20"/>	ED <sub>r-a</sub> (exposure duration - resident adult) yr	<input type="text" value="1"/>	F <sub>OFF-SET</sub> (off-set factor) unitless
<input type="text" value="6"/>	ED <sub>r-c</sub> (exposure duration - resident child) yr	<input type="text" value="3"/>	FQ <sub>a</sub> (frequency of hand to mouth - adult) event/hr
<input type="text" value="350"/>	EF <sub>r</sub> (exposure frequency - resident) day/yr	<input type="text" value="17"/>	FQ <sub>c</sub> (frequency of hand to mouth - child) event/hr
<input type="text" value="350"/>	EF <sub>r-a</sub> (exposure frequency - resident adult) day/yr	<input type="text" value="0.5"/>	FTSS <sub>h</sub> (fraction transferred surface to skin - hard surface) unitless
<input type="text" value="350"/>	EF <sub>r-c</sub> (exposure frequency - resident child) day/yr	<input type="text" value="0.1"/>	FTSS <sub>s</sub> (fraction transferred surface to skin - soft surface) unitless
<input type="text" value="24"/>	ET <sub>r</sub> (exposure time) hr/day	<input type="text" value="3200400"/>	IFD <sub>r-adj</sub> (age-adjusted dust ingestion rate - resident) cm <sup>2</sup>
<input type="text" value="6"/>	ET <sub>r-a,h</sub> (exposure time - resident adult hard surface) hr/day	<input type="text" value="0.0"/>	k (dissipation rate constant) yr <sup>-1</sup>
<input type="text" value="6"/>	ET <sub>r-c,h</sub> (exposure time - resident child hard surface) hr/day	<input type="text" value="49"/>	SA <sub>r-a</sub> (surface area of fingers - resident adult) cm <sup>2</sup>
<input type="text" value="10"/>	ET <sub>r-a,s</sub> (exposure time - resident adult soft surface) hr/day	<input type="text" value="16"/>	SA <sub>r-c</sub> (surface area of fingers - resident child) cm <sup>2</sup>
<input type="text" value="10"/>	ET <sub>r-c,s</sub> (exposure time - resident child soft surface) hr/day	<input type="text" value="0.5"/>	SE (saliva extraction factor) unitless
<input type="text" value="1"/>	F <sub>AM</sub> (area and material factor) unitless	<input type="text" value="26"/>	t <sub>r</sub> (time - resident) yr
<input type="text" value="1"/>	F <sub>i</sub> (fraction of time spent in compartment) unitless	<input type="text" value="1.0E-6"/>	TR (target cancer risk) unitless

# Residential SS Input Settled Dust on Surfaces (cont.)

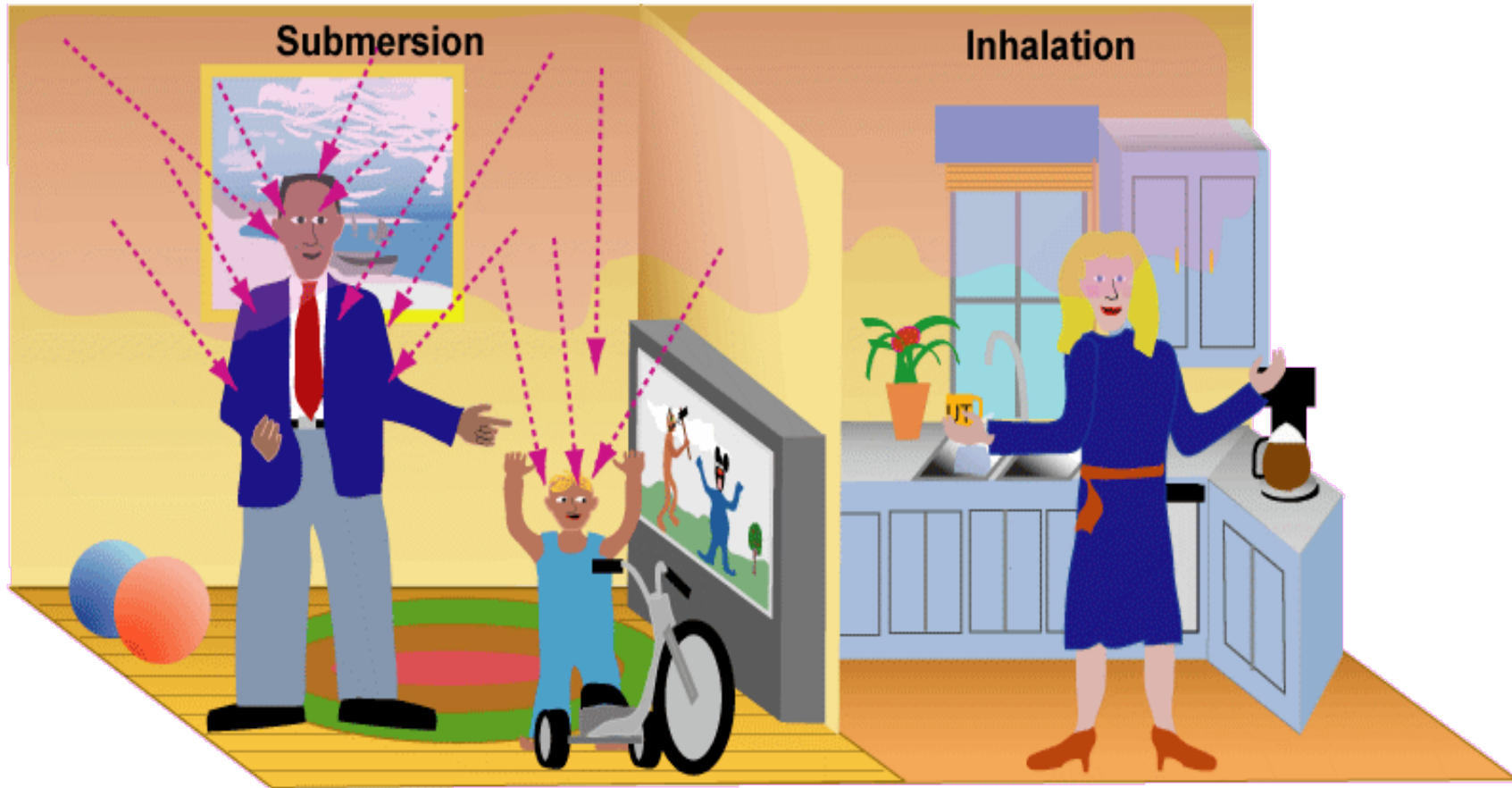
## NOTES:

1.  $SF_{d-oral}$ =oral slope factor (risk/pCi) - radionuclide-specific
2.  $SF_{d-ext}$ =ground-plane external exposure slope factor (risk/yr per pCi/cm<sup>2</sup>) - radionuclide-specific
3.  $ED_r = t_r = ED_{r-c} + ED_{r-a}$
4.  $\lambda$ =decay constant - radionuclide-specific
5. When  $k = 0$ , the dissipation term is not included in the calculation to prevent division by zero which would result a BPRG of zero.

# Residential Ambient Air

- Exposure routes
  - Inhalation: assumed to occur for entire 24-hr day
  - Submersion: external exposure to contaminated air

# Residential Ambient Air



# Residential SS Inputs

## Ambient Air

### ◆ Combined Inhalation & Submersion External Exposure

26   $ED_r$  (exposure duration - resident) yr

20   $ED_{r-a}$  (exposure duration - resident adult) yr

6   $ED_{r-c}$  (exposure duration - resident child) yr

350   $EF_r$  (exposure frequency - resident) day/yr

350   $EF_{r-a}$  (exposure frequency - resident adult) day/yr

350   $EF_{r-c}$  (exposure frequency - resident child) day/yr

24   $ET_r$  (exposure time - resident) hr

24   $ET_{r-a}$  (exposure time - resident adult) hr

24   $ET_{r-c}$  (exposure time - resident child) hr

1   $F_i$  (fraction of time spent in compartment)

unitless

1   $F_{in}$  (fraction of time spent indoors) unitless

1   $GSF_a$  (gamma shielding factor - air) unitless

161000   $IFA_{r-adj}$  (age-adjusted inhalation rate - resident)  $m^3$

20   $IRA_{r-a}$  (inhalation rate - resident adult)  $m^3/day$

10   $IRA_{r-c}$  (inhalation rate - resident child)  $m^3/day$

26   $t_r$  (time - resident) yr

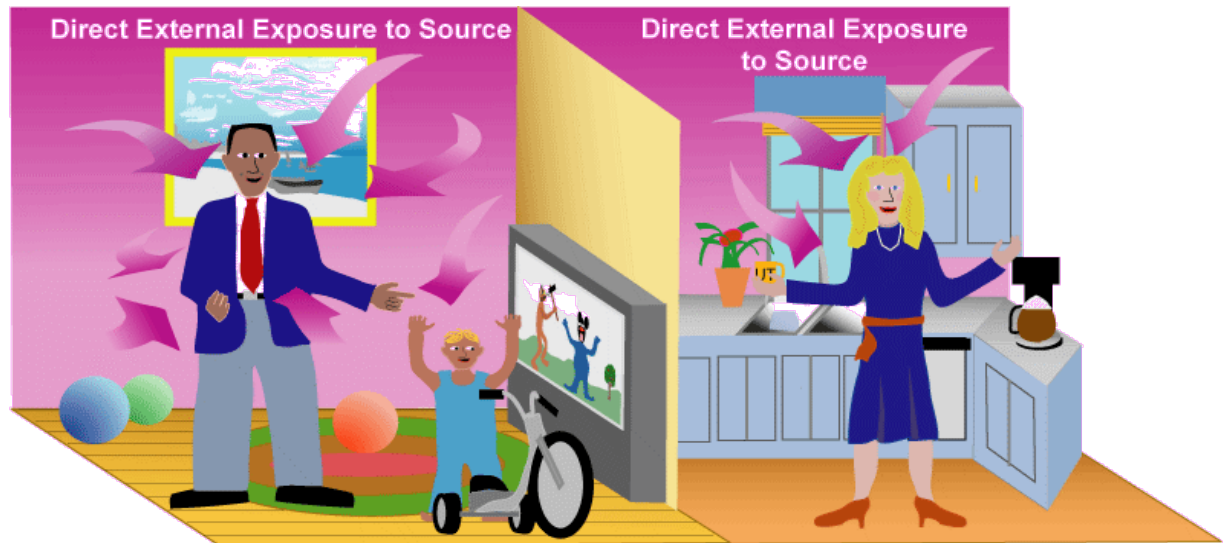
1.0E-6  TR (target cancer risk) unitless

#### NOTES:

1.  $SF_i$ =inhalation slope factor (risk/pCi) - radionuclide-specific
2.  $SF_{sub}$ =submersion external exposure slope factor (risk/yr per pCi/ $m^3$ ) - radionuclide-specific
3.  $ED_r = t_r = ED_{r-c} + ED_{r-a}$
4.  $\lambda$ =decay constant - radionuclide-specific

# Res 3D Direct Ext Exposure to Contaminated Building Materials

- Direct external exposure to radionuclides in building materials of walls and floors.
- Uses 4 source thickness volume slope factors.



# Res 3D Direct Ext Exposure to Settled Dust on Indoor Surfaces

- Direct external exposure to radionuclides in settled dust on floors and walls.
- Uses ground plane slope factors.



# Residential SS Input

## 3D Direct External Exposure

### ◆ Soil Volume & Ground Plane External Exposure

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<input type="text" value="350"/>	EF <sub>res</sub> (exposure frequency) day/yr	Select a room material	Select room material
<input type="text" value="24"/>	ET <sub>res</sub> (exposure time – resident) hr/day	Select a room position	Select room position
<input type="text" value="1"/>	F <sub>am</sub> (area and materials factor) unitless	Select a room size	Select room size (ft)
<input type="text" value="1"/>	F <sub>i</sub> (fraction of time spent in compartment) unitless	<input type="text" value="26"/>	t <sub>res</sub> (time – resident) yr
<input type="text" value="1"/>	F <sub>in</sub> (fraction time spent indoors) unitless	<input type="text" value="1.0E-6"/>	TR (target cancer risk) unitless
<input type="text" value="1"/>	F <sub>OFF-SET</sub> (off-set factor) unitless		

#### NOTES:

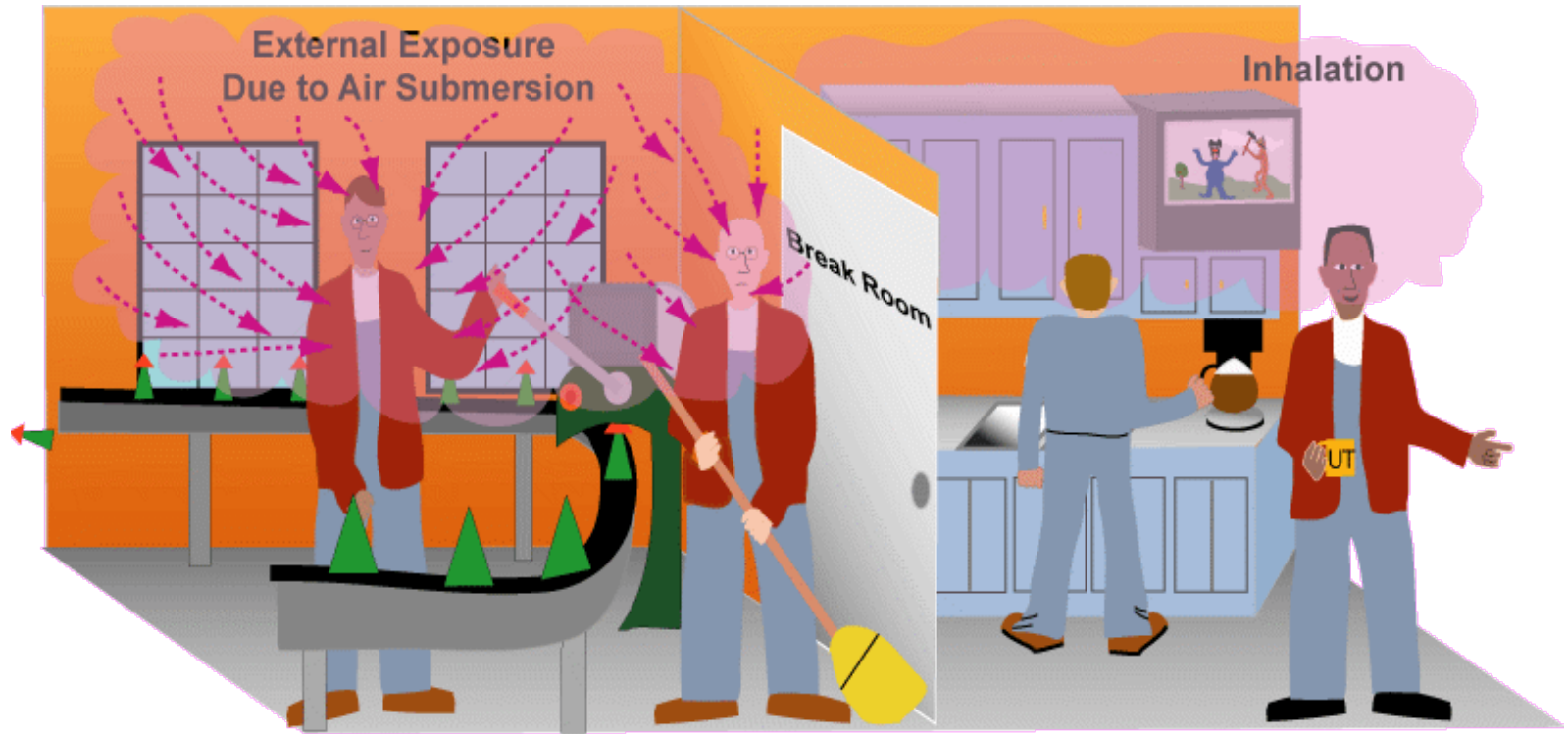
1. SF<sub>ext-gp</sub>=ground plane external exposure slope factor (risk-cm<sup>2</sup>/pCi-yr)
2. SF<sub>ext-sv</sub>=infinite soil volume external exposure slope factor (risk-g/pCi-yr)
3. SF<sub>ext-1cm</sub>=soil volume at 1 cm external exposure slope factor (risk-g/pCi-yr)
4. SF<sub>ext-5cm</sub>=soil volume at 5 cm external exposure slope factor (risk-g/pCi-yr)
5. SF<sub>ext-15cm</sub>=soil volume at 15 cm external exposure slope factor (risk-g/pCi-yr)
6. ED<sub>res</sub> = t<sub>res</sub>
7. λ=decay constant
8. F<sub>SURF</sub>=Ratio of the dose rate in the room to that for an infinite plane source
9. Composite 1 room material = drywall room, glass window, wooden doors, drywall walls, concrete floor, drywall ceiling
10. Composite 2 room material = concrete room, wooden doors, concrete floor, drywall ceiling



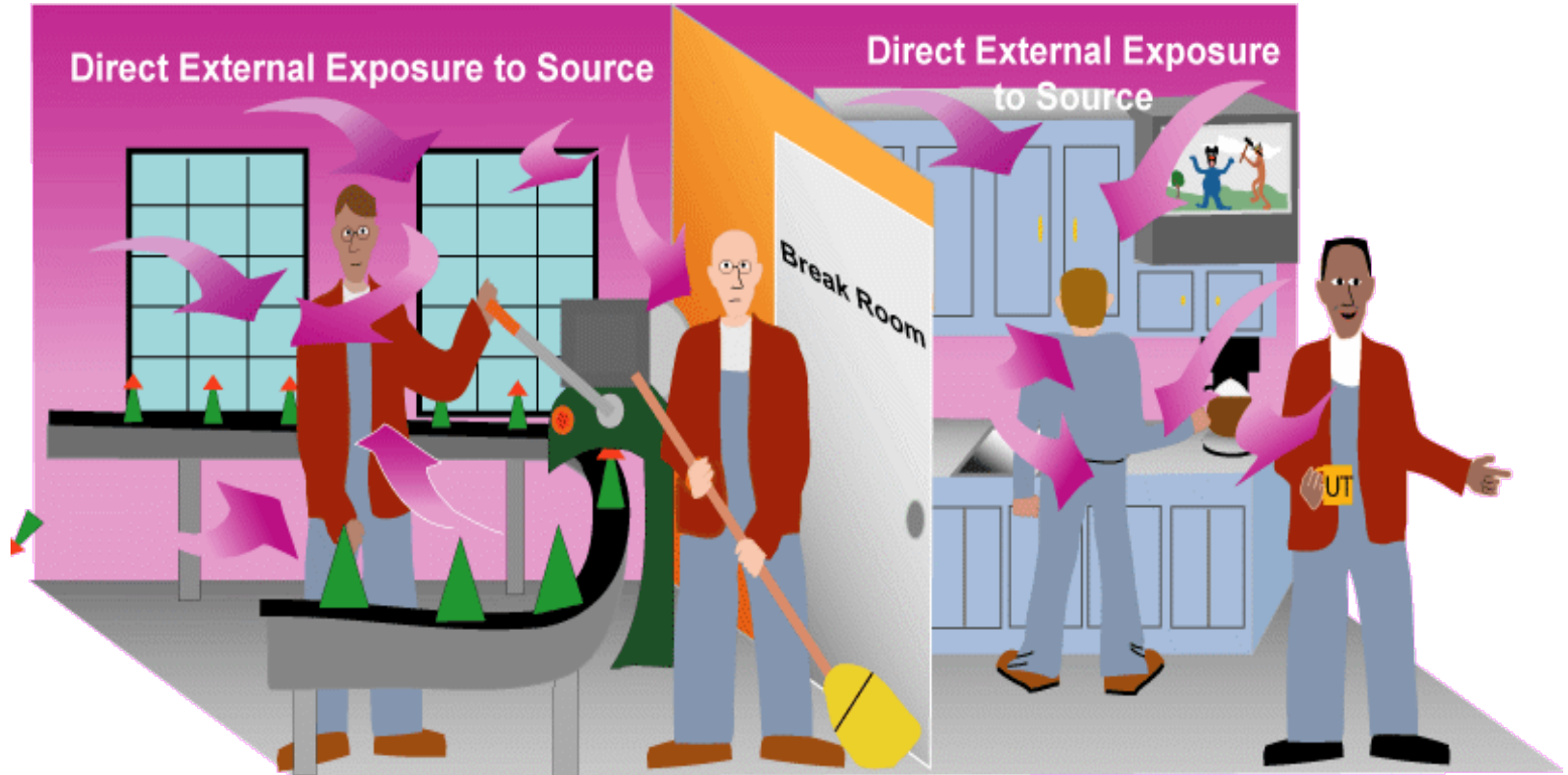
# Indoor Worker Settled Dust



# Indoor Worker Ambient Air



# IW 3D Direct Ext Exposure to Contaminated Building Materials



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# IW 3D Direct Ext Exposure to Settled Dust on Indoor Surfaces



# BPRG Residential Generic Output

## Settled Dust

Radionuclide	Soil Ingestion Slope Factor (risk/pCi)	External Exposure Slope Factor (Ground Plane) (risk/yr per pCi/cm <sup>2</sup> )
K-40	5.85E-11	1.42E-07

Lambda	Dissipation	Decay	Halflife (years)
5.54E-10	1	1.4403E-8	1.25E+09

Ingestion BPRG (pCi/cm <sup>2</sup> )	External Exposure BPRG (pCi/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Dust BPRG (pCi/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Dust BPRG (mg/cm <sup>2</sup> )
5.34E-03	2.82E-01	5.25E-03	7.35E-07

## Ambient Air

Radionuclide	Inhalation Slope Factor (risk/pCi)	External Exposure Slope Factor (Submersion) (risk/yr per pCi/m <sup>3</sup> )
K-40	2.22E-10	7.25E-10

Lambda	Halflife (years)	Inhalation BPRG (pCi/m <sup>3</sup> )	External Exposure BPRG (pCi/m <sup>3</sup> )
5.54E-10	1.25E+09	2.80E-02	5.53E+01

Ambient Air BPRG (pCi/m <sup>3</sup> )	Ambient Air BPRG (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Inhalation BPRG (no decay) (pCi/m <sup>3</sup> )
2.80E-02	3.92E-06	2.80E-02

External Exposure BPRG (no decay) (pCi/m <sup>3</sup> )	Ambient Air BPRG (no decay) (pCi/m <sup>3</sup> )	Ambient Air BPRG (no decay) (mg/m <sup>3</sup> )
5.53E+01	2.80E-02	3.92E-06

# BPRG Residential Generic Output

## 3D Direct External Exposure

Radionuclide	Soil Volume External Exposure Slope Factor (risk/yr per pCi/g)	External Exposure Slope Factor (Ground Plane) (risk/yr per pCi/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Soil Volume External Exposure Slope Factor (1 cm) (risk/yr per pCi/g)	Soil Volume External Exposure Slope Factor (5 cm) (risk/yr per pCi/g)
K-40	7.99E-07	1.42E-07	1.42E-07	4.09E-07

Soil Volume External Exposure Slope Factor (15 cm) (risk/yr per pCi/g)	F <sub>SURF</sub>	Lambda	Halflife (years)	3-D External Soil Volume BPRG (pCi/g)	3-D External Ground Plane BPRG (pCi/cm <sup>2</sup> )
6.62E-07	1.01	5.54E-10	1.25E+09	4.97E-02	2.79E-01

3-D External Soil Volume BPRG (1 cm) (pCi/g)	3-D External Soil Volume BPRG (5 cm) (pCi/g)	3-D External Soil Volume BPRG (15 cm) (pCi/g)	3-D External Soil Volume BPRG (mg/kg)	3-D External Ground Plane BPRG (mg/kg)
2.80E-01	9.71E-02	6.00E-02	6.97E-03	3.91E-05

3-D External Soil Volume BPRG (1 cm) (mg/kg)	3-D External Soil Volume BPRG (5 cm) (mg/kg)	3-D External Soil Volume BPRG (15 cm) (mg/kg)
3.93E-02	1.36E-02	8.40E-03





# Radiation Risk Assessment Calculator Training

## Section 7: SPRG and SDCC Calculators

# SPRG Background

- ◆ Establish  $10^{-6}$  risk-based PRGs for radioactively contaminated outside hard surfaces.
  - Examples: street slabs, pavement, sidewalks, and sides of buildings.
- ◆ Standardized SPRGs based on default exposure parameters and incorporate exposure factors that present RME conditions.



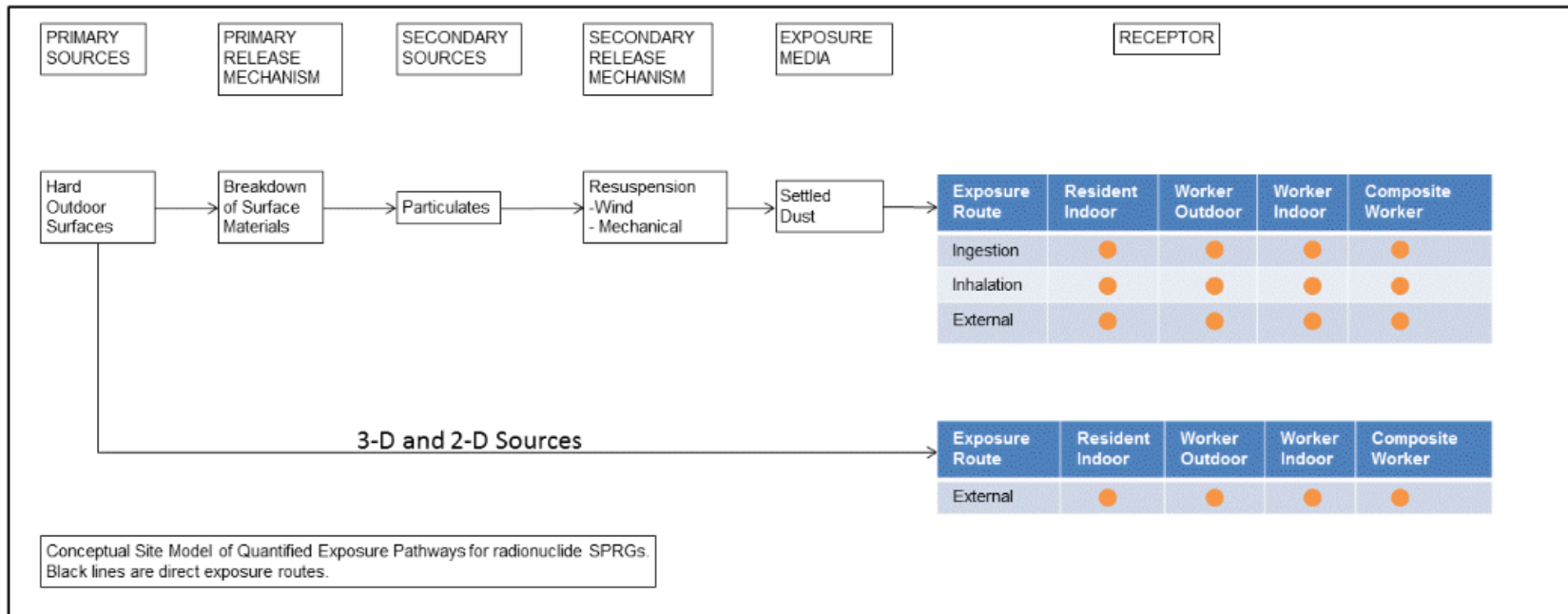
# Exposure

- ◆ Scenarios: residential, outdoor worker, indoor worker
- ◆ Pathways
  - Settled dust on outdoor surfaces
  - 3D direct external exposure to fixed contaminated building materials
  - 3D direct external exposure to fixed settled dust on outdoor surfaces
  - 2D direct external exposure to fixed contaminated finite slabs
  - 2D direct external exposure to settled dust on finite slabs

# SDCC Background

- ◆ Establish DCCs based on RMEs for contaminated outside hard surfaces.
- ◆ Choice of ICRP 30, 60 and 107 DCFs.
- ◆ Same exposure scenarios and pathways as SPRG.

# Example CSM – SPRG and SDCC



# SDCC Calculator

- ◆ Permits SDCC calculations using default values, site-specific, and state values.
- ◆ State values permit more specific calculations in absence of site-specific information.
  - Select most likely road conditions based on state, location (urban or rural), and road type.

# SPRG Calculator Overview

## Using the SPRG Calculator

### Select Scenario

- Residential
- Composite Worker
- Outdoor Worker
- Indoor Worker

### Select Media:

- Dust
- 3-D External Exposure
- 2-D External Exposure

### Select SPRG type

- Defaults
- State
- Site-specific

### Select Risk Output:

- No
- Yes

### Select Units

- PCi
- Bq

### Select Individual Isotopes

#### Complete List

Ac-223  
Ac-223+D  
Ac-224  
Ac-225  
Ac-225+D  
Ac-226  
Ac-227  
Ac-228  
Ac-230  
Ac-231

#### Common Isotopes

Am-241  
Co-60  
Cs-137+D  
H-3  
I-129  
I-131  
Pu-238  
Pu-239+D  
Pu-240  
Ra-226+D

#### Selected



To add an isotope not in the list, select "Site Specific", "User-provided", then "Test Isotope".

#### Or Select All

ALL

Retrieve

# SDCC Calculator Overview

## Using the SDCC Calculator

### Select Scenario (streets, outside surfaces)

- Resident
- Indoor Worker
- Outdoor Worker
- Composite Worker

#### Select Media:

- Dust
- 3-D External Exposure
- 2-D External Exposure

### Select Result Type

- Defaults
- State
- Site-specific

### Select Dose Output:

- No
- Yes

### Select Units

- pCi
- Bq

### Select ICRP rule

- 107 - Center for Radiation Protection Knowledge
- 60/68/72
- 30

### Select Individual Isotopes

#### Complete List

Ac-223  
Ac-223+D  
Ac-223+E  
Ac-224  
Ac-225  
Ac-225+D  
Ac-225+E  
Ac-226  
Ac-227  
Ac-228



#### Selected

#### Common Isotopes

Am-241  
Co-60  
Cs-137+E  
H-3  
I-129  
I-131  
Pu-238  
Pu-239+E  
Pu-240  
Ra-226+E



To add an isotope not in the list, select "Site Specific", "User-provided", then "Test Isotope".

### Or Select All

- ALL

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# Exposure to Settled Dust on Outdoor Surfaces

## ◆ Exposure routes

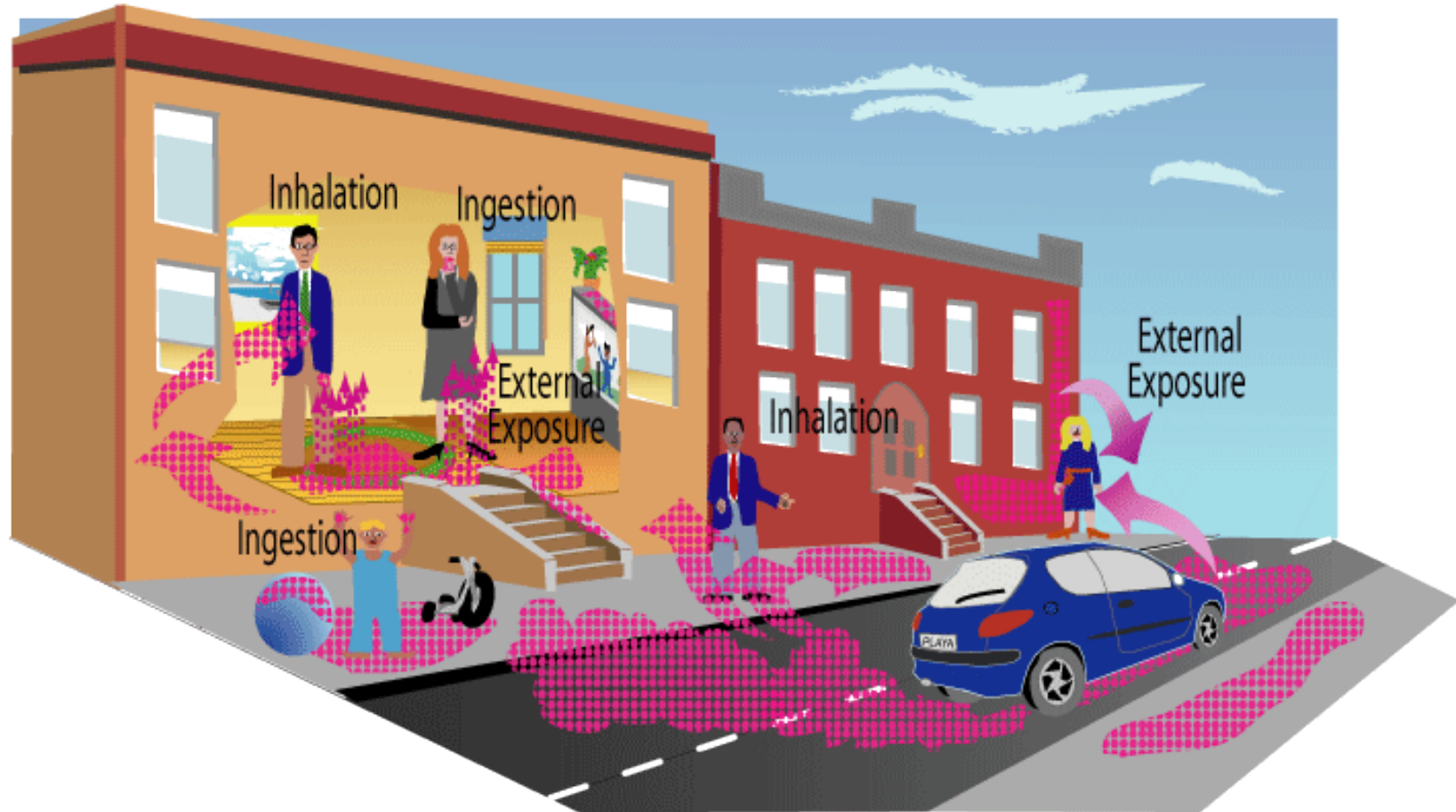
- Exposure to contamination deposited on surfaces via incidental ingestion
- Inhalation of resuspended particulates
- External exposure to ionizing radiation from dust settled on contaminated surfaces

# Exposure to Settled Dust on Outdoor Surfaces (cont.)

- ◆ Resident spends some time inside and some time outside.
  - For indoor time, equation includes GSF for external exposure.
- ◆ Outdoor worker spends entire shift outside
- ◆ Indoor worker spends entire shift indoors.
  - Includes GSF for external exposure.



# Residential Exposure to Settled Dust on Outdoor Surfaces



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# Outdoor Worker Exposure to Settled Dust on Outdoor Surfaces



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# Indoor Worker Exposure to Settled Dust on Outdoor Surfaces



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# 3D Direct Ext Exposure to Fixed Contaminated Building Materials

- ◆ Exposure route: external exposure to ionizing radiation.
- ◆ Assume that street (horizontal) and building walls (vertical) on both sides of street are constructed with contaminated materials.

# Res 3D Direct Ext Exposure to Fixed Contaminated Building Materials



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# OW 3D Direct Ext Exposure to Fixed Contaminated Building Materials



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# IW 3D Direct Ext Exposure to Fixed Contaminated Building Materials



# 3D Direct Ext Exposure to Fixed Settled Dust on Outdoor Surfaces

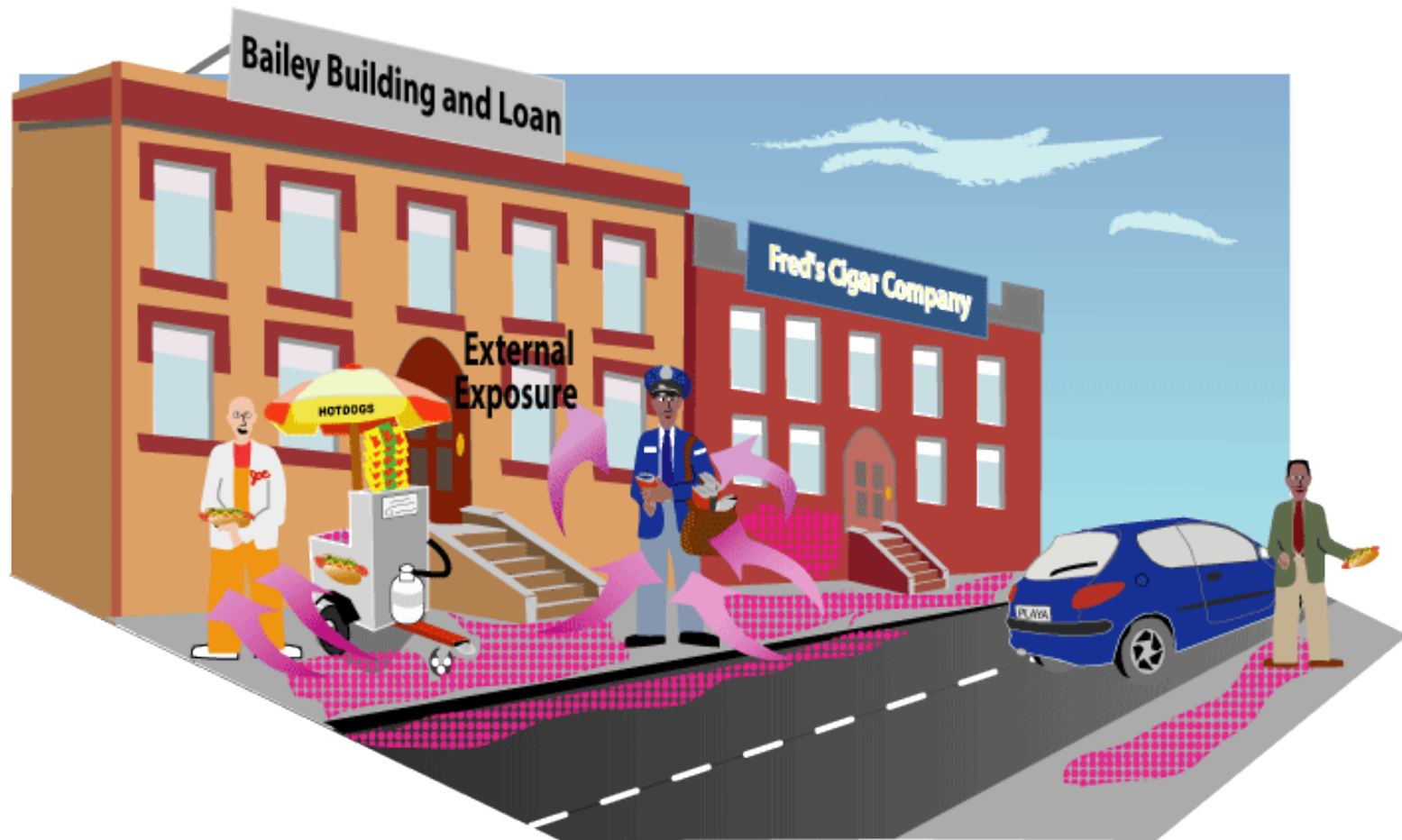
- ◆ Exposure route: external exposure to ionizing radiation.
- ◆ Assume that street and building walls on both sides of street are radioactively contaminated.
- ◆ Resident (indoor portion) and indoor worker include GSF for external exposure.



# Res 3D Direct Ext Exposure to Fixed Settled Dust on Outdoor Surfaces



# OW 3D Direct Ext Exposure to Fixed Settled Dust on Outdoor Surfaces



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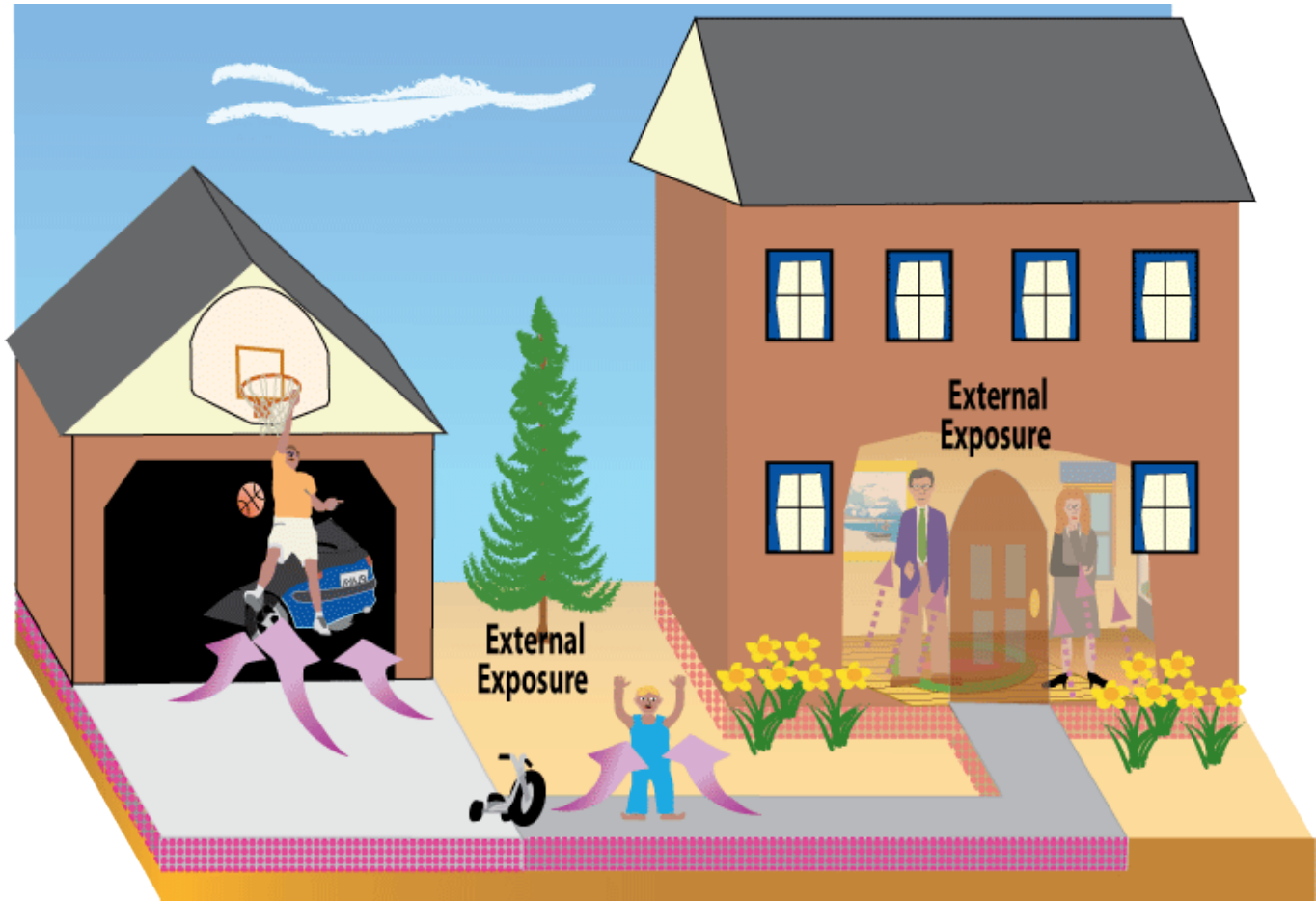
# IW 3D Direct Ext Exposure to Fixed Settled Dust on Outdoor Surfaces



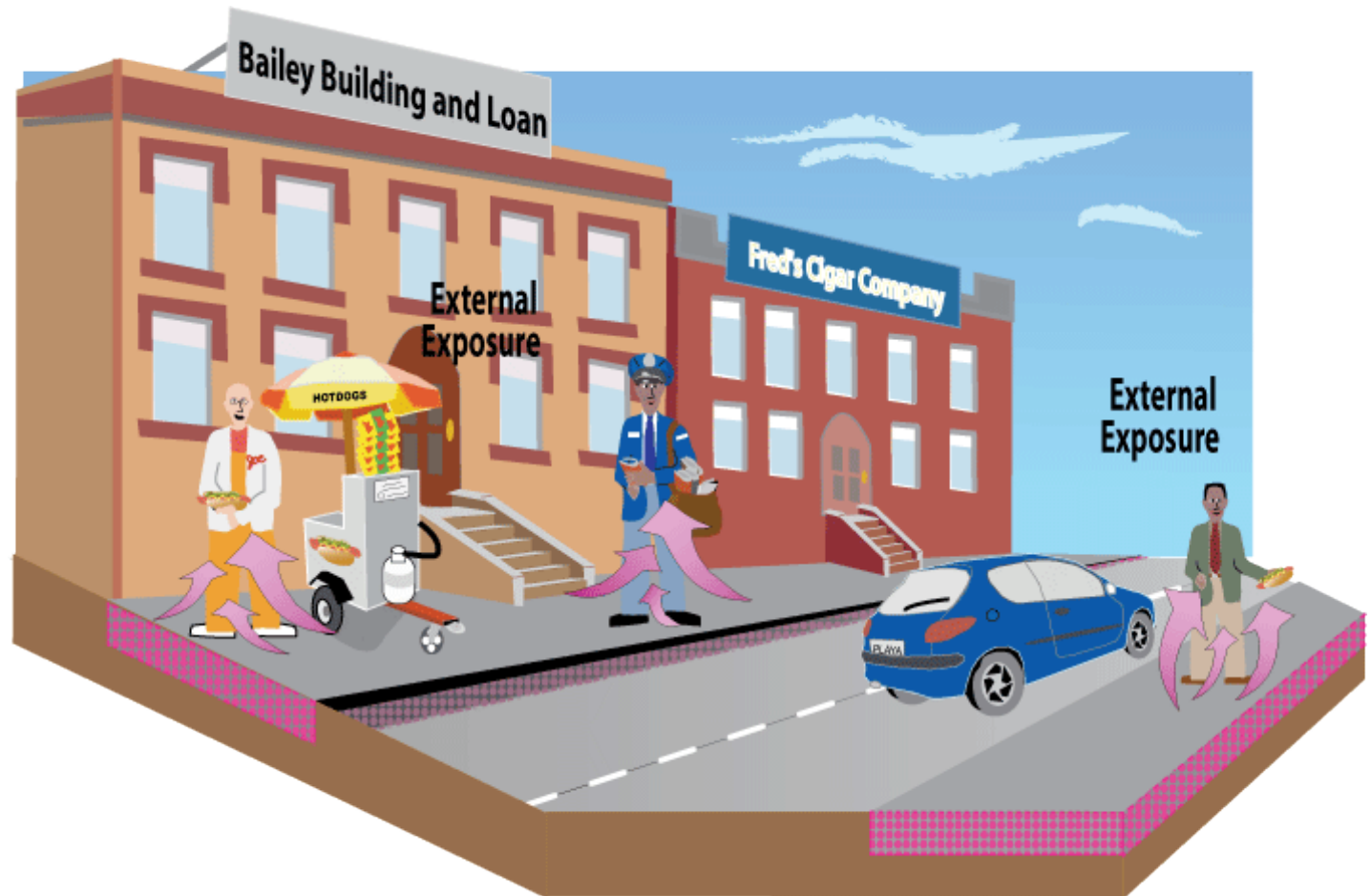
# 2D Direct External Exposure to Fixed Contaminated Finite Slabs

- ◆ Exposure route: external exposure to ionizing radiation.
- ◆ Assume that finite slab (horizontal) is constructed with contaminated materials.
- ◆ Scenario details
  - Resident assumed to live in structure built on top of the middle of the slab.
  - Indoor worker assumed to be employed in structure built on top of the middle of the slab.

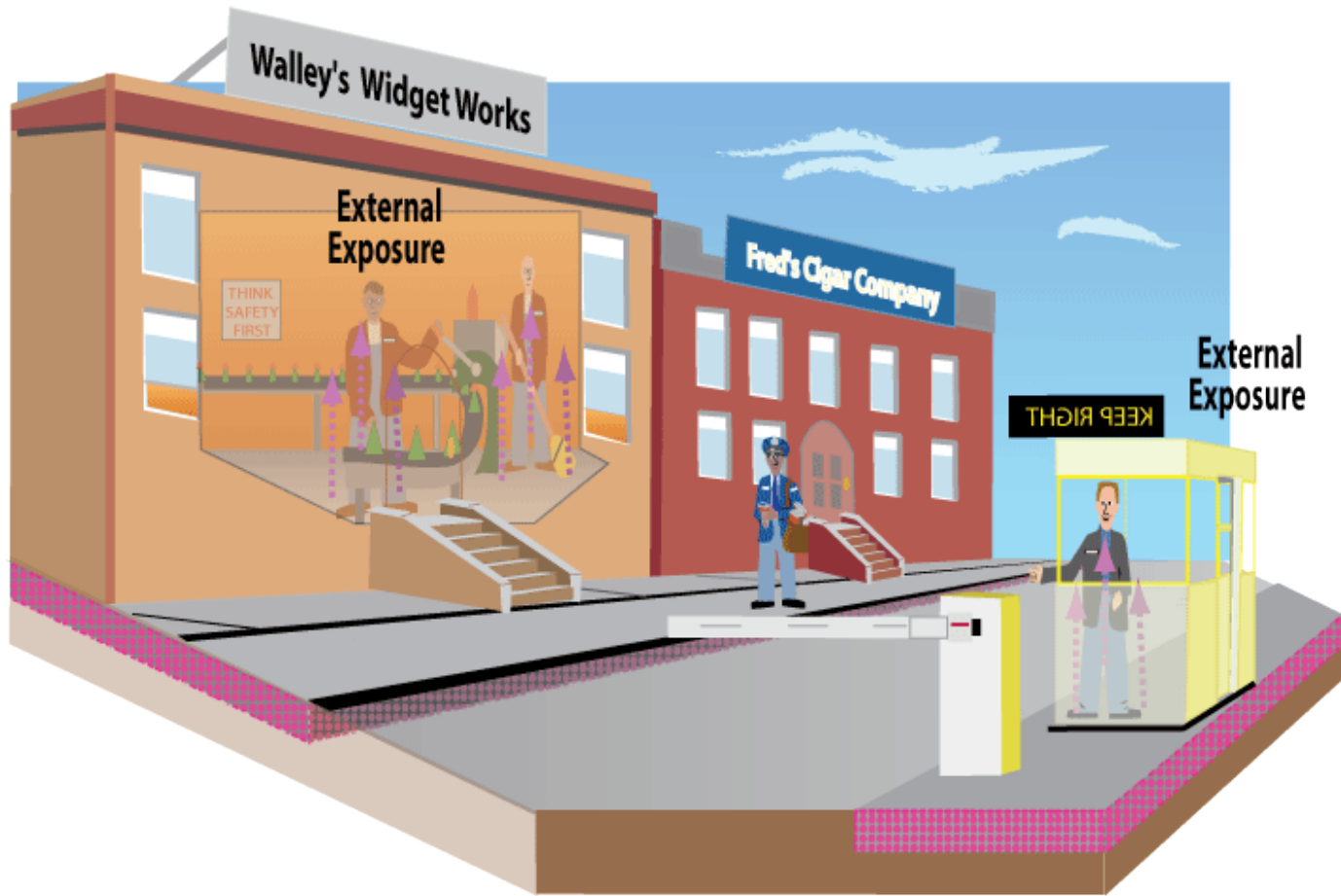
# Res 2D Direct Ext Exposure to Fixed Contaminated Finite Slabs



# OW 2D Direct Ext Exposure to Fixed Contaminated Finite Slabs



# IW 2D Direct Ext Exposure to Fixed Contaminated Finite Slabs



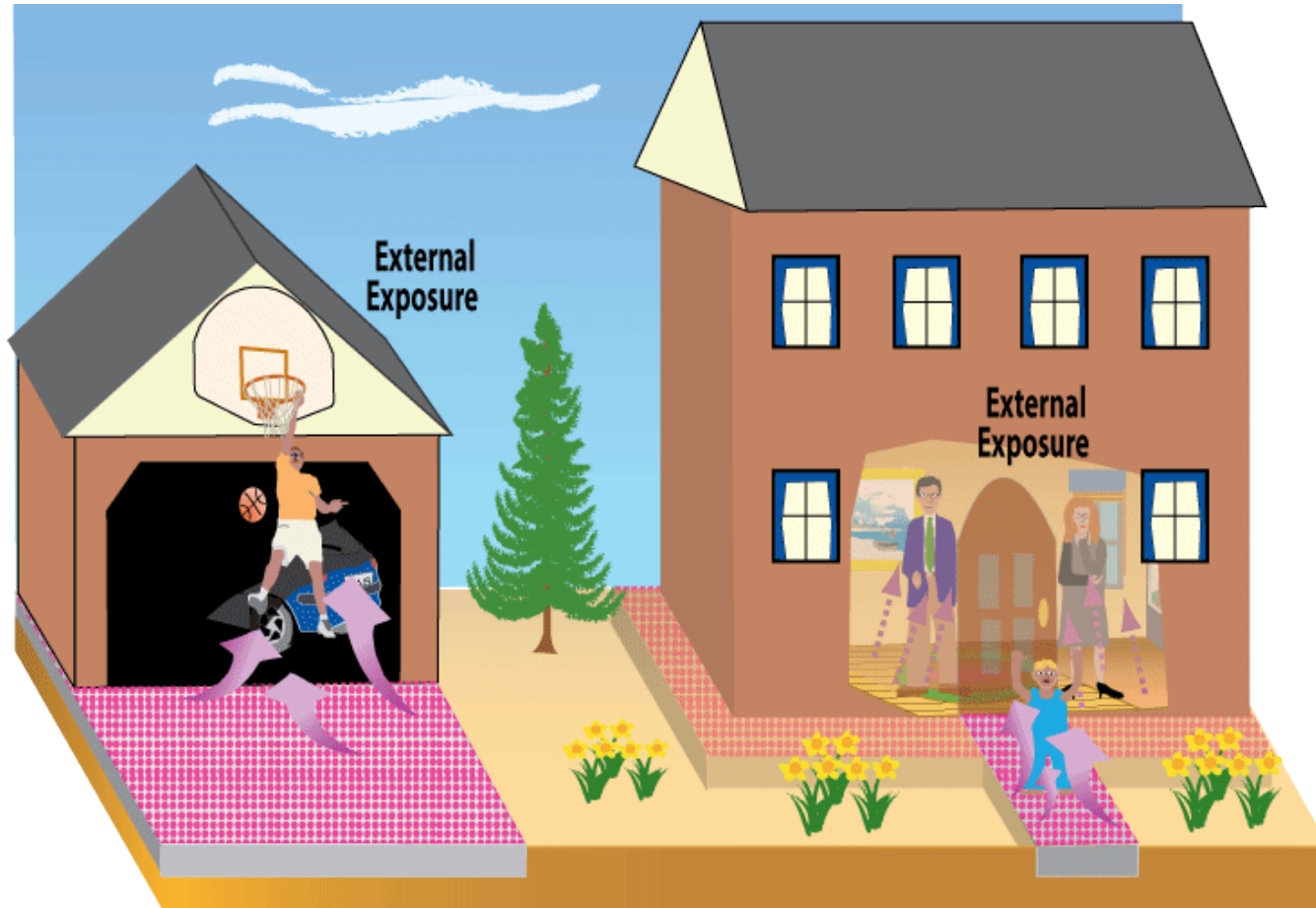
# 2D Direct External Exposure to Settled Dust on Finite Slabs

- ◆ Exposure route: external exposure to ionizing radiation.
- ◆ Assume that dust on finite slab (horizontal) is radioactively contaminated.
- ◆ Scenario details:
  - Resident assumed to live in structure built on top of the middle of the slab.
  - Indoor worker assumed to be employed in structure built on top of the middle of the slab.

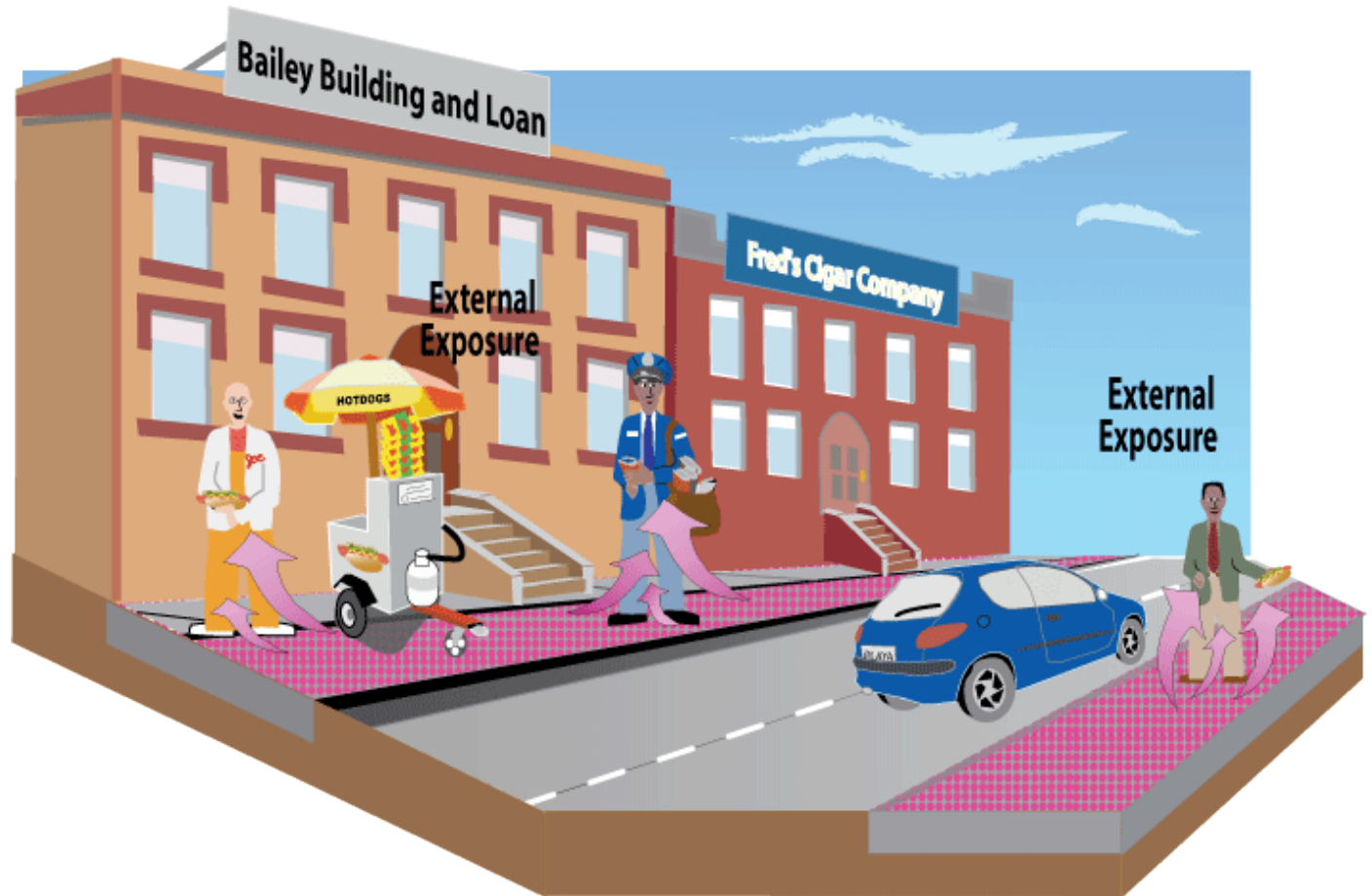




# Res 2D Direct External Exposure to Settled Dust on Finite Slabs



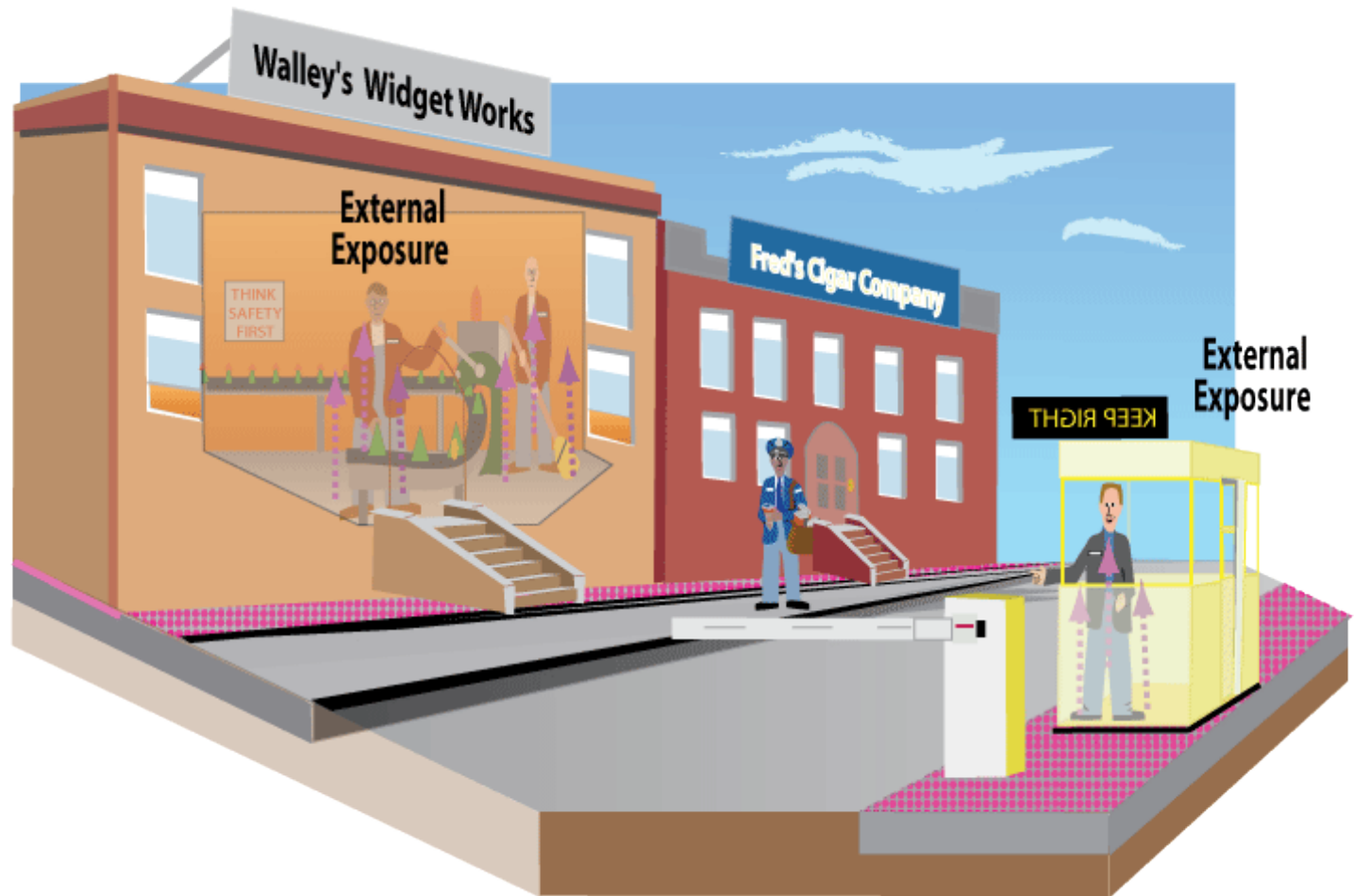
# OW 2D Direct External Exposure to Settled Dust on Finite Slabs



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# IW 2D Direct External Exposure to Settled Dust on Finite Slabs



# Residential State Inputs

## PEF Wind Driven

### Particulate Emission Factor Wind Driven

PEF Wind Equation

Default	City (Climatic Zone) - Selection based on most likely climatic conditions for the site
0.5	$A_s$ (acres)
1.36E+09	$PEF_w$ / Wind Particulate Emission Factor ( $m^3/kg$ )
93.77	$Q/C_{wind}$ / inverse of the ratio of the geometric mean air concentration to the emission flux at center of a square source ( $g/m^2-s$ per $kg/m^3$ )
0.5	$V$ / fraction of vegetative cover (unitless)
4.69	$U_m$ / mean annual wind speed (m/s)
11.32	$U_t$ / equivalent threshold value
0.194	$F(x)$ / function dependant on $U_m/U_t$ derived using Cowherd et al. (1985) (unitless)
16.2302	A (Dispersion Constant)
18.7762	B (Dispersion Constant)
216.108	C (Dispersion Constant)



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# Residential State Inputs

## PEF Mechanically Driven for Public Paved Roads

Select a State  Select Geographic Setting

### Particulate Emission Factor Mechanically Driven for Public Paved Roads

PEF Equation

2.11E+07	PEF <sub>m-pp</sub> / Mechanical Particulate Emission Factor - paved public (m <sup>3</sup> /kg)
93.77	Q/C <sub>w</sub> / inverse of the ratio of the geometric mean air concentration to the emission flux at center of a square source (g/m <sup>2</sup> -s per kg/m <sup>3</sup> ). Calculated from A <sub>s</sub> above. (default Minneapolis)
0.185811027	F <sub>D</sub> / Dispersion correction factor (unitless)
31536000	T / Time in seconds (calculated from worker ED)
8760	t <sub>c</sub> / Time in hours (calculated from worker ED)
274.2134	A <sub>R</sub> / Area (m <sup>2</sup> )
147.5805	L <sub>R</sub> / Length of road segment (ft); Calculated from A <sub>s</sub> above.
0.015	sL / Road surface silt loading (g/m <sup>2</sup> )
112015000000	AKV / Annual vehical kilometers per road class (km/yr)
2821594.655	Σ VKT / Sum of fleet vehicle kilometers traveled during ED (km/yr)
1786	km per road class
3.2	W / (mean vehicle weight) tons
20	W <sub>R</sub> / Width of road segment (ft)
4.6	k-pp / Particle size multiplier for public-paved road (g/VKT)
0.1317	C / Emission factor for fleet exhaust, brake and tire wear
150	p / number of days in a year with at least 0.001 inches of precipitation
16.2302	A (Dispersion Constant)
18.7762	B (Dispersion Constant)
216.108	C (Dispersion Constant)

# Site-Specific Inputs

## Select Scenario (streets, outside surfaces)

- Resident
- Indoor Worker
- Outdoor Worker
- Composite Worker

## Select Media:

- Dust
- 3-D External Exposure
- 2-D External Exposure

## Select Result Type

- Defaults
- State
- Site-specific

Select Road Type:    
  
  
Select Isotope Info:

# Residential SS Inputs

## Settled Dust – Combined Ingestion & Ground Plane External Exposure

### Combined Ingestion and Ground Plane External Exposure

#### Dust Total

0.8	AAF <sub>r-a</sub> (annual age fraction - resident adult)
0.2	AAF <sub>r-c</sub> (annual age fraction - resident child)
1	DL (dose limit) unitless
1	ED <sub>r</sub> (exposure duration - resident) yr
350	EF <sub>r</sub> (exposure frequency - resident) day/yr
16.4	ET <sub>i,r</sub> (indoor exposure time - resident) hr/day
1.752	ET <sub>o,r</sub> (outdoor exposure time - resident) hr/day
1	F <sub>AM</sub> (area and material factor) unitless
1	F <sub>OFF-SET</sub> (off-set factor) unitless
0.4	GSF <sub>i</sub> (Indoor Gamma Shielding Factor) unitless
1	GSF <sub>o</sub> (Outdoor Gamma Shielding Factor) unitless
18	IFA <sub>r-adj</sub> (age-adjusted dust inhalation rate - resident) m <sup>3</sup> /day
64.5	IFD <sub>r-adj</sub> (age-adjusted dust ingestion rate - resident) cm <sup>2</sup> /day
0.0	k (dissipation rate constant) yr <sup>-1</sup>
6.67E+08	SLF (Silt Loading Factor) cm <sup>2</sup> /kg

1	t <sub>r</sub> (time - resident) yr
1	ED <sub>r-a</sub> (exposure duration - resident adult) yr
1	ED <sub>r-c</sub> (exposure duration - resident child) yr
4	ET <sub>r-a,h</sub> (exposure time - resident adult hard surface) hr/day
4	ET <sub>r-c,h</sub> (exposure time - resident child hard surface) hr/day
Select a slab size ▾ Slab size for ACF	
1	FQ <sub>r-a</sub> (frequency of hand to mouth - resident adult) event/hr
9.5	FQ <sub>r-c</sub> (frequency of hand to mouth - resident child) event/hr
0.5	FTSS <sub>h</sub> (fraction transferred surface to skin - hard surface) unitless
20	IRA <sub>r-a</sub> (inhalation rate - resident adult) m <sup>3</sup> /day
10	IRA <sub>r-c</sub> (inhalation rate - resident child) m <sup>3</sup> /day
45	SA <sub>r-a</sub> (surface area of fingers - resident adult) cm <sup>2</sup>
15	SA <sub>r-c</sub> (surface area of fingers - resident child) cm <sup>2</sup>
0.5	SE (saliva extraction factor) unitless

# Residential SS Inputs (cont.)

## Settled Dust – Combined Ingestion & Ground Plane External Exposure

### NOTES:

1.  $\lambda$ =decay constant
2. When  $k = 0.0$ , the dissipation term is not included in the calculation to prevent division by zero which would result a PRG of zero.
3. A, B, and C are constants.
4.  $ED_r = ED_{r-a} = ED_{r-c} = t_r$
5.  $DCF_{d-oral}$  = ingestion dose conversion factor
6.  $DCF_{inh}$  = inhalation dose conversion factor
7.  $DCF_{d-ext}$  = external exposure dose conversion factor
8.  $IFD_{r-adj}$  = age-adjusted ingestion factor
9.  $IFA_{r-adj}$  = age-adjusted inhalation factor
10.  $L_r = (A_s * 43560)^{0.5}$





# Residential SS Inputs

## Settled Dust – PEF Wind Driven

### PEF Wind Equation

$$PEF_w = Q/C_w \left( \frac{\frac{g}{m^2-s}}{\frac{kg}{m^3}} \right) \times \frac{3,600 \left( \frac{s}{hr} \right)}{0.036 \times (1-V) \times \left( U_m \left( \frac{m}{s} \right) / U_t \left( \frac{m}{s} \right) \right)^3 \times F(x)}$$

where

$$\frac{Q}{C_w} \left( \frac{\frac{g}{m^2-s}}{\frac{kg}{m^3}} \right) = A \times \exp \left[ \frac{(\ln A_s (\text{acres}) - B)^2}{C} \right]$$

Default ▾ City (Climatic Zone) - Selection based on most likely climatic conditions for the site

0.5 ▾  $A_s$  (acres)

1.36E+09  $PEF_w$  / Wind Particulate Emission Factor ( $m^3/kg$ )

93.77  $Q/C_{wind}$  / inverse of the ratio of the geometric mean air concentration to the emission flux at center of a square source ( $g/m^2-s$  per  $kg/m^3$ )

0.5 V / fraction of vegetative cover (unitless)

4.69  $U_m$  / mean annual wind speed (m/s)

11.32  $U_t$  / equivalent threshold value

0.194  $F(x)$  / function dependant on  $U_m/U_t$  derived using Cowherd et al. (1985) (unitless)

16.2302 A (Dispersion Constant)

18.7762 B (Dispersion Constant)

216.108 C (Dispersion Constant)

# Residential SS Inputs

## Settled Dust – PEF Mechanically Driven for Public Paved Roads

2.11E+07	PEF <sub>m-pp</sub> / Mechanical Particulate Emission Factor - paved public (m <sup>3</sup> /kg)
93.77	Q/C <sub>w</sub> / Inverse of the ratio of the geometric mean air concentration to the emission flux Calculated from A <sub>s</sub> above. (default Minneapolis)
0.185811027	F <sub>D</sub> / Dispersion correction factor (unitless)
31536000	T / Time in seconds (calculated from worker ED)
8760	t <sub>c</sub> / Time in hours (calculated from worker ED)
274.2134	A <sub>R</sub> / Area (m <sup>2</sup> )
147.5805	L <sub>R</sub> / Length of road segment (ft); Calculated from A <sub>s</sub> above.
3.2	W / (mean vehicle weight) tons
2821594.655	Σ VKT / Sum of fleet vehicle kilometers traveled during ED (km/yr)
1786	km per road class
20	W <sub>R</sub> / Width of road segment (ft)
4.6	k-pp / Particle size multiplier for public-paved road (g/VKT)
0.015	sL / Road surface silt loading (g/m <sup>2</sup> )
0.1317	C / Emission factor for fleet exhaust, brake and tire wear
150	p / number of days in a year with at least 0.001 inches of precipitation
16.2302	A (Dispersion Constant)
18.7762	B (Dispersion Constant)
216.108	C (Dispersion Constant)
.	# of trips per day * Required
.	# of days per week the trip is taken * Required
.	# of weeks per year the site is traveled * Required
.	average # of cars per day * Required
.	average # of trucks per day * Required
.	Tons/car * Required
.	Tons/truck * Required

# Residential SS Inputs (cont.)

## 3D – Soil Volume & Ground Plane External Exposure

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# Residential SS Inputs

## 2D – Soil Volume & Ground Plane External Exposure

### Soil Volume and Ground Plane External Exposure

[2-D Direct External Exposure \(1 cm\)](#)

[2-D Direct External Exposure \(15 cm\)](#)

[2-D Direct External Exposure \(5 cm\)](#)

[2-D Direct External Exposure \(ground plane\)](#)

[2-D Direct External Exposure \(sv\)](#)

**NOTES:**

1. Equation parameters from 3-D external exposure will be used in addition to slab size
2. ACF - radionuclide-specific
3. Slab size for ACF in 2-D alternate external equation is determined by area selected in dust section above

# SPRG Residential Generic Output

## Surfaces

Radionuclide	Soil Ingestion DCF (mrem/pCi)	Inhalation DCF (mrem/pCi)	External Exposure DCF (Ground Plane) (mrem/yr per pCi/cm <sup>2</sup> )
K-40	2.29E-05	7.77E-06	2.38E-01

Area Correction Factor	Lambda	Halflife (years)
6.18E-01	5.54E-10	1.25E+09

PEF <sub>w</sub>	PEF <sub>m</sub>	SDCC (Wind) (pCi/cm <sup>2</sup> )	SDCC (Mechanical) (pCi/cm <sup>2</sup> )
1.36E+09	2.81E+10	1.71E+00	1.76E+00

## 3D Direct External Exposure

Radionuclide	Soil Volume External Exposure DCF (Infinite Volume) (mrem/yr per pCi/g)	Soil Volume External Exposure DCF (1 cm) (mrem/yr per pCi/g)
K-40	9.94E-01	1.77E-01

Soil Volume External Exposure DCF (5 cm) (mrem/yr per pCi/g)	Soil Volume External Exposure DCF (15 cm) (mrem/yr per pCi/g)	External Exposure DCF (Ground Plane) (mrem/yr per pCi/cm <sup>2</sup> )
5.04E-01	8.21E-01	2.38E-01

F <sub>surf</sub>	Lambda	Halflife (years)	Soil Volume SDCC (pCi/g)	Soil Volume 1cm SDCC (pCi/g)
9.95E-01	5.54E-10	1.25E+09	3.04E+00	1.71E+01

Soil Volume 5cm SDCC (pCi/g)	Soil Volume 15cm SDCC (pCi/g)	Ground Plane SDCC (pCi/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Soil Volume SDCC (mg/kg)
6.01E+00	3.69E+00	1.27E+01	4.27E-01



# Radiation Risk Assessment Calculator Training

## Section 8: Differences between EPA and DOE tools



United States  
Environmental Protection  
Agency

Superfund Radiation Risk  
Assessment Calculator Training

# Why Does Radiation Easily Fit within the Superfund Framework?

- ◆ Primary effect is cancer
- ◆ People ingest, inhale, eat, same amount of contaminated dust and food whether it is chemical or radioactive contamination,
- ◆ Dust gets resuspended the same whether it is chemically or radioactively contaminated
- ◆ Inorganic elements move through the subsurface the same whether they are radioactive or not

# RSL, PRG, DCC, Similar Look and Feel

## Select Screening Level Type

- Regional Screening Levels (RSLs)  
 Regional Removal Management Levels (RMLs)

## Select Hazard Quotient

- 0.1  
 1  
 Other:

## Select Target Risk

- $10^{-6}$   
  $10^{-5}$   
  $10^{-4}$   
 Other:

## Select Scenario

- Resident  
 Indoor Worker  
 Outdoor Worker  
 Composite Worker (presented in Generic Tables)  
 Construction Worker (Site Specific only)  
 Fish (Site Specific Only)  
 Soil to Groundwater  
 Recreator (Site Specific only)

## Select Media:

- Soil  
 Air  
 Tapwater

## Select Screening Level Choice

- Defaults  
 Site Specific

## Select Target Risk

- $10^{-6}$   
  $10^{-5}$   
  $10^{-4}$   
 Other:

## Select Scenario

- Resident  
 Indoor Worker  
 Outdoor Worker  
 Composite Worker  
 Construction Worker (Site-specific only)  
 Recreator (Site-specific only)  
 Farmer  
 Soil to Groundwater

## Select Media:

- Soil  
 Air  
 Tap Water  
 2-D External Exposure  
 Fish

## Select Site Info Type

- Defaults  
 Site-specific

## Select Dose Limit (mrem/yr)

- 1  
 Other:

## Select Scenario

- Resident  
 Indoor Worker  
 Outdoor Worker  
 Composite Worker  
 Construction Worker (Site-specific only)  
 Recreator (Site-specific only)  
 Farmer  
 Soil to Groundwater

## Select Media:

- Soil  
 Air  
 Tap Water  
 2-D External Exposure  
 Fish

## Select Site Info Type

- Defaults  
 Site-specific



# RSL, PRG, DCC, Consistent Exposure Assumptions

RSL Calculator

Soil

Resident Exposure to Soil

Instructions

Exposure Assessment Details

Substitute Soil Saturation Concentration (CSAT) for soil inhalation RSL?

Substitute theoretical ceiling limit for total soil RSL?

Age Segment (yr)	AF (mg/cm <sup>2</sup> )	BIW (kg)	ED (yr)	EF (day/yr)	ET (hr/event)	IRS (mg/day)	SA (cm <sup>2</sup> /day)
0-2	0.2	15	2	350	24	200	2373
2-6	0.2	15	4	350	24	200	2373
6-16	0.07	80	10	350	24	100	6032
16-26	0.07	80	10	350	24	100	6032
Child (0-6)	0.2	15	6	350	24	200	2373
Adult (6-26)	0.07	80	20	350	24	100	6032

- RSL Home
- User's Guide
- What's New
- FAQ
- Equations
- Generic Tables
- RSL Calculator
- Risk Calculator

## Preliminary Remediation Goals for Radionuclides

Select a slab size  Slab size for ACF

Select a soil thickness cover layer  Select cover layer thickness for GSF<sub>o</sub> (gamma shielding factor - outdoor)

ED<sub>r</sub> (exposure duration - resident) yr

ED<sub>r-a</sub> (exposure duration - resident adult) yr

ED<sub>r-c</sub> (exposure duration - resident child) yr

EF<sub>r</sub> (exposure frequency - resident) day/yr

EF<sub>r-a</sub> (exposure frequency - resident adult) day/yr

EF<sub>r-c</sub> (exposure frequency - resident child) day/yr

ET<sub>r-a</sub> (exposure time - resident adult) hr/day

ET<sub>r-c</sub> (exposure time - resident child) hr/day

ET<sub>r-i</sub> (exposure time - indoor resident) hr/day

ET<sub>r-o</sub> (exposure time - outdoor resident) hr/day

GSF<sub>i</sub> (gamma shielding factor - indoor) unitless

IFA<sub>r-adj</sub> (age-adjusted soil inhalation factor - resident) m<sup>3</sup>

IFS<sub>r-adj</sub> (age-adjusted soil ingestion factor - resident) mg

IRA<sub>r-a</sub> (inhalation rate - resident adult) m<sup>3</sup>/day

IRA<sub>r-c</sub> (inhalation rate - resident child) m<sup>3</sup>/day

IRS<sub>r-a</sub> (soil intake rate - resident adult) mg/day

IRS<sub>r-c</sub> (soil intake rate - resident child) mg/day

MLF (produce plant mass loading factor) unitless

t<sub>r</sub> (time - resident) yr

TR (target cancer risk) unitless

## Dose Compliance Concentrations for Radionuclides (DCC)

Select a slab size  Slab size for ACF

Select a soil thickness cover layer  Select cover layer thickness for GSF<sub>o</sub> (gamma shielding factor - outdoor)

AAF<sub>a</sub> (annual age fraction - resident adult) unitless

AAF<sub>c</sub> (annual age fraction - resident child) unitless

DL (dose limit) mrem

ED<sub>r</sub> (exposure duration - resident) yr

ED<sub>r-a</sub> (exposure duration - resident adult) yr

ED<sub>r-c</sub> (exposure duration - resident child) yr

EF<sub>r</sub> (exposure frequency - resident) day/yr

EF<sub>r-a</sub> (exposure frequency - resident adult) day/yr

EF<sub>r-c</sub> (exposure frequency - resident child) day/yr

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IFA<sub>r-adj</sub> (age-adjusted soil inhalation factor - resident) m<sup>3</sup>

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IRA<sub>r-c</sub> (inhalation rate - resident child) m<sup>3</sup>/day

IRS<sub>r-a</sub> (soil intake rate - resident adult) mg/day

IRS<sub>r-c</sub> (soil intake rate - resident child) mg/day

MLF (produce plant mass loading factor) unitless

t<sub>r</sub> (time - resident) yr

# RSL, PRG, DCC

## Consistent treatment of inorganics

- ◆ Resuspension – same
- ◆ Soil to groundwater – same
- ◆ All 3 steady state models. Not depleting source (transfer/dynamic) models

# Guidance: World Trade Center (WTC) Benchmark

- ◆ Document used to establish  $1 \times 10^{-4}$  risk based cleanup levels for the reuse of chemically contaminated buildings after the 9/11 attacks.
- ◆ Equations and parameters were the latest EPA chemical methodology
- ◆ Ingestion, inhalation, and dermal
  - [http://www.epa.gov/wtc/reports/contaminants\\_of\\_concern\\_benchmark\\_study.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/wtc/reports/contaminants_of_concern_benchmark_study.pdf)

# Guidance: World Trade Center (WTC) Benchmark (continued)

- ◆ WTC benchmark document includes 1 land use scenario
  - Residential
- ◆ This land use includes 2 exposure routes
  - Settled dust
  - Ambient air



# Select Differences

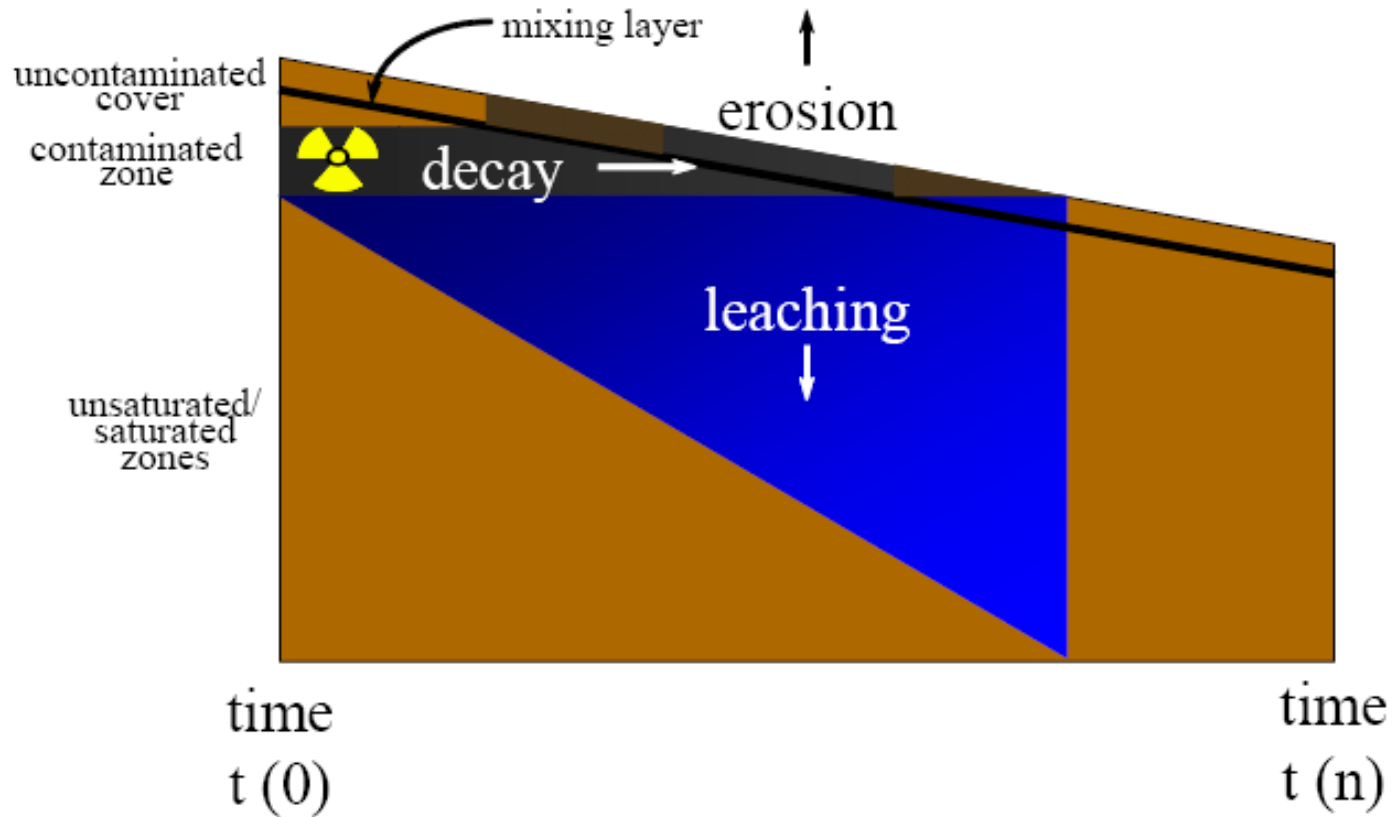
- ◆ Some examples that have come up during site issues
  - Input parameters and default values
  - Steady state vs dynamic/transfer
    - Depleting source in soil
    - Movement of dust through buildings
- ◆ Not an attempt at any comprehensive analysis of differences, these are issues which have been on sites and/or interagency discussions

# Steady State vs Dynamic Transfer

- ◆ EPA PRG, DCC, and RSL calculators are steady state models
  - Conservative assumption of no lessening of contaminated source, except radioactive decay
  - This assumption is in early EPA CERCLA risk assessment documents (RAGs, SSG, Rad SSG)
- ◆ RESRAD assumes source is depleting from erosion (soil runoff) and leaching into the subsurface
  - Not conservative compared to EPA



## Factors Affecting Source Loss

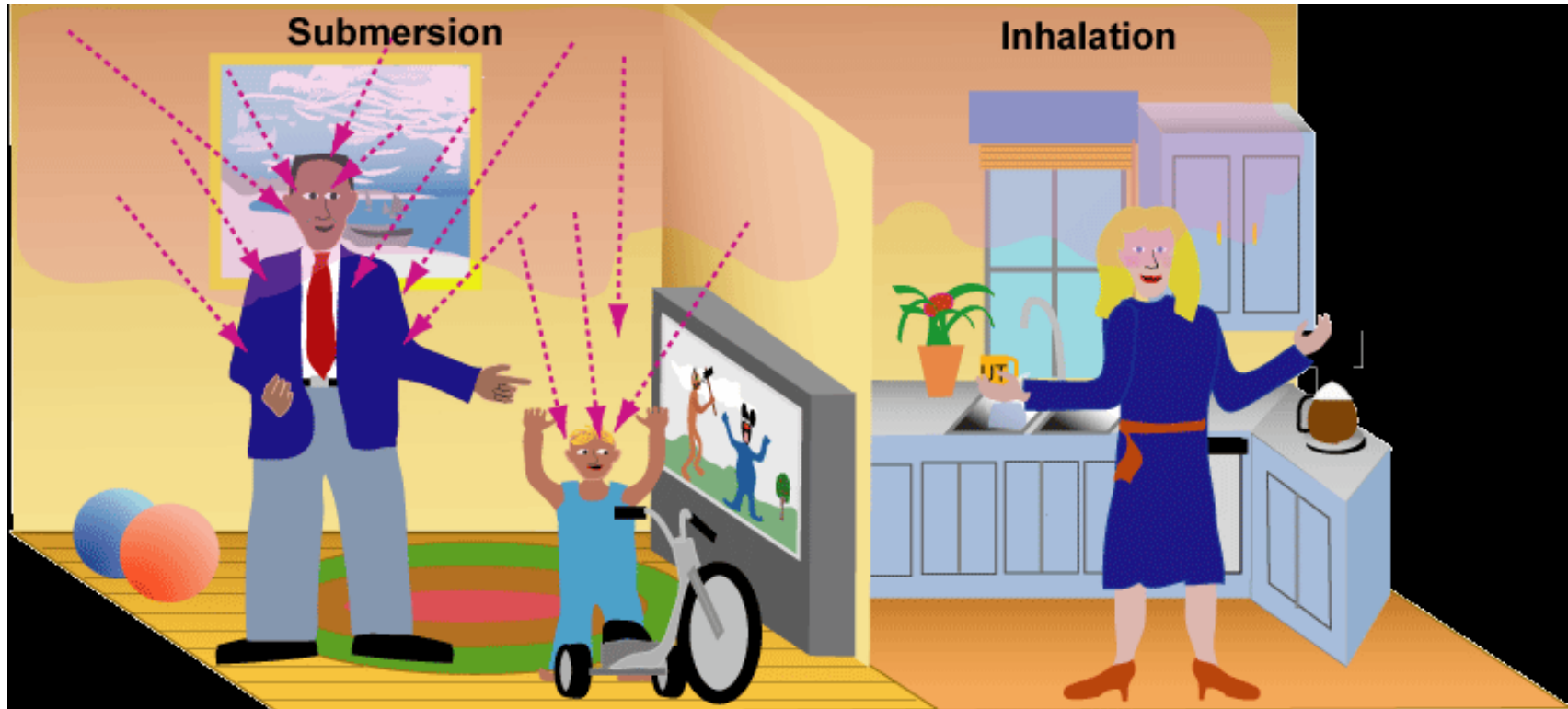


# Settled Dust & Indoor Air Resuspension

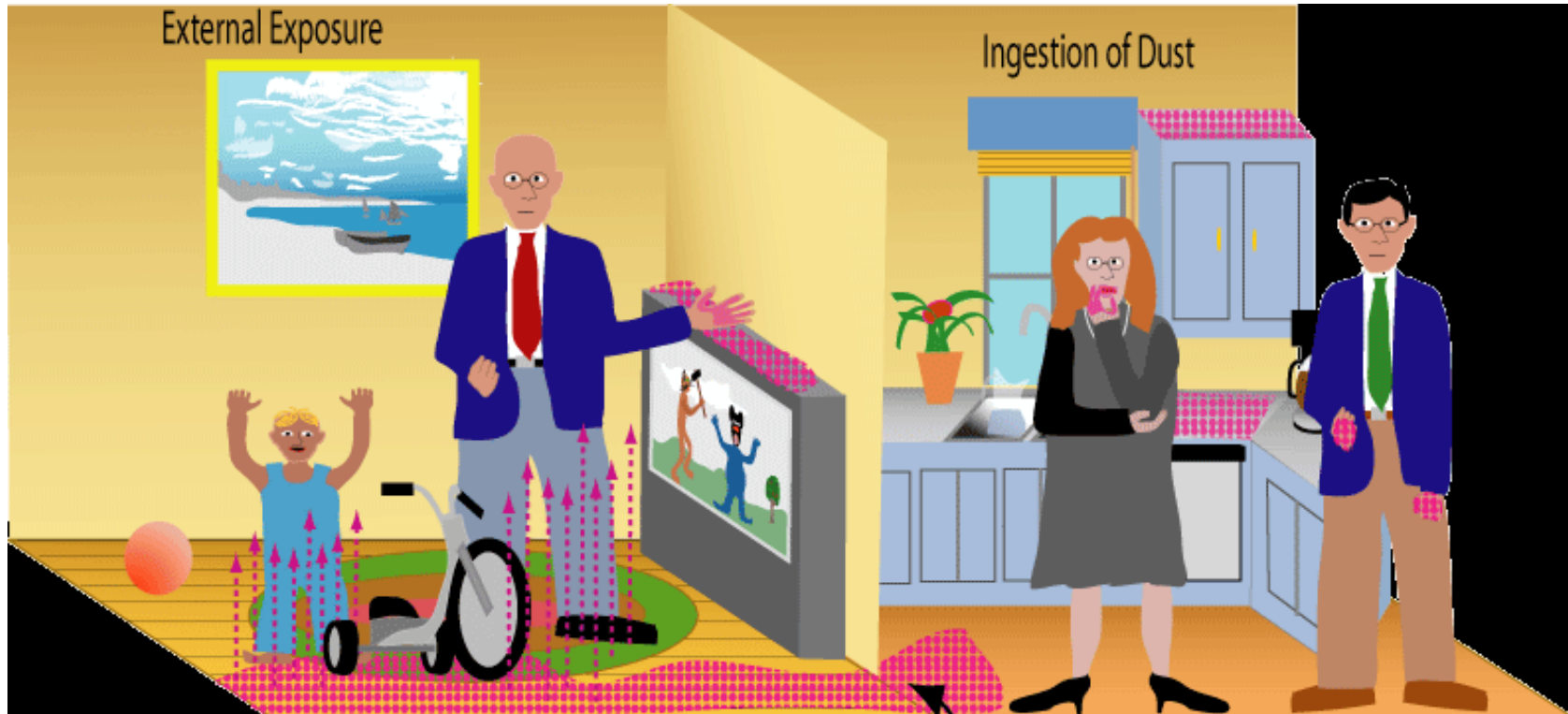
- ◆ EPA BPRG and BDCC calculators and WTC document



# BPRG – Indoor Air

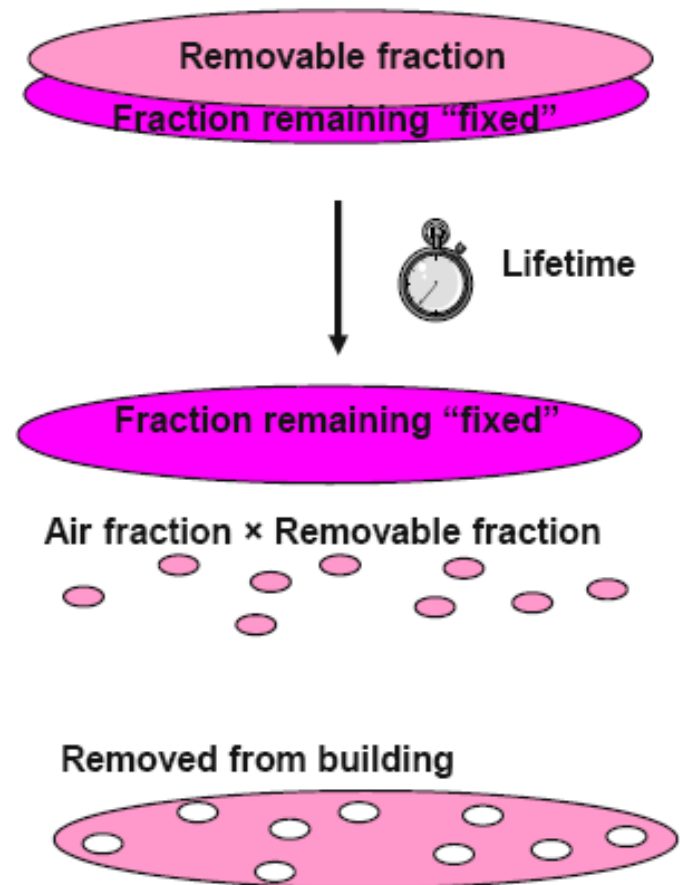


# BPRG – Settled Dust



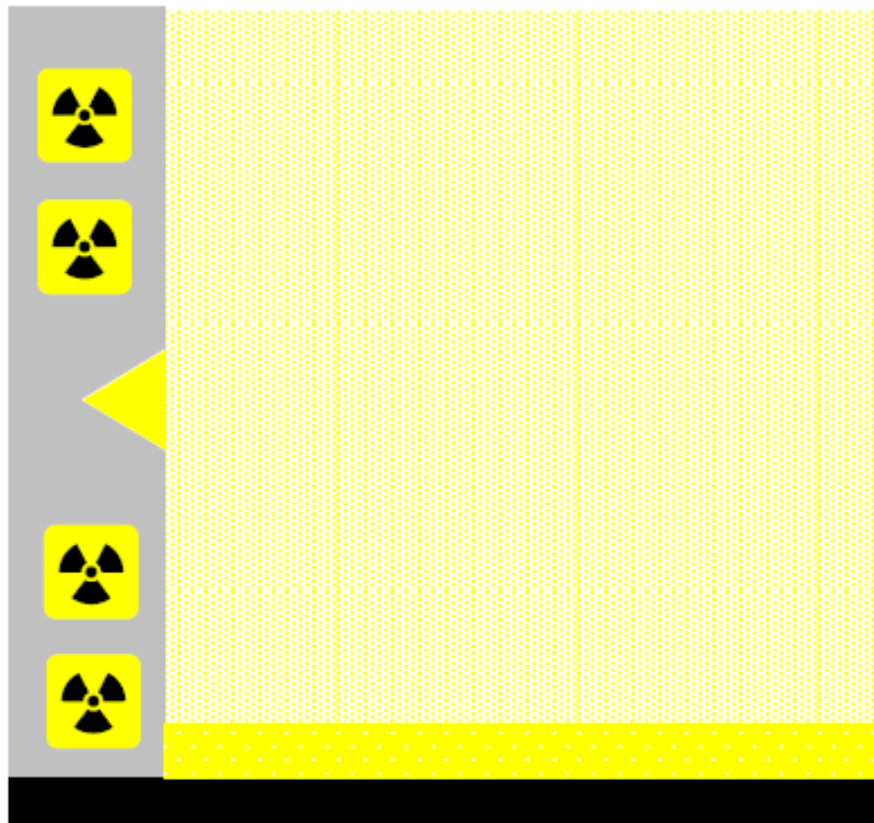
## Source Removal/Injection - Point, Line, Area Sources

- Source removal and injection treated the same for point, line and area
- Parameters affecting source removal
  - Removable fraction
  - Source lifetime
- Parameters affecting source injection
  - Source lifetime
  - Removable fraction
  - Air fraction
- Source is linearly removed over the source lifetime
  - "Erosion Rate" or removal rate
    - $\text{Removable Fraction} / \text{Source Lifetime}$
    - 20% over 10 years
      - 2% per year
- Radioactive decay occurs simultaneously



## Source Injection to Air Pathways

- Models the release of the radionuclides from the source to the air
  - Building renovation
  - Building occupancy
- The airflow in the building will transport the airborne nuclides from room to room
- Nuclides will deposit and will be resuspended
- Pathways considered
  - External
    - Submersion, deposited nuclides
  - Inhalation
  - Ingestion
    - Deposited nuclides



# RESRAD-BUILD One Room Air Flow Model

$$V \frac{dC}{dt} = I - QC - \lambda VC + \lambda VC_p - \lambda_D VC + \lambda_R \lambda_D VC / (\lambda_R + \lambda)$$

Change of Activity  
in the room

Exchange  
with outside

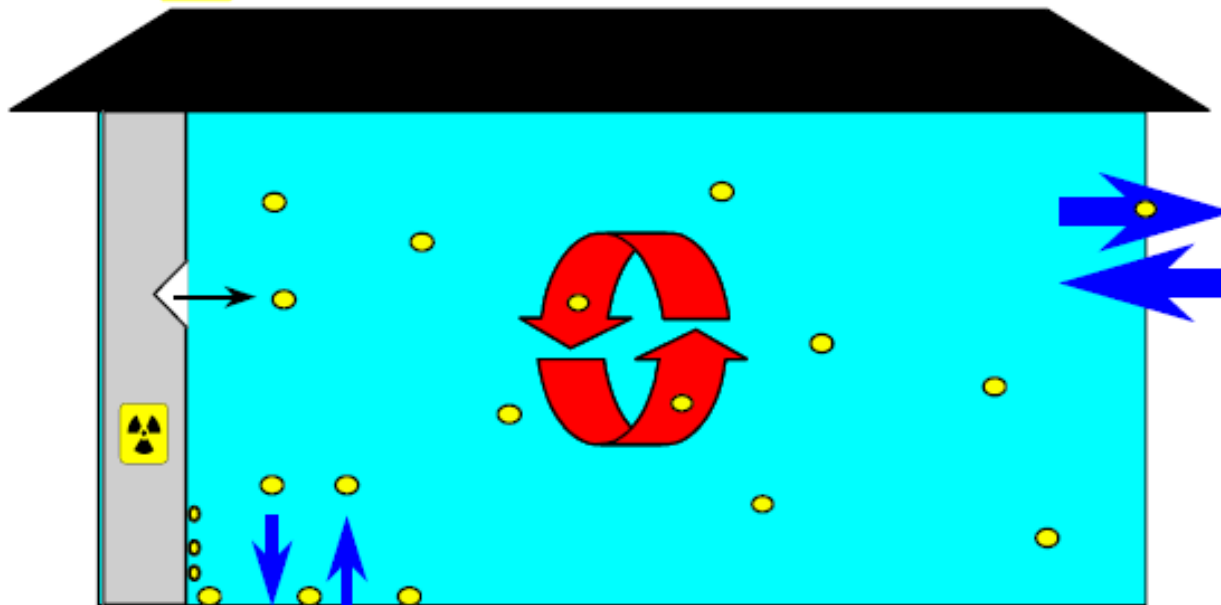
Decay of  
parent in Air

Resuspension

Injection  
Rate

Decay in Air

Deposition



# Default Parameters

- ◆ **EPA.** Inhalation and ingestion parameters and default input values the same for radiation and chemical risk assessment methods.
- ◆ **DOE.** Uses different parameters and different defaults input parameters for radiation vs chemical risk assessment methods.
  - DOE differs from both EPA radiation and chemical parameters and default input values
  - There is no scientific reason for these differences
    - It was a policy decision by RESRAD developers

# PRG and RSL Inhalation

Default City (Climatic Zone) - Selection based on most likely climatic conditions for t  
0.5 A<sub>s</sub> (acres)

1359344438 PEF (particulate emission factor) m<sup>3</sup>/kg

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0.5 V / fraction of vegetative cover (unitless)

4.69 U<sub>m</sub> / mean annual wind speed (m/s)

11.32 U<sub>t</sub> / equivalent threshold value (m/s)

0.194 F(x) / function dependant on U<sub>m</sub>/U<sub>t</sub> derived using Cowherd et al. (1985) (unitless)

26 ED<sub>r</sub> (exposure duration - resident) yr

20 ED<sub>r-a</sub> (exposure duration - resident adult) yr

6 ED<sub>r-c</sub> (exposure duration - resident child) yr

350 EF<sub>r</sub> (exposure frequency) day/yr

350 EF<sub>r-a</sub> (exposure frequency - resident adult) day/yr

350 EF<sub>r-c</sub> (exposure frequency - resident child) day/yr

24 ET<sub>r</sub> (exposure time - resident) hr

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24 ET<sub>r-c</sub> (exposure time - resident child) hr

1.0 GSF<sub>a</sub> (gamma shielding factor - air) unitless

161000 IFA<sub>r-adj</sub> (age-adjusted inhalation factor) m<sup>3</sup>

20 IRA<sub>r-a</sub> (inhalation rate - resident adult) m<sup>3</sup>/day

10 IRA<sub>r-c</sub> (inhalation rate - resident child) m<sup>3</sup>/day

26 t<sub>r</sub> (time - resident) yr

1.0E-6 TR (target cancer risk) unitless

Default City (Climatic Zone) - Selection based on most likely climatic conditions for t

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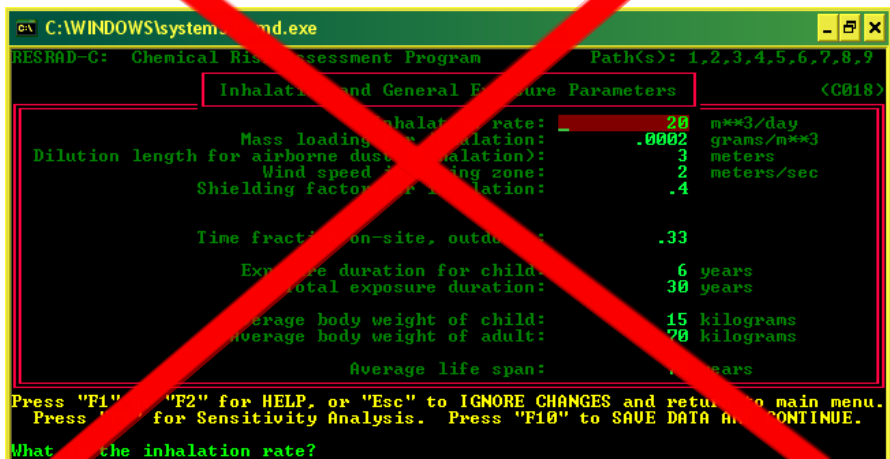
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# RESRAD and ~~RESCHEM~~ Inhalation



**Inhalation and External Gamma**

Inhalation rate: 8400 m\*\*3/year  
 Mass loading for inhalation: .0001 grams/m\*\*3  
 Mean Onsite mass loading: .0001 grams/m\*\*3  
 Indoor to outdoor dust concentration: .4  
 External gamma penetration factor: .7

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**Atmospheric Transport**

Release height: 1 meters  
 Release heat flux: 0 cal/s  
 Anemometer height: 10 meters  
 Ambient temperature: 285 Kelvin  
 AM atmospheric mixing height: 400 meters  
 PM atmospheric mixing height: 1600 meters

Pasquill-Gifford Coefficients  
 Briggs Rural Coefficients  
 Briggs Urban Coefficients

Rural  
 Urban

Offsite location: Fruit, grain, non-leafy vegetables plot | Leafy vegetables plot | Pasture, silage growing area | Grain fields | Dwelling site | Surface water body

Elevation of offsite location, relative to ground level at primary contamination: 0 0 0 0 0 0 m

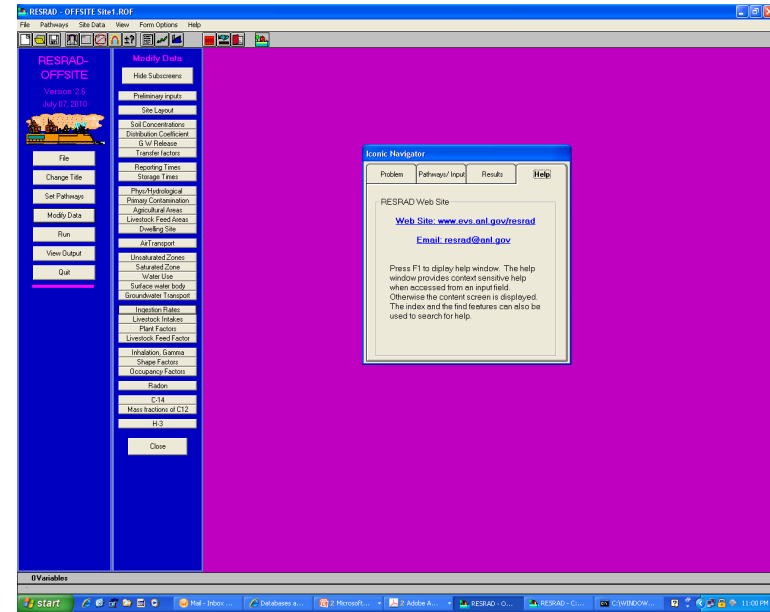
Grid spacing for areal integration: 10 m

Wind speed: 0.89 2.46 4.47 6.93 9.61 12.52 m/s  
 Stability class: Joint frequency of wind speed and stability class for wind from S to N

Stability class	0.89	2.46	4.47	6.93	9.61	12.52
A	1	0	0	0	0	0
B	0	0	0	0	0	0
C	0	0	0	0	0	0
D	0	0	0	0	0	0
E	0	0	0	0	0	0
F	0	0	0	0	0	0



# ~~RESCHEM~~ and RESRAD look and feel



# Implications

- ◆ RME exposure defined by EPA through its guidance
  - When using RESRAD, you are protecting a different RME than using EPA guidance
- ◆ Use of RESRAD results in unnecessary inconsistency how chemicals and radionuclides are addressed at the same site
  - RESRAD differs from EPA's PRG and RSL, and even with RESCHEM before DOE withdrew RESCHEM

# Why is this important?

- ◆ EPA cannot defer to states, DOE, DOD, or other entities for remedy selection.
- ◆ EPA is a signature on the ROD.
- ◆ EPA **needs to fully understand** what is being said and be able to stand behind it based on the NCP, CERCLA, and EPA guidance.
  - This includes what concentrations constitute meeting the risk range and/or ARARs.

# EPA is the Decision Maker

- ◆ EPA determines the levels needed for protections and compliance with ARARs and guidance (TBCs)
- ◆ EPA needs to be able to justify the level selected.
- ◆ EPA's PRG calculators are recommended for Superfund radiation risk assessments.
  - If another model is to be used, EPA needs to:
    1. run both models
    2. have a thorough understanding of both models
    3. be able to explain the differences.

# EPA As the Decision Maker (cont.)

- ◆ Federal Facilities Disputes ultimately resolved by the EPA Administrator
- ◆ Mather AFB/George AFB Dispute by Adm. Carol Browner (April 1993) regarding interpretation of a State standard:
  - “Thus, while state law is applied, the decision is made by EPA, not the state...As the remedial decision is made by EPA the interpretive decision is necessarily EPA’s as well.”

# EPA Policy

## 2014 Risk Assessment Q&A

- ◆ 3 PRG (PRG, BRPG, SPRG) and 3 DCC (DCC, BDCC, and SDCC) calculators are EPA's recommended models for risk and dose assessment
- ◆ Reiterate more strongly that risk assessments (e.g., models used) should be consistent with chemicals at site and with other regional sites
- ◆ Don't use a steady state model for chemical and a transfer/dynamic model for radionuclides
  - Such as using RSL calculator for chemicals then RESRAD for radionuclides

# EPA Policy

## 2014 Risk Assessment Q&A, continued

- ◆ If EPA regions are considering use of model other than PRG or DCC calculators, for some portion of the risk or dose assessment then they should:
  1. Consult with EPA HQ (Stuart Walker)
  2. Region should run PRG/DCC calculators and alternative model using PRG/DCC default input parameters
  3. Region should have technical justification why alternative model would replace preferred PRG/DCC calculator for some portion of risk/dose assessment



# Consistency with Rad and Chem Risk Assessment is Long-standing Policy

- ◆ EPA Superfund remedial approach to address chemical and radiation risks consistently dates back to the 1990 NCP and guidance of that era.
- ◆ More recent EPA guidance continues that approach
- ◆ Remaining slides in this section will demonstrate that earlier and current EPA guidance are consistent on this matter





# CERCLA risk assessments use RME

- ◆ In the NCP preamble EPA identified RME (reasonable maximum exposure scenario) as the approach for developing CERCLA risk assessments
  - RME is a mix of average and 95<sup>th</sup> percentile default input assumptions (see 55 FR 9710, March 8, 1990)

assumptions. The reasonable maximum exposure scenario is "reasonable" because it is a product of factors, such as concentration and exposure frequency and duration, that are an appropriate mix of values that reflect averages and 95th percentile distributions (see the "Risk Assessment Guidance for Superfund: Human Health Evaluation Manual").

rule. EPA will continue to use the reasonable maximum exposure scenario in risk assessment, although EPA does not believe it necessary to include it as a requirement in the rule.

EPA responds to the requests for clarification of the reasonable maximum exposure scenario and the baseline risk assessment in the remainder of this section. In the Superfund program, the



# RME based risk assessments are used for compliance with risk range

- ◆ In the NCP (see 55 FR 9710, March 8, 1990), EPA stated that RME was used to:
  - comply with the 10<sup>-4</sup> to 10<sup>-6</sup> risk range for all “carcinogenic contaminants” (add chemicals and radionuclides)

## Develop PRGs at 10<sup>-6</sup>

The primary goals of Superfund cleanups are to protect human health and the environment and to comply with ARARs. When ARARs are not available, Superfund develops a reasonable maximum exposure scenario that describes the current and potential risk posed by the site in order to determine what is necessary to achieve protection against such risks to human health (see preamble section above on baseline risk assessment for more discussion of reasonable maximum

exposure scenario). Based on this scenario, Superfund selects remedies that reduce the threat from carcinogenic contaminants at a site such that the excess risk from any medium to an individual exposed over a lifetime generally falls within a range from 10<sup>-4</sup> to 10<sup>-6</sup>. EPA's preference, all things being equal, is to select remedies that are at the more protective end of the risk range. Therefore, when developing its preliminary remediation goals, EPA uses 10<sup>-6</sup> as a point of departure (see next preamble section on point of departure).



# EPA 1989 guidance against using different models for rad and chem

- ◆ In “Risk Assessment Guidance for Superfund (RAGS) Part A” (December 1989), Chapter 10 “Radiation Risk Assessment Guidance,”
  - EPA warned that using different risk assessment models for radionuclides and chemicals may result in incompatibilities when trying to sum the risk assessment (see pg. 10-33)

In cases where different environmental fate and transport models have been used to predict chemical and radionuclide exposure, the mathematical models may incorporate somewhat different assumptions. These differences can result in incompatibilities in the two estimates of risk. One important difference

# EPA Superfund chem & rad Risk Harmonization efforts

- ◆ Since 1991 EPA has been developing consistent approaches for chemical and radiation Superfund risk assessments.
  - See “Risk Assessment Guidance for Superfund (RAGS) Part B” (RAGS Part B), December 1991, Chapter 4, “Risk-based PRGs for Radioactive Contaminants,” pg 33.

# EPA 1991 consistent PRGs

- ◆ RAGS Part B includes PRGs for chemicals and radionuclides that use:
  - Same land uses and similar equations
  - Standard default exposure parameters for RME risk assessments

In general, standardized default exposure equations and parameters used to calculate risk-based PRGs for radionuclides are similar in structure and function to those equations and parameters developed in Chapter 3 for nonradioactive chemical carcinogens. Both types of risk equations:

- Calculate risk-based PRGs for each carcinogen corresponding to a pre-specified target cancer risk level of  $10^{-6}$ . As mentioned in Section 2.8, target risk levels may be modified after the baseline risk assessment based on site-specific exposure conditions, technical limitations, or other uncertainties, as well as on the nine remedy selection criteria specified in the NCP.

- Use standardized default exposure parameters consistent with OSWER Directive 9285.6-03 (EPA 1991b). Where default parameters are

not available in that guidance document, other appropriate reference values are used and cited.

- Incorporate pathway-specific default exposure factors that generally reflect RME conditions.

# High Level Review of Superfund Approach for Risk Harmonization

- ◆ EPA's approach of addressing radiation and chemicals in a similar approach has received outside high-level review, both:
  - Risk management/policy review
  - Scientific review

## Blue-ribbon committee

- ◆ The Presidential/Congressional Commission on Risk Assessment and Risk Management developed a 1997 report to Congress on the appropriate uses of risk assessment and risk management in Federal regulatory programs.
- ◆ Final Report Volume 2 issued 1997, Risk Assessment and Risk Management In Regulatory Decision-Making recommended:
  - Radiation and chemicals should be addressed consistently, particularly when co-located.
  - Superfund should continue to use the 10-4 to 10-6 cancer risk range and reasonably anticipated land

# Blue-ribbon committee screen shots (pp 82, 122)

RISK ASSESSMENT AND  
RISK MANAGEMENT IN  
REGULATORY DECISION-MAKING



THE PRESIDENTIAL/CONGRESSIONAL  
COMMISSION ON RISK ASSESSMENT  
AND RISK MANAGEMENT

FINAL REPORT  
VOLUME 2  
1997

## *Recommendation*

A concerted effort should be made to evaluate and relate the methods, assumptions, mechanisms, and standards for radiation risks to those for chemicals to clarify and enhance the comparability of risk management decisions and investments, especially when both types of hazards are present.

## *Recommendation*

EPA should continue to use its  $10^{-6}$  to  $10^{-4}$  risk range as a guide for site-specific risk-based cleanup goals, related to future land use. Site-



# EPA Science Advisory Board (SAB)

- ◆ In 1992 the EPA SAB sent a letter to the EPA Administrator “Commentary on Harmonizing Chemical and Radiation Risk-Reduction Strategies.” The SAB:
  - SAB acknowledged that EPA guidance for Superfund sites, including DOE sites under CERCLA, would use a consistent risk-based approach for addressing radiation and chemical contamination in both risk assessment methodology and cleanup levels (e.g., no more than  $10^{-4}$  cancer risk).
  - SAB viewed the harmonization of radionuclides to the chemical approach as scientifically valid.



# SAB screenshots (pg 2)

accomplished economically. The corollary to that principle is that similar risks should be treated similarly, which calls for the harmonization, in so far as is possible, of risk-reduction strategies between chemicals and radiation. Harmonization does not necessarily imply identical treatment, but it does imply that any differences in treatment are clearly explained and justified.

A resolution to the seeming discrepancy between the radiation paradigm and the chemical paradigm could be achieved in any of several ways: bringing risk-reduction strategies for excess radiation exposures consistently in line with the chemical paradigm, as appears to be happening in some parts of the Agency;



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# SAB screenshots (pg 9)

The facilities of the Department of Energy that are part of the nuclear weapons complex form another group of problem sites where radionuclides are a significant or even dominating part of the cancer risk equation. Whether these facilities are treated as Superfund (CERCLA) problems or current waste disposal sites under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), the treatment of radioactive materials is seen as necessarily being subject to the same types of risk analyses and remedial responses that EPA has used for chemicals. The document "Risk Assessment Guidelines for Superfund" (RAGS), for example, contains a section on how to assess the cancer risks from exposure to radionuclides, but does not suggest any different risk-reduction strategies than for carcinogenic chemicals. The implication is that remediation is expected if the lifetime risks from radionuclides are calculated to exceed about  $10^{-4}$  (or lower in some proposals for radiation sites).



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# SAB screenshots (pp 10, 12)

## Need for Harmonization

Clearly, EPA needs to adopt policies that will allow its staff, the regulated community, scientific consultants to both parties, and the general public all to know what to expect in EPA's regulation of residual radioactivity and other radiation issues. The Radiation Advisory Committee does not claim any special insight in how the resolution should be accomplished, but does emphasize the importance of achieving such harmonization. Interest in the comparative risks of radiation and chemicals has a substantial history (NCRP, 1989) and is now becoming more widespread (Kocher and Hoffman, 1991).

Clearly, the choice among these options – and others that may exist – is a policy choice that transcends scientific analysis. The leadership of the Environmental Protection Agency has the authority and the responsibility to make the choice. We urge the choice to be articulated clearly so that the scientists who assess the risks of radiation and chemicals can understand the basis for subsequent decisions about risk reduction.



# Radiation Risk Assessment Calculator Training

## Section 9: RVISL

# What does the RVISL do?

- ◆ The RVISL calculator output provides comparison values for residential and commercial/industrial exposures to radons (Rn-219, Rn-220, and Rn-222) in soil gas, air, and groundwater
- ◆ Output provides risk estimates for residential and commercial/industrial exposures to radon in soil gas, air, and groundwater

## RVISL Scope

- ◆ Developed to provide concentrations of radons in soil and groundwater that will not result in radon intrusion into buildings that exceed target levels
- ◆ Indoor radon/thoron target level concentrations based on:
  - » Risk (default to  $1 \times 10^{-6}$ )
  - » UMTRCA correspond to 0.02 Working Levels (Rn-220 and 222 only)
  - » Dose (default to 1 mrem/yr)
  - » Potential State 4 pCi/l standard

***RADON GETS IN THROUGH:***

- 1. Cracks in solid floors.***
- 2. Construction joints.***
- 3. Cracks in walls.***
- 4. Gaps in suspended floors.***
- 5. Gaps around service pipes.***
- 6. Cavities inside walls.***
- 7. The water supply.***





# **RVISL: Conceptual model**

- ◆ Same as VISL conceptual model for chemicals
- ◆ Assumes a groundwater or vadose zone of vapors that diffuse upwards through unsaturated soils toward the surface and into buildings
- ◆ Soil is relatively homogeneous and isotropic
  - » Horizontal layers of different soil types can be used

## RVISL: Conceptual model, cont.

- ◆ Receptors are occupants in buildings with concrete foundation
  - » Resident or Workers
- ◆ Subsurface and building characteristics reduce or attenuate radon concentrations

# RVISL: Site-Specific Adjustments

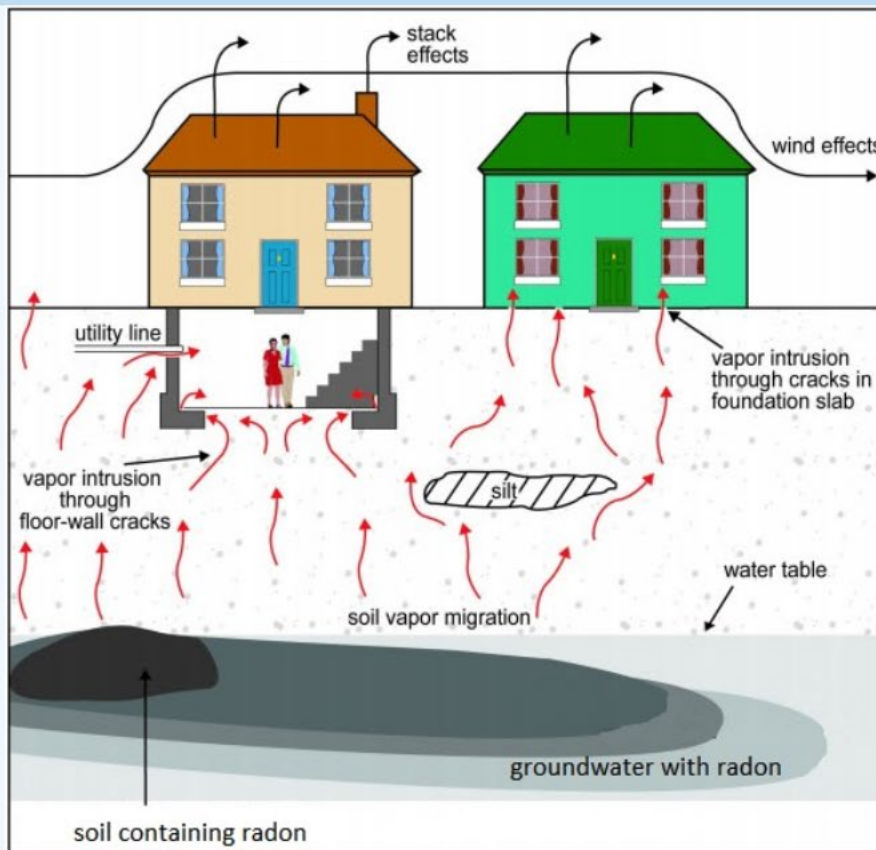
- ◆ Users should consider whether assumptions underlying generic conceptual model are applicable at each site
  - » Use professional judgement to make adjustments based on site-specific information

## **RVISL: Site-Specific Adjustments, cont.**

- ◆ Factors that may result in unattenuated or enhanced transport of radon, and render default RVISL generic defaults inappropriate, include:
  - » Very shallow groundwater (e.g., depth to water <5 feet)
  - » Shallow soil contamination source (e.g., within few feet of foundation)
  - » Buildings with significant openings to the subsurface (e.g., sumps, unlined crawlspaces, earthen floors) or significant preferential pathways

# RVISL – Home page

## RVISL Home



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# RVISL – User Guide

## RVISL User's Guide

[PDF of User Guide](#)

Welcome to the EPA's Radon Vapor Intrusion Screening Level (RVISL) Calculator User's Guide for Radionuclide Contaminants at Superfund Sites. This guide contains descriptions, equations, and default exposure parameters used to calculate cancer risk and dose-based RVISLs. Additional guidance is also provided on sources of parameters and proper RVISL use. It is suggested that users read the RVISL Frequent Questions page before proceeding. The user's guide is extensive, so please use the "Open All Sections" and "Close All Sections" links below as needed. Individual sections can be opened and closed by clicking on the section titles. Before proceeding through the user's guide, please read the [Disclaimer](#).

This tool provides screening level (SL) concentrations of radon (Rn) for groundwater, soil gas (sub-slab and exterior), and indoor air to assist Agency staff with making a RVISL determination based on limited, initial data. In addition to calculating SLs, this tool can calculate indoor air concentrations from radon in soil gas and groundwater concentrations entered by the user. The cancer risk and dose from calculated indoor air concentrations and user-provided indoor air concentrations can also be calculated. The equations for these features are presented in the following sections. Note that for Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) remedial actions, dose assessment is generally done only to show compliance with a dose-based Applicable or Relevant and Appropriate Requirement (ARAR). In addition, the calculator presents the option to compare the indoor air concentration, entered by the user or derived from groundwater or soil gas activities, to state standards or Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act (UMTRCA) standards, which also may be potential ARARs. For more information on when UMTRCA indoor radon standards are potential ARARs, see the guidance document "[Establishment of Cleanup Levels for CERCLA Sites with Radioactive Contamination](#)" Attachment A: Likely Federal Radiation (AEA, UMTRCA, CAA, CWA, SDWA) ARARs, page 3 (OSWER Directive 9200.4-18, August 1997). Users should note that since background radon levels are typically outside the risk range, the RVISL calculator is likely to be used primarily for ARAR compliance. For example, the UMTRCA indoor radon standards 40 CFR 192.12(b)(1) and 192.41(b) were identified as likely Federal ARARs for Rn-222 and Rn-220 in Attachment A of the EPA guidance document "Establishment of Cleanup Levels for CERCLA Sites with Radioactive Contamination." There are some state standards expressed in pCi/l or mrem/yr that, if more stringent than the UMTRCA standards, may be selected as ARARs.

RVISLs are a type of preliminary remediation goal (PRG) and both are a specific variety of the broad SL category. The RVISL calculator provides updated guidance for developing SLs, for indoor Rn-222, Rn-220, and Rn-219 that are risk or dose-based and for showing compliance with the UMTRCA indoor radon standards for Rn-222 and Rn-220. The RVISL, therefore, supersedes the risk assessment approach in Preliminary Remediation Goals for Radionuclides in Buildings (BPRG) electronic calculator, the dose assessment approach in ARAR Dose Compliance Concentrations Goals for Radionuclides in Buildings (BDCG) electronic calculator, and Q17 of the guidance document "[Radiation Risk Assessment At CERCLA Sites: Q & A](#)" issued on May 2014. Computer codes such as the RVISL, which were developed to predict hazards from potential human exposure to radon concentrations in indoor air, are based on simplified equations and protective assumptions. While RVISLs may be imprecise for an individual house or structure they are protective in nature for screening a wide variety of buildings. EPA would recommend, where possible, Regions use measurements of radon indoors rather than rely on the transport portions of the RVISL. In particular, testing of groundwater or soil gas is not required to demonstrate compliance with RVISL WL, pCi/L, risk, or dose targets.

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# RVISL - Calculator page

## Radon Vapor Intrusion Screening Levels (RVISL) Calculator

Hover over any **form section** for instructions about the individual selection and requirements.

### Select Screening Level Type

- UMRCA-based
- Risk-based
- Dose-based

### Select Target UMRCA WL Standard

- 0.02
- Other:

### Select Exposure Scenario

- Resident
- Commercial Worker

### Predict indoor air concentrations and WL from measured media concentrations

- No
- Yes

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### Select Site Info Type

- Defaults
- Site Specific

### Select Units

- pCi
- Bq

### Groundwater Temperature (° C)

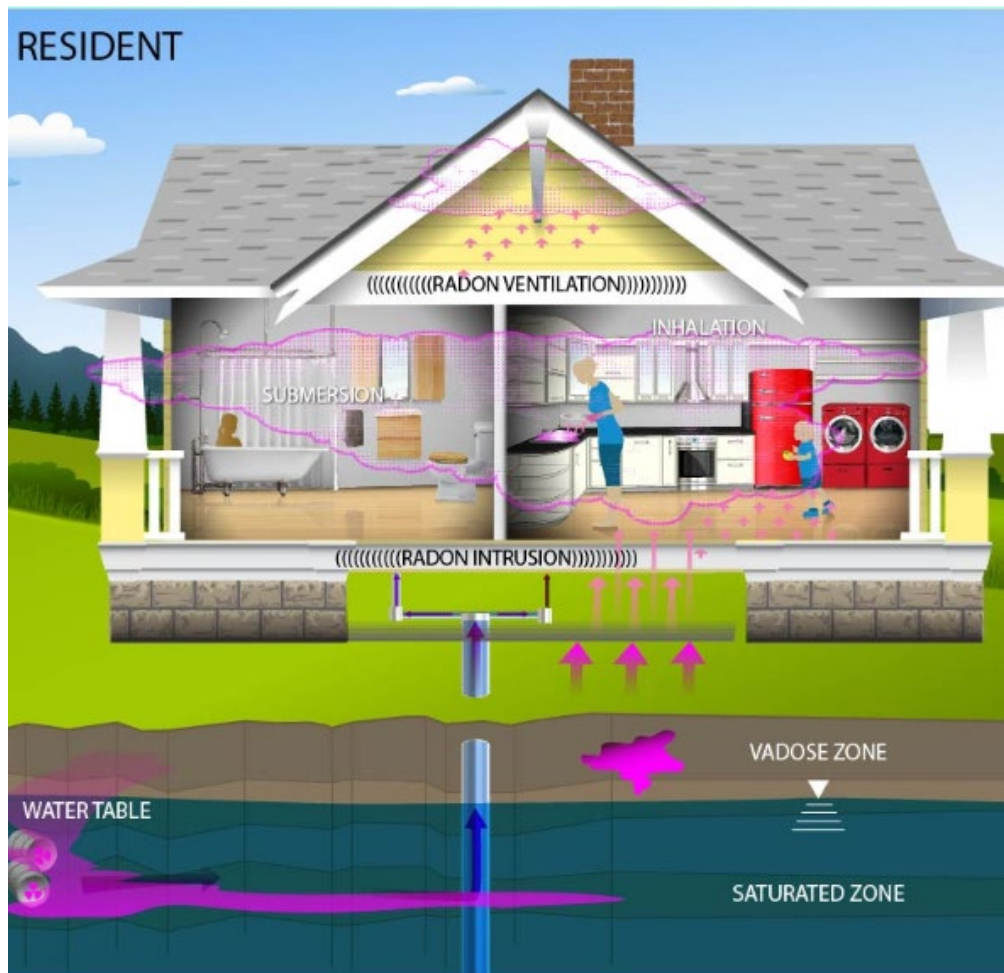
### Attenuation Factor Sub-Slab (unitless)

 For sub-slab soil gas, the recommended generic attenuation factor ( $\alpha_{ss}$ ) is 0.03.

### Attenuation Factor Groundwater (unitless)

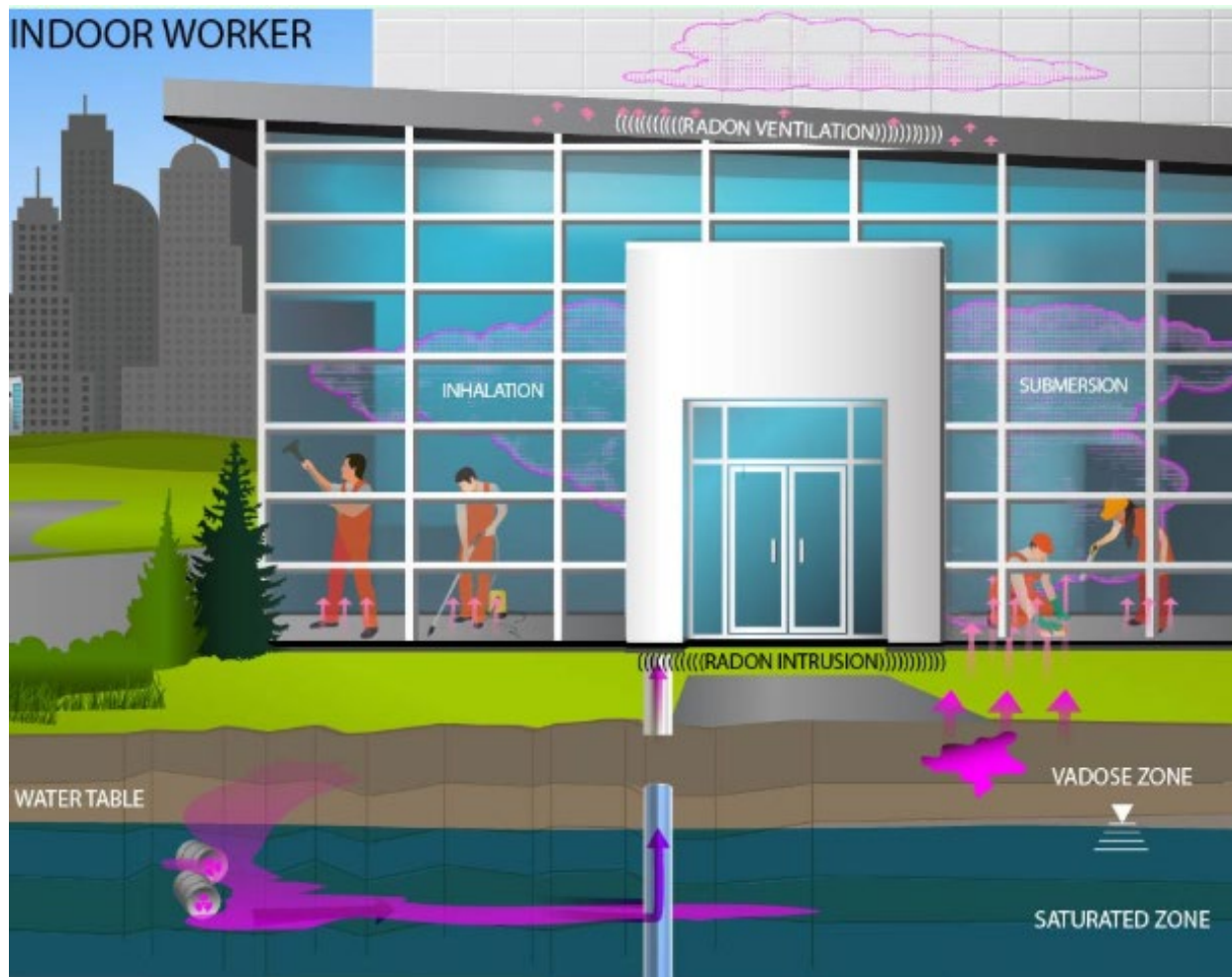
 For groundwater, the recommended generic attenuation factor ( $\alpha_{gw}$ ) is 0.001.

# RVISL - Scenarios (Resident)





# RVISL - Scenarios (Indoor Worker)





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## Section 10: CPM Calculator



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# CPM Background

- ◆ Counts per minute is a measure of radioactivity: number of atoms in a given quantity of radioactive material that are detected to have decayed in 1 minute.
- ◆ Similar to DPM (or DPS), but the efficiency of the radiation detector must be accounted for in CPM.
- ◆ CPM vs. DPM: number of atoms measured to have decayed vs. number of atoms that have decayed.



# CPM Background

- ◆ Field screening tool.
- ◆ Helps equate detector measurement in CPM to a remedial level in pCi/cm<sup>2</sup> or pCi/g given in ARAR, PRG, or DCC.
- ◆ No current EPA guidance on correlating CPM field reading with risk, dose, or ARAR-based concentrations.

# CPM Background

- ◆ Intended to facilitate use of real-time measurement techniques to **supplement** sampling.
- ◆ **Not** to replace sampling.

# CPM Calculator Scenarios

- ◆ 3 major sub-calculators
  - Ground-based scanning of surface contamination
  - Ground-based scanning of volumetric contamination
  - Air-based scanning of contamination (under consideration)

# CPM Model Assumptions

- ◆ Only addresses gamma emitters.
  - Alpha and beta rad omitted because field measurements are difficult.
  - Nuclides w/gamma yield <0.1% omitted.
  - Only uses primary gamma particle.
- ◆ Does addresses ingrowth of daughters.
  - Daughter radionuclides included in output.



# CPM Model Assumptions

- ◆ Uniform contamination.
- ◆ Source surface free from all substances (oil, moisture, etc.)
- ◆ Background radiation not considered.
- ◆ Omits shielding factors.
- ◆ Backscatter or buildup in surface not accounted for.



# CPM Model Equation

- ◆ Goal detector response is the total calculated response of the detector in cpm for the desired remedial activity of the particular radionuclides in soil.
- ◆ MARSSIM equation is used to find the goal detector response:

$$\textit{Goal Detector Response} = \frac{1}{\frac{\textit{ratio}_1}{C_{r,1}} + \frac{\textit{ratio}_2}{C_{r,2}} + \dots + \frac{\textit{ratio}_n}{C_{r,n}}}$$

# CPM Calculator Walkthrough

I have read and understand the limitations of this model set forth in the User Guide and FAQ.

Complete List	Selected
Ac-223 Ac-224 Ac-225 Ac-226 Ac-227 Ac-228 Ag-102 Ag-103 Ag-104 Ag-104m	Ra-226 U-234 U-235 U-238

**Common Radionuclides**

Am-241 Co-60 Cs-137 Pu-238 Pu-239 Pu-240 Ra-228 Tc-99 Th-228 Th-232
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Include Progeny (Recommended)  
m = metastable state  
n = second metastable state

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# CPM Calculator Walkthrough

Radionuclide	Field Activity Concentration	Target Activity Concentration
Ra-226	<input type="text" value="8"/>	<input type="text" value="8"/>
U-234	<input type="text" value="8"/>	<input type="text" value="8"/>
U-235	<input type="text" value="8"/>	<input type="text" value="8"/>
U-238	<input type="text" value="8"/>	<input type="text" value="8"/>

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**Detector Specifications**

Select Source Material:  (dropdown menu open with options: Soil, Steel, Concrete, Glass, Wood, Drywall)

Select Source Depth:  (dropdown menu open with options: 1 cm, 2 cm, 3 cm, 5 cm, 15 cm, Ground Plane, Infinite)

Select Detector size:  (dropdown menu open with options: 0.5 x 1, 1 x 1, 2 x 2, 3 x 3)

Select Detector Height:  (dropdown menu open with options: 0.5 cm, 1 cm, 2.54 cm, 10 cm, 30 cm)

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# CPM Calculator Walkthrough

Input and calculation parameters								
Radiouclide	Daughter	Fractional Activity of Parent	Number of Photons	CF (cpm/pCi)	Field Activity (pCi/g)	Target Activity (pCi/g)	Field Activity (cpm)	Target Activity (cpm)
<a href="#">Ra-226</a>			<u>3</u>	5.070e+1	8	8	406	406
	Rn-222	1.000E+00	0	1.598e+0	8	8	13	13
	Po-218	1.000E+00	0	0.000e+0	8	8	0	0
	Pb-214	9.998E-01	<u>9</u>	1.352e+3	7.9984	7.9984	10813	10813



# CPM Calculator Walkthrough

<b>Gross Detector Response for user supplied detector parameters</b>	
Source Material	Soil
Source Depth	Infinite
Detector Size	2 x 2 in
Detector Height	1 cm
<b>Gross Detector Response (cpm) Above Background</b>	<b>3850</b>

Gross Detector Response (GDR) is the instrument reading that must be achieved in order to meet the target activity entered by the user. A Field or Target Activity (CPM) result of "-" indicates that no photons are generated by the radionuclide's decay chain and thus cannot be detected by a gamma scintillation detector. Radionuclides with 0 photons do not contribute to the total GDR. This tool only works for gamma emitters.

# Calculator Links

- ◆ PRG: <http://epa-prgs.ornl.gov/radionuclides/>
- ◆ DCC: <http://epa-dccs.ornl.gov/>
- ◆ SPRG: <http://epa-sprg.ornl.gov/>
- ◆ SDCC: <http://epa-sdcc.ornl.gov/>
- ◆ BPRG: <http://epa-bprg.ornl.gov/>
- ◆ BDCC: <http://epa-bdcc.ornl.gov/>
- ◆ RVISL: <https://epa-visl.ornl.gov/radionuclides/>
- ◆ Decay Chain: <https://epa-prgs.ornl.gov/cgi-bin/radionuclides/chain.pl>
- ◆ SADA: <http://www.sadaproject.net/>
- ◆ CPM: Draft. Scheduled finalization 2024.
- ◆ BCG: Draft. Scheduled finalization 2025?





# Radiation Risk Assessment Calculator Training

## Section 11: BCG Calculator



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# BCG Outline

- ◆ Background
- ◆ Development approach
  - Representative species
  - DCFs
  - CSM
- ◆ Calculator walkthrough
  - Exposure scenarios
  - Species- and site-specific



# BCG Background

- ◆ Biota Concentration Guides (BCGs), also known as ecological screening benchmarks, are used in ecological risk assessment at CERCLA sites.
- ◆ BCGs are environmental concentrations of radionuclides that would result in an exposure of radiation equal to NOAEL biota dose limits.
  - NOAEL: No Observed Adverse Effect Level

# BCG Background – NOAEL

- ◆ NOAEL: level of exposure at which there is no biologically or statistically significant increase in severity of adverse effects in exposed population.
- ◆ Critical points: impairment of reproductive capability; alteration of morphology, functional capacity, growth, development, or lifespan;
- ◆ Does not consider biota risk from mechanisms other than cell death.

## BCG Background (cont.)

- ◆ Develops conservatively protective ecological benchmarks based on cell death.
- ◆ Protective of populations, not individuals.
- ◆ Does not address human cancer risk.
- ◆ Does not address nonradioactive toxicity.
- ◆ Calculates generic steady-state BCGs. Can also be used to find species- or site-specific BCGs.

# Biota Dose Limits

- ◆ Thresholds of protection:
  - Terrestrial and riparian animals: 1 mGy/day (0.1 rad/day)
  - Aquatic animals: 10 mGy/day (1 rad/day)
  - Aquatic and terrestrial plants: 10 mGy/day (1 rad/day)

# Developmental Approach - Selecting a Representative Species

## Considerations:

- ◆ Home range (prefer small)
- ◆ Susceptibility to ionizing radiation (prefer radiosensitive)
- ◆ Represent major exposure pathways for aquatic and terrestrial biota
- ◆ Indigenous to and utilizes evaluation area
- ◆ Familiarity with general public
- ◆ Data available from literature or site-specific studies.
- ◆ Keystone or focal species of ecosystem evaluated.



# Developmental Approach – Dose Conversion Factors

## ◆ External DCFs

- Give dose rates for external exposure per unit concentration of radionuclides in environmental media.
- Only penetrating radiation (photons, electrons) of concern.
- For terrestrial biota, contaminated air is not an important source medium.

# Developmental Approach – Dose Conversion Factors

## ◆ Internal DCFs

- Give dose rates from internal exposure per unit concentration of radionuclides in wet tissue.
- Dose factors calculated as sum of all decay energies and multiplied by appropriate unit conversion factors.
- The default RBE is 20 for exposure to alpha particles.
- Dose factors calculated as Gy/y per Bq/kg of wet tissue.

# Developing a Conceptual Site Model

- ◆ CSM should address the following checklists:
  - Terrestrial Habitat Checklist for
    - Wooded
    - Shrub/scrub
    - Open field
    - Miscellaneous
  - Aquatic Habitat Checklist – non-flowing systems
  - Aquatic Habitat Checklist – flowing systems
  - Wetlands Habitat Checklist





# Additional Considerations for Developing a CSM for Biota

- ◆ Are there potential human health concerns?
- ◆ Is there potential for future land uses other than those covered by the BCGs?
- ◆ Are there other likely species not considered in the development of the BCG levels?
- ◆ Are there unusual site conditions that might make the site attractive for certain species?

# BCG Calculator Walkthrough

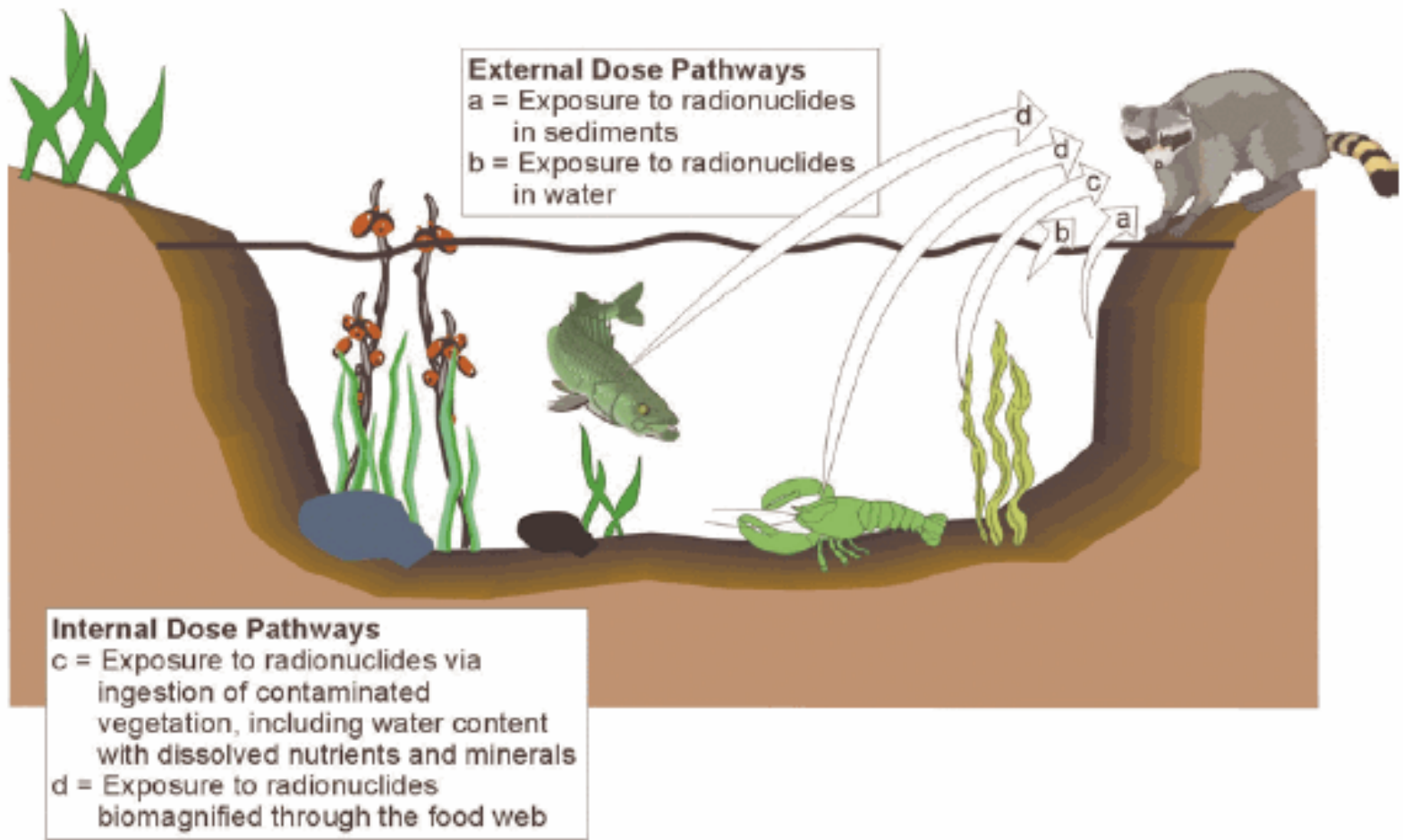
## ◆ Source media

- Water
- Sediment
- Soil

## ◆ Exposure scenarios

- Riparian animal (living on shore/banks of bodies of water)
- Terrestrial animal
- Aquatic animal
- Aquatic plant
- Terrestrial plant

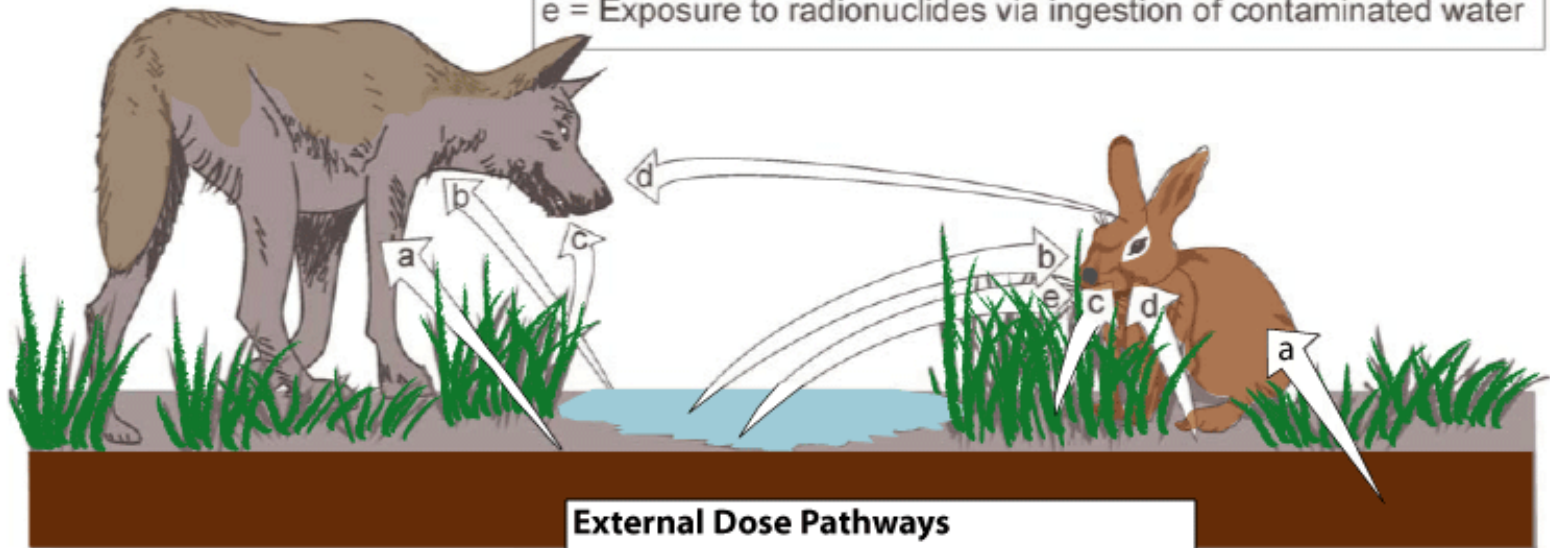
# Riparian Animal



# Terrestrial Animal

## Internal Dose Pathways

- c = Exposure to radionuclides via ingestion of contaminated vegetation, including water content with dissolved nutrients and minerals
- d = Exposure to radionuclides via ingestion of contaminated food and soil, and via inhalation of soil
- e = Exposure to radionuclides via ingestion of contaminated water



## External Dose Pathways

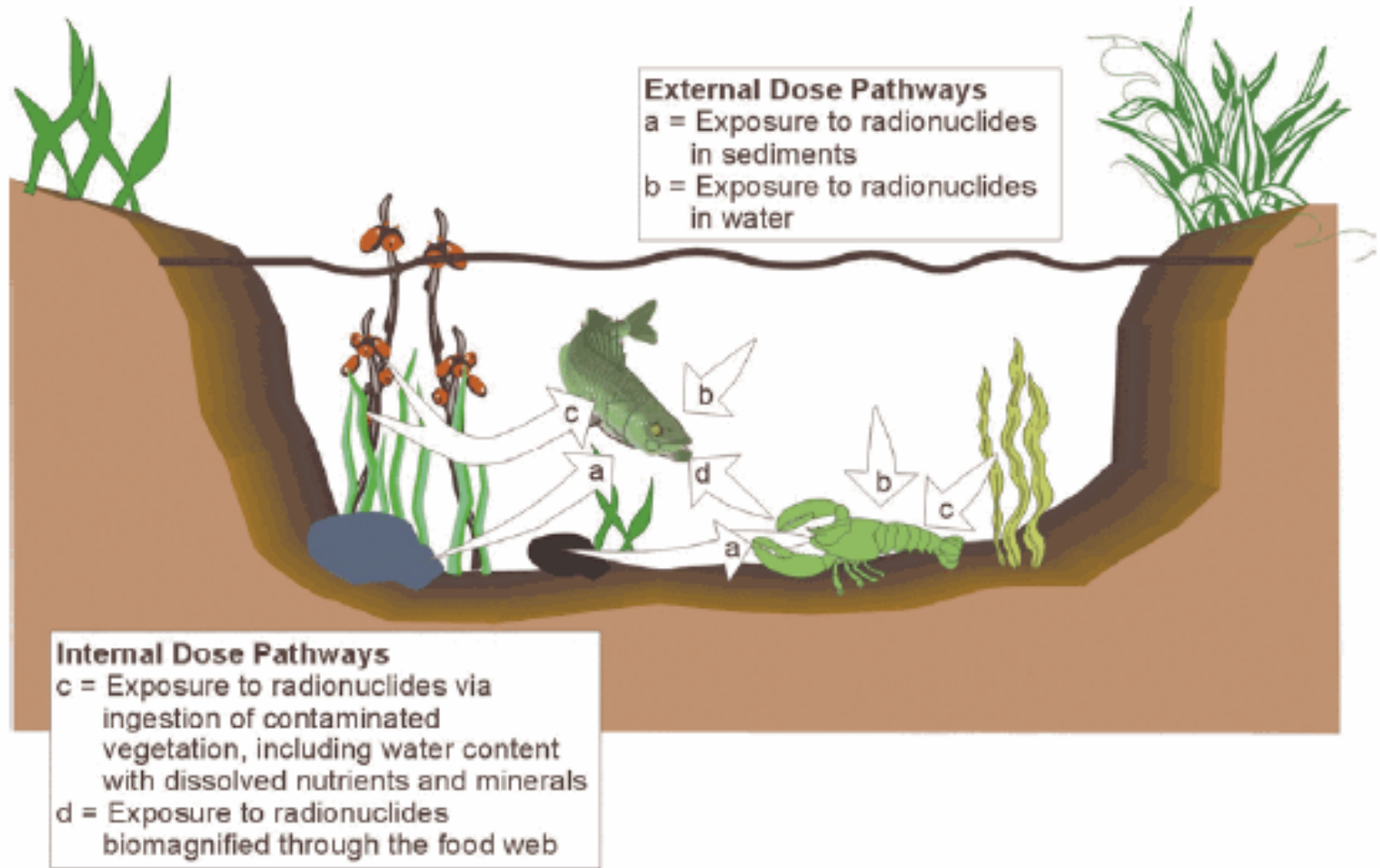
- a = Exposure to radionuclides in soil
- b = Exposure to radionuclides in water



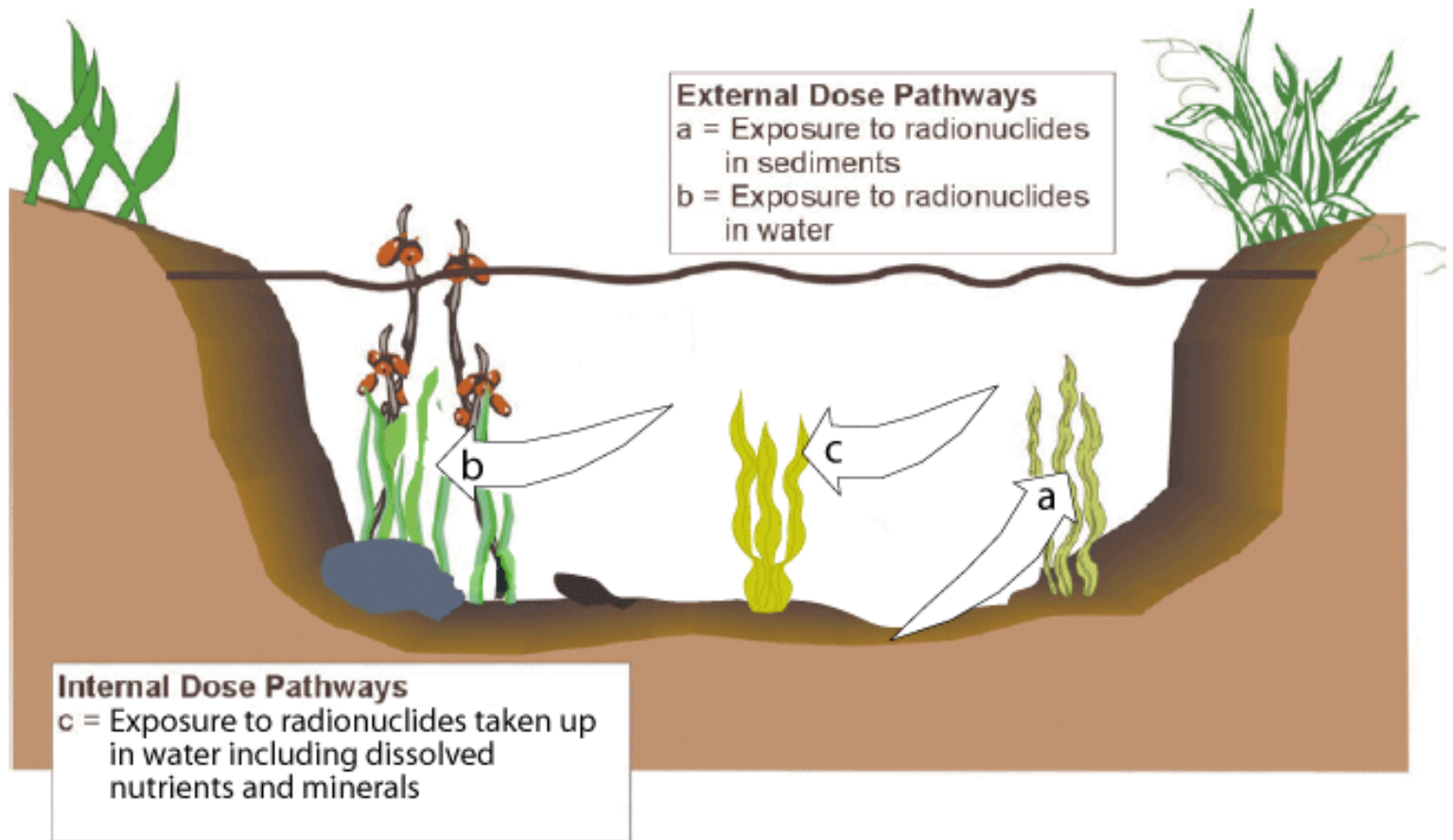
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# Aquatic Animal



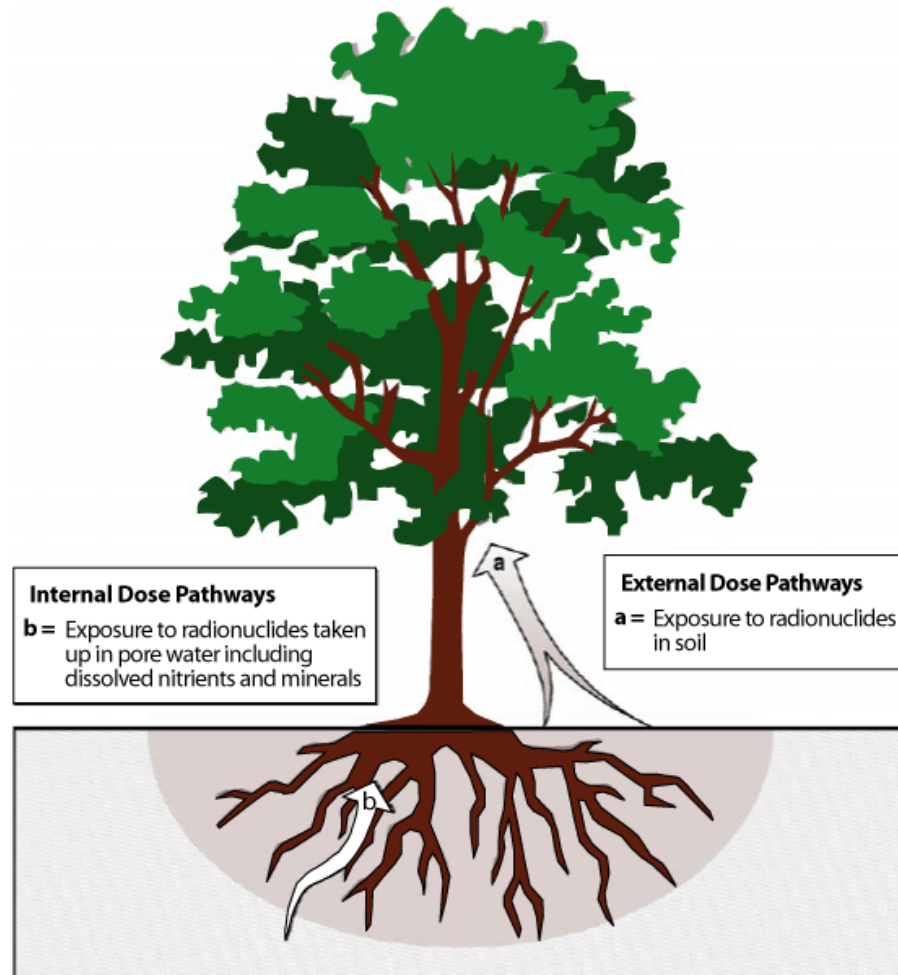
# Aquatic Plant



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# Terrestrial Plant



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# Animal Exposure Pathways

	Aquatic	Riparian	Terrestrial
External: rad in soil	✓	✓	✓
External: rad in water	✓	✓	✓
Internal: ingestion of contaminated vegetation	✓	✓	✓
Internal: ingestion of contaminated food and soil, inhalation of soil	✓	✓	✓
Internal: ingestion of contaminated water			✓
Internal: biomagnified through food web	✓		



# Plant Exposure Pathways

	Aquatic	Terrestrial
External: rad in sediments	✓	
External: rad in water	✓	
External: rad in soil		✓
Internal: rad taken up in (pore) water, incl. dissolved nutrients and minerals	✓	✓

# Calculator Walkthrough

## Select Generic Composite Benchmarks.

- Sediment Aquatic Animals (generic only)
- Water Aquatic Animals (generic only)
- Sediment Aquatic Plants (generic only)
- Water Aquatic Plants (generic only)
- Sediment Riparian Animals
- Water Riparian Animals
- Soil Terrestrial Plants (generic only)
- Water Terrestrial Plants (generic only)
- Soil Terrestrial Animals
- Water Terrestrial Animals

## Select Species-Specific/Site-Specific Benchmarks.

- Sediment Riparian Animals
- Water Riparian Animals-carnivorous
- Water Riparian Animals-herbivorous
- Soil Terrestrial Animals-carnivorous
- Soil Terrestrial Animals-herbivorous
- Water Terrestrial Animals

- ▶ Generic composite benchmarks require input of DL and CF.
- ▶ Species-specific and site-specific benchmarks permit more detailed input about diet, physiology, etc.

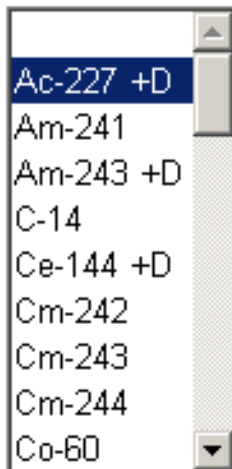
# Calculator Walkthrough (cont.)

20 [RBE  \$\alpha\$  parameter](#)

Please select desired units option:

- pCi  
 Bq

Select Chemicals. Select one or more



A screenshot of a dropdown menu for selecting chemicals. The menu is open, showing a list of radionuclides and their decay chains. The first item, 'Ac-227 +D', is highlighted in blue. The other items are: Am-241, Am-243 +D, C-14, Ce-144 +D, Cm-242, Cm-243, Cm-244, and Co-60. The menu has a scroll bar on the right side.

- ◆ RBE of alpha radiation. Default is 20.
- ◆ Units in pCi or Bq.
- ◆ Select radionuclides and/or radionuclide decay chains.



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# BCG Generic Input

## Aquatic Animals – Sediment

$$\text{BCG (sed)}_{\text{aquatic animal}} \left( \frac{\text{pCi}}{\text{g}} \right) = \frac{\text{DL}_{\text{aa}} \left( \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{d}} \right)}{\text{CF}_{\text{aa}} \times \text{DCF}_{\text{ext-sed}} \left( \frac{\text{rad/day}}{\text{pCi/g}} \right)}$$

Variables with Defaults

$\text{DL}_{\text{aa}}$  = Target Dose Limit - terrestrial animal (rad/day)

$\text{CF}_{\text{aa}}$  = Area/Residence Time Correction Factor (unitless)

# BCG Site/species-specific Input

## Sediment Riparian Animals

$$BCG(\text{sed})_{\text{riparian animal}} \left( \frac{\text{pCi}}{\text{g}} \right) = \frac{DL_{\text{ra}} \left( \frac{\text{rad}}{\text{d}} \right)}{CF_{\text{ra}} \times \left\{ \frac{\left[ f_1 \times f \times r \times \left( 1 - e^{-\left( k_{\text{rad}} \left( \frac{1}{\text{d}} \right) + k_{\text{bio}} \left( \frac{1}{\text{d}} \right) \right) \times 365.25 \left( \frac{\text{d}}{\text{yr}} \right) \times T \right)}{\left( k_{\text{rad}} \left( \frac{1}{\text{d}} \right) + k_{\text{bio}} \left( \frac{1}{\text{d}} \right) \right) \times M(\text{kg})} \right] \times DCF_{\text{int}} \left( \frac{\text{rad/day}}{\text{pCi/g}} \right)}{\right.} \\ \left. + \left[ DCF_{\text{ext-sed}} \left( \frac{\text{rad/day}}{\text{pCi/g}} \right) \right] \right\}}$$

where:

$$T = \text{Lifespan of Organism (yr)} = C_L \times M(\text{kg})^{b_L}$$

$$r = \text{Food Intake Rate (kg/d)} = 10^{-3} \times \left( \frac{a}{d \times c} \right) \times 70 \times M^{b_i}$$



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# BCG Site/species-specific Input

## Sediment Riparian Animals

### Variables with Defaults

<input type="text" value="0.1"/>	$DL_{ra}$ = Target Dose Limit - riparian animal (rad/day)
<input type="text" value="1"/>	$CF_{ra}$ = Area/Residence Time Correction Factor (unitless)
<input type="text" value="0.1"/>	f = Fraction of Daily Diet coming from Sediment (unitless) [Recommended Range: 0.01 - 0.55]
<input type="text" value="2"/>	a = Ratio of Active of Maintenance Metabolic Rate to the Basal Metabolic Rate (unitless) [Recommended Range: 0.5 - 3.0]
<input type="text" value="0.65"/>	d = Fraction of Energy Ingested that is Assimilated and Oxidized (unitless) [Recommended Range: 0.3 - 0.9]
<input type="text" value="5"/>	c = Caloric Value of Food (kcal/g) [Recommended Range: 4 - 9]
<input type="text" value="1"/>	M = Live Body Weight (kg) [Recommended Range: 0.02 - 6000]
<input type="text" value="0.75"/>	$b_i$ = Exponent in allometric relationship detailing consumption as a function of body mass (unitless) [Recommended Range: 0.68 - 0.8]
<input type="text" value="1.02"/>	$C_L$ = Constant detailing lifespan as a function of body mass (unitless) [Recommended Range: 0.9 - 2.0]
<input type="text" value="0.3"/>	$b_L$ = Exponent detailing lifespan as a function of body mass (unitless) [Recommended Range: 0.25 - 0.33]

# BCG Generic Calculator Output

## Aquatic Animals – Sediment

Radionuclide	Decay Energy (MeV)	Total Alpha	$k_{rad}$	$k_{bio-sdra}$	$k_{bio-swrac}$	$k_{bio-swrah}$	$k_{bio-sotac}$	$k_{bio-sotah}$	$k_{bio-swta}$	$f_1$	$B_{aa}$	$B_{ap}$	$B_{ra}$
<a href="#">C-14</a>	0.0495	0	3.3119E-7	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	1	0

$LP_{ra-sed}$	$LP_{ta-soil}$	$LP_{tp-soil}$	$LP_{ta-water}$	Sediment External DC (rad/d per pCi/g)	Water External DC (rad/d per pCi/L)	Soil External DC (rad/d per pCi/g)	Internal DC (rad/d per pCi/g)	Default Sediment BCG for Aquatic Animals (pCi/g)
0	0	0	0	1.27E-06	1.27E-09	2.53E-06	2.54E-06	7.89E+05

# Species-specific and Site-specific

- ◆ Examine internal exposure pathways in greater detail.
- ◆ Generic equations estimate internal tissue concentrations using lumped parameters from measurements of contamination in environmental media.
- ◆ Alternative approach is kinetic/allometric:
  - Fills in data gaps from lumped parameters
  - Provides more sophisticated method for evaluating dose.





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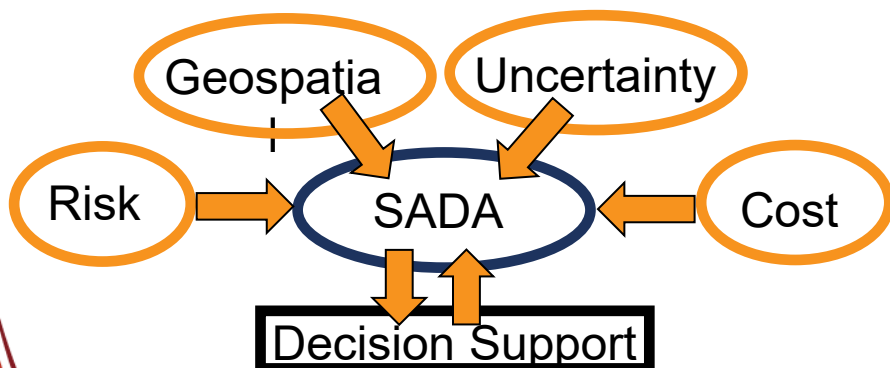
# Spatial Analysis & Decision Assistance

- ◆ SADA project engages research and development at the nexus of geospatial analytics, risk assessment, and decision analysis.
- ◆ Goals are to embed risk assessment (environmental, decision, etc.) , uncertainty modeling, and downstream decision processes entirely within a spatial context
- ◆ Two lanes define project activities
  - Advancing methods in a variety of areas particularly well connected to environmental regulatory community, characterization, remediation, RCRA, Superfund, MARSSIM etc
  - Freeware desktop application (SADA) integrating environmental risk analytics, spatial modeling, and decision sciences

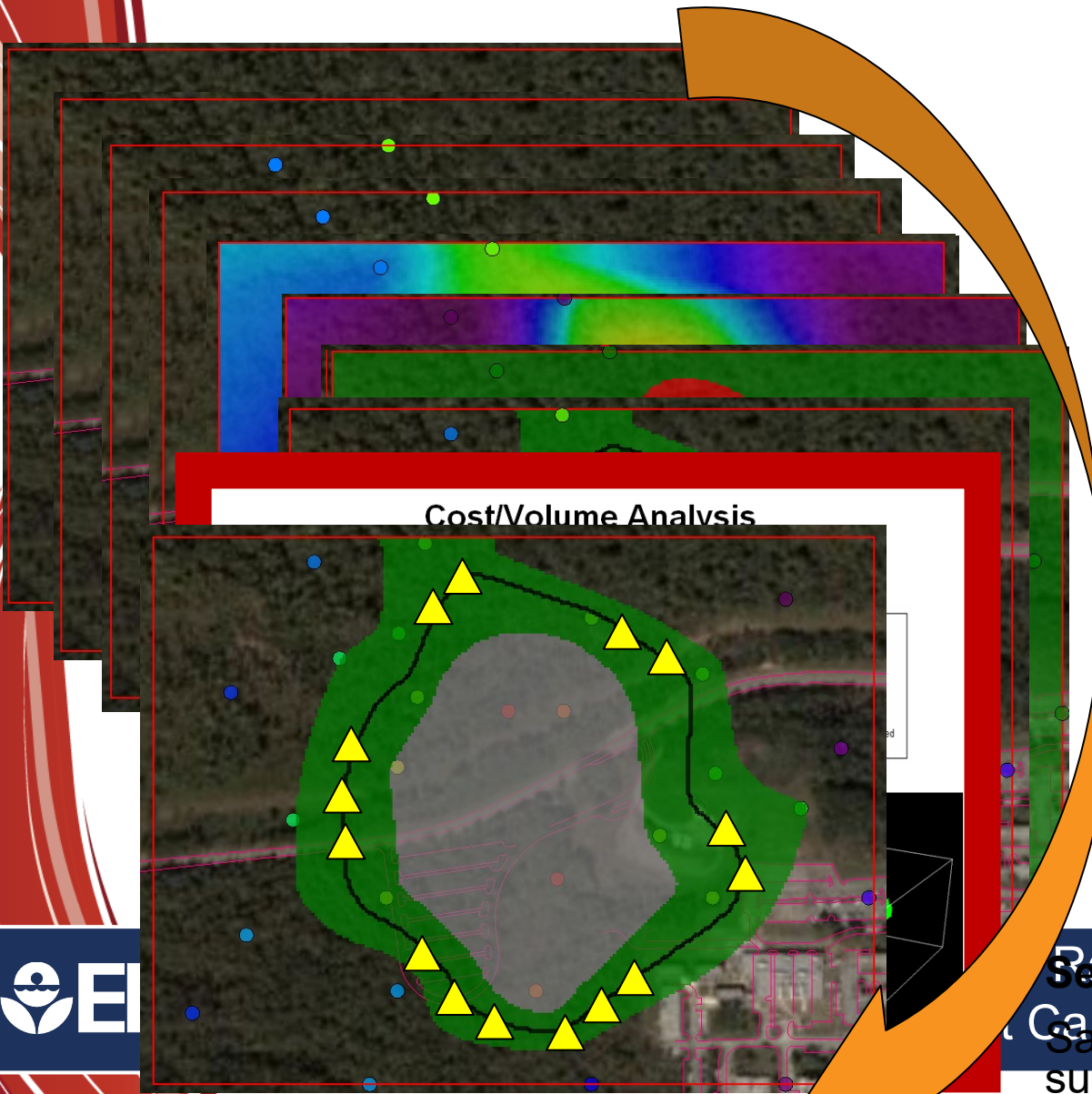


# Questions That SADA Addresses

- What exposure scenarios are likely dangerous?
- What contaminants are driving the risk?
- What pathways (ingestion, inhalation, etc)?
- What is the risk or concentration limit for an exposure time of 30 years?, 1 day? 1 hour?
- Where is exposure unsafe? Who might be in harms way? How sure are we?
- Where should we apply risk mitigation measures?
- Where and what type of additional information would support the model?
- What are our decision risks?



# Answers that SADA V5&6 Provide



Traditionally, risk was used in an either/or rolling decision  
**Risk Based Sample Designs**  
 Data Collection  
 Radionuclides  
 Social context  
 SADA integrates spatial  
 Geology of investigation  
 Multiple Contaminants  
 that propagate spatial  
 uncertainty through the risk  
 State Reference  
 Moving Maps all or  
 Forward  
 enabled  
 decision  
 Cost/Benefit Analytics  
 Database of 1000s of

Built on risk-space models  
 Permit what if's  
 Quantify cost and *decision*  
 risk reduction

**Secondary Risk**  
**Calculator Training**  
 Sample where model needs most  
 support....



# How SADA Version 5 Looks

The screenshot displays the SADA (Spatial Analysis and Data Analysis) Version 5.0 software interface. The main window title is "SADA (C:\Program Files\SADA 5.0\ExampleSADAFfile.sda)". The menu bar includes File, Graphics, Data, Setup, Reports, Statistics, Export, Tools, and Help. The toolbar contains various icons for file operations, data manipulation, and visualization.

A red box highlights the "Interpolate my data" menu item, with a red arrow pointing to it. Below the menu, a list of tasks is shown, with red arrows pointing to items 5, 6, 7, and 8:

- 4. Set grid specs
- 5. Interpolation methods
- 6. Choose helper data
- 7. Assess helper data
- 8. Correlation modeling
- 9. Search neighborhood
- 10. Show the results
- 11. Autodocumentation
- 12. Manage model results
- 13. Cross validation
- 14. Format picture
- 15. Export to file

At the bottom of the task list are navigation buttons: "<<Back", "Help", "Next >>", and a large "Show The Results" button.

A dialog box is open, showing parameters for interpolation. The "Percentile" is set to 0.5, and the "Use this percentile" checkbox is checked. The "Type of Cokriging" is set to "Intrinsic Coregionalization". The "Data Transform" is set to "Unit transform (0 mean)". The "Intrinsic Model Variable" is set to "Primary".

A graph titled "Cost vs. Concentration Cleanup Goal" is displayed. The Y-axis is "Cost \$" ranging from 0.00 to 73,816,312.36. The X-axis is "Concentration Cleanup Goal" ranging from -0.02 to 4.02. The graph shows four curves: "Contaminated" (dashed grey), "Might Be Clean" (yellow), "Overburden" (blue), and "Might Be Contaminated" (green). The "Overburden" curve shows a sharp peak at a concentration goal of approximately 0.78, while the "Might Be Contaminated" curve shows a sharp peak at a concentration goal of approximately 0.02.

# Version 6 Inputs

**Contaminant Identification Results**

An attempt has been made to match your contaminants with contaminants found in source file by Name and/or CAS number. Accept (register) or modify the results below as needed.

**Matched**

Anthracene (120127)    Anthracene (120127)

**Partial**

Arsenic (7440382)    Arsenic, Inorganic (7440382)

**No Match**

**Registered**

Ac-225 (14265851) as Ac-225 (14265851)  
Barium (7440393) as Barium (7440393)

**Set Human Health Exposure Parameters**

Ac-225

Residential   Recreator   Farmer   Indoor Worker   Outdoor Worker   Composite Worker   Construction

**Age-adjusted Parameters**

	Adult	Child	Adjusted
Exposure frequency (days/year)	350	350	350
Exposure duration (years)	20	6	26
Exposure time (hours/day)	24	24	24
Soil ingestion rate (mg/day)	100	200	1120000
Soil inhalation rate (m3/day)	20	10	2064
Fruit ingestion rate (g/day)	178.1	68.1	1389710
Vegetable ingestion rate (g/day)	126.2	41.7	970970
Body weight (kg)	80	15	
Surface area (cm2/day)	6032	2690	
Adherence factor (mg/cm2)	0.07	0.02	
Dermal factor (mg/kg)			

**General Parameters**

Slab size (square m)    1

Cover layer thickness (cm)    0 (No cover)

Area of site (square m)    0.5

Averaging Time (day/year)    365

Lifetime (years)    70

Indoor gamma shielding factor (unitless)    0.4

Outdoor exposure time (hr/day)    1.752

Indoor exposure time (hr/day)    16.416

Fraction of vegetative cover    0.5

Plant Mass Loading Factor    0.26

# SADA Risk and PRG results

Human Health Risk Results

Residential

Pathways

Ingestion    External    Beef  
 Inhalation    Fish    Dairy  
 Dermal    Produce    Swine

**Rads/Soil/Residential/Carcinogen**

	Name	CAS	Conc	Inhalation	External	Produce	Total
▶	Ac-225	14265851	2.9910786	2.49E-09	1.53E-11	1.62E-09	1.91E-07
*	Total			2.49E-09	1.53E-11	1.62E-09	1.91E-07

Human Health Risk Results

Residential

Pathways

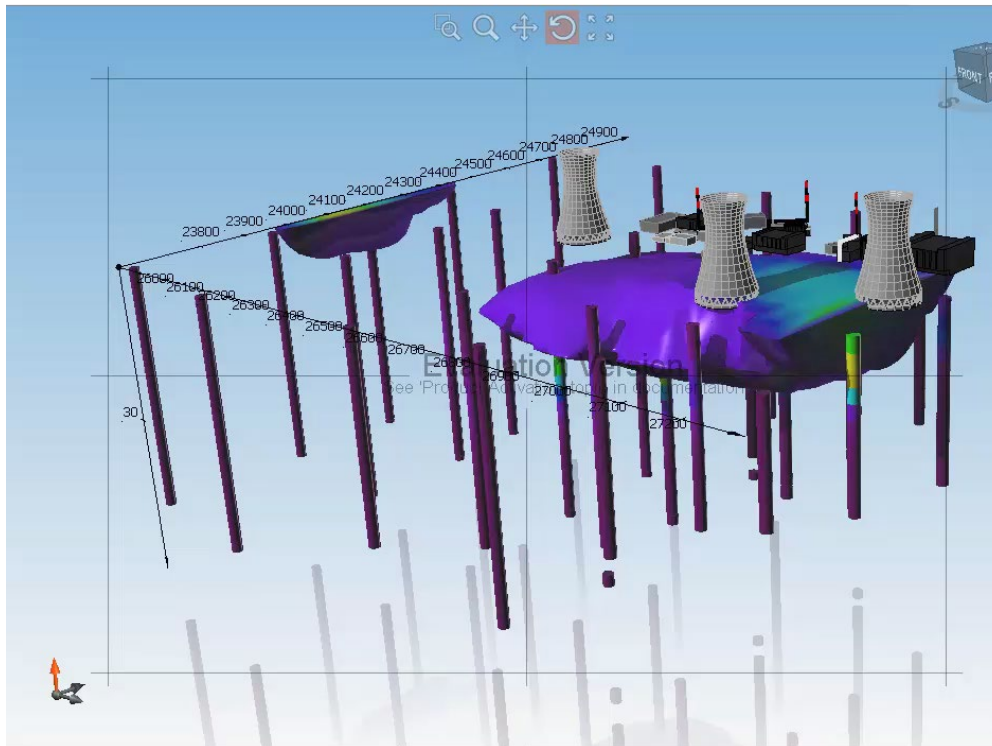
Ingestion    External    Beef    Poultry    Fowl  
 Inhalation    Fish    Dairy    Egg    Total  
 Dermal    Produce    Swine    Game

**/Soil/Residential/Noncarcinogenic**

	Name	CAS	Conc	Ingestion	
				Hazard (Adult)	Hazard (Child)
▶	Barium	7440393	74.4157051	4.46E-04	4.76E-03
	Arsenic, Inor...	7440382	34.8220336	1.39E-01	1.48E+00
	Anthracene	120127	3.0336929	1.21E-05	1.29E-04
*	Total			1.40E-01	1.49E+00

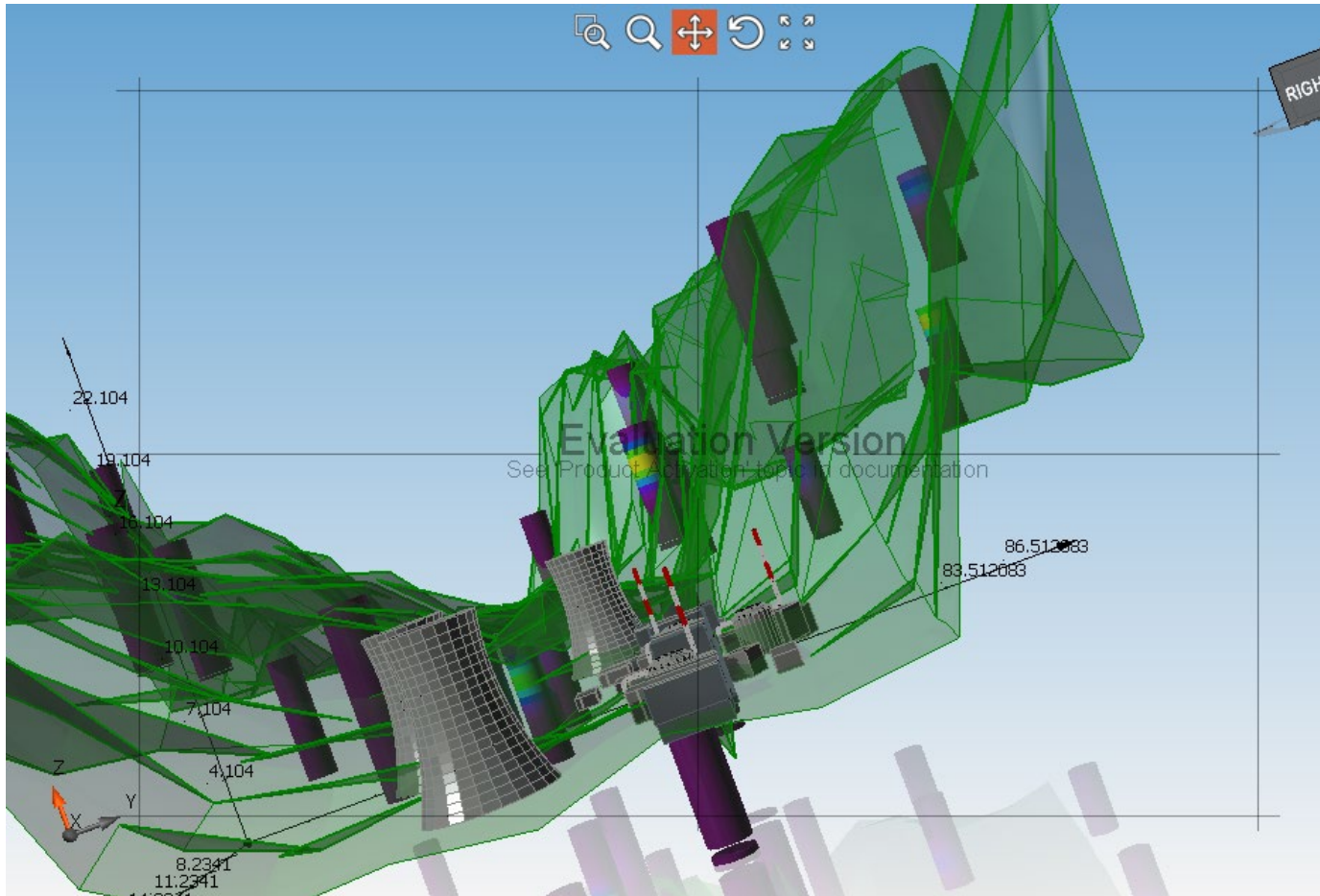
# SADA Version 6

- ◆ Modern GIS infrastructure
- ◆ Advanced 3d visualization and scene creation





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# Thank You for Participating

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## ◆ Additional Resources

- Calculator Links (next slide)
- ITRC: <http://www.clu-in.org/conf/itrc/radsdd/resource.cfm>

# Calculator Links

- ◆ PRG: <http://epa-prgs.ornl.gov/radionuclides/>
- ◆ DCC: <http://epa-dccs.ornl.gov/>
- ◆ SPRG: <http://epa-sprg.ornl.gov/>
- ◆ SDCC: <http://epa-sdcc.ornl.gov/>
- ◆ BPRG: <http://epa-bprg.ornl.gov/>
- ◆ BDCC: <http://epa-bdcc.ornl.gov/>
- ◆ RVISL: <https://epa-visl.ornl.gov/radionuclides/>
- ◆ Decay Chain: <https://epa-prgs.ornl.gov/cgi-bin/radionuclides/chain.pl>
- ◆ SADA: <http://www.sadaproject.net/>
- ◆ CPM: Draft. Scheduled finalization 2024.
- ◆ BCG: Draft. Scheduled finalization 2025?





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## Section 13: Radiation Primer



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# Radiation Outline

- Definitions/background
- Toxic effects
- Types of radiation
- Radiation Concepts and Units
- Decay products
- Decay chains
- Transfer and accumulation
- Common radionuclides

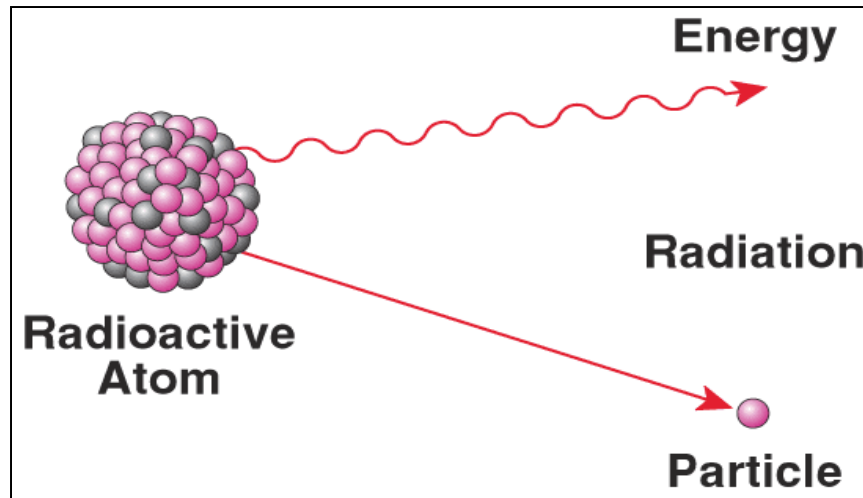


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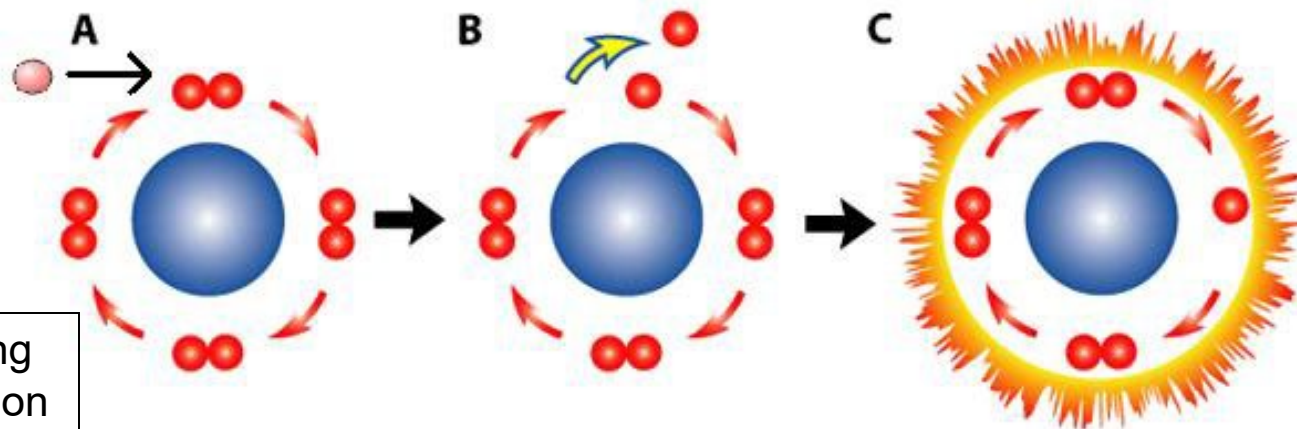
# Background

- The primary stressor from radiological contamination is ionizing radiation resulting from the decay of unstable isotopes that have been released to the environment.



# Ionizing Radiation

- Either particle or electromagnetic radiation
- Individual particles/photons carry enough energy to ionizing atoms by removing an electron from orbit.



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Radiation

# Ionizing Radiation

- Ionized atoms/molecules can become free radicals, oxidants, and other highly reactive molecules.
- Can damage living tissue through DNA damage and mutation.
- Carcinogen, mutagen, and teratogen.

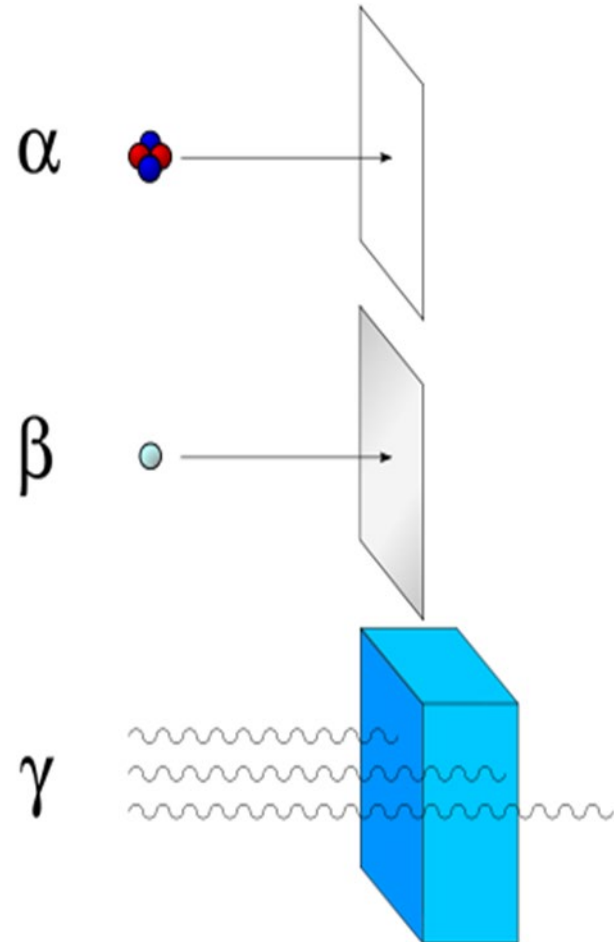


# Toxic Effects

- Primarily effects at cellular level, rather than organ level.
- Possible outcomes of toxic effects.
  - Cells experience DNA damage; able to detect and repair the damage.
  - Cells experience DNA damage; unable to repair the damage. Cells go through programmed cell death, eliminating the potential genetic damage from the larger tissue.
  - Cells experience a nonlethal DNA mutation that is passed on to subsequent cell divisions. This mutation may contribute to the formation of a cancer.
- Cells and organisms can repair a limited amount of radiation damage.

# Types of Radiation

- Alpha particles ( $\alpha$ )
- Beta particles ( $\beta$ )
- Gamma rays ( $\gamma$ )



# Alpha radiation:

- Consists of two protons and two neutrons bound together; helium atom stripped of electrons.  ${}^4_2\text{He}^{2+}$
- Highly ionizing
- Low penetration, but highly destructive.
- Not considered dangerous unless ingested or inhaled.
- Not a significant source of risk in external dose pathways because of low penetration power.
- Primary source of risk in internal dose pathways.



# Beta radiation

- High-speed, charged particles (electrons)
- Moderate penetrating power
  - Can penetrate skin
  - Require thin shielding (thin metal, clothes)
- Can enter body through ingestion, inhalation, unprotected open wounds, lens of eye

# Gamma radiation

- Emission of electromagnetic radiation from nucleus.
- High-frequency, low wavelength
- High penetrating power
  - Penetrates deeply into tissue and damages internal organs.
  - Can travel long distances in air.

# Radionuclides – Source of Ionizing Radiation

- A **radionuclide** is an atom with an unstable nucleus.
- The radionuclide can undergo radioactive decay and emit gamma rays and/or subatomic particles. These particles and rays constitute ionizing radiation.



# Radionuclides

- A radionuclide will normally exhibit all the usual chemical characteristics of that atom/molecule.
  - Molecules that exhibit chemical toxicity will need to be addressed through standard risk assessment methods as well as the method used for ionizing radiation.
  - Fate and transport of radionuclides in the environment is generally determined by chemical properties, rather than isotopic properties.

# Activity

- Transformation (or disintegration, or decay) rate of a radioactive substance.
- Measured in disintegrations per second (dps).
- Units
  - 1 Becquerel (Bq) = 1 dps
    - SI unit
  - 1 Curie (Ci) =  $3.7 \times 10^{10}$  dps =  $3.7 \times 10^{10}$  Bq
    - Usually use pCi. 1 pCi =  $1 \times 10^{-12}$  Ci





# Absorbed Dose

- Energy imparted by radiation onto an absorbing material, or energy deposited per unit mass.
- Also known as Total Ionizing Dose (TID)
- Not a good indicator of biological effect because it does not account for RBE of different types of radiation.
- Units
  - 1 Gray (Gy) = 1 J/kg (SI unit)
  - 1 rad = 100 Gy (obsolete unit)



# Dose Equivalent

- Dose in terms of its biological effect.
- $DE = \text{absorbed dose} \times W_R$
- $W_R = N * Q$ 
  - $Q$  (quality factor) = RBE
    - $Q = 1$  for gamma, x-ray, and beta radiation
    - $Q = 20$  for alpha radiation
  - $N$  – product of other multiplying factors
    - Depends on organ type, time and volume over which dose is spread, and species.

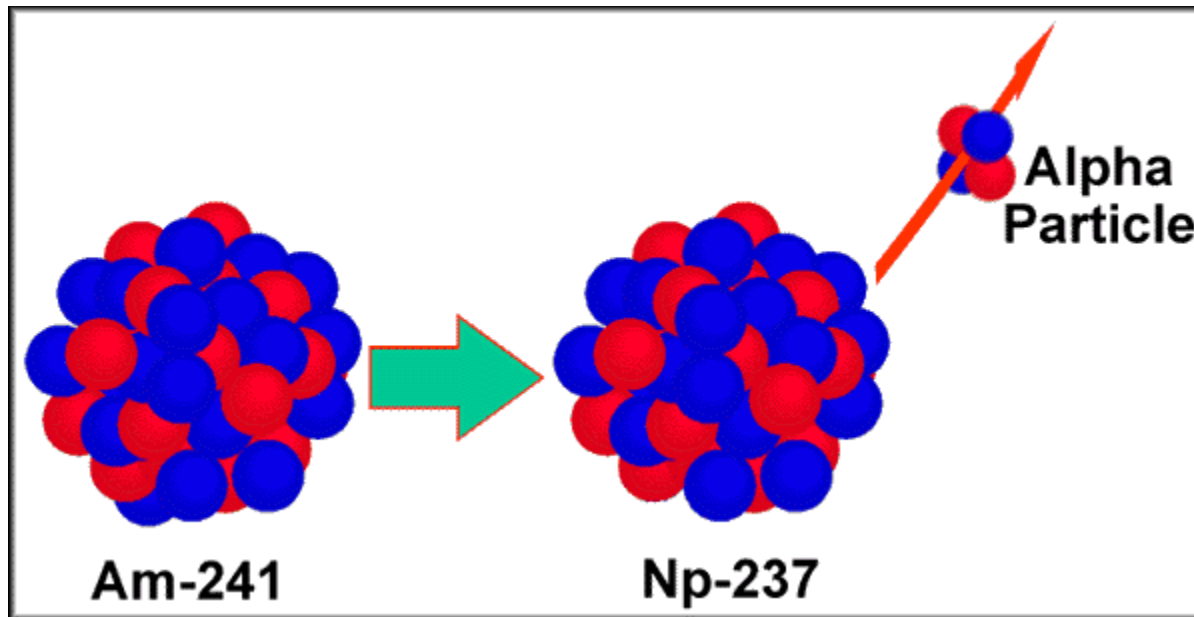
## Dose Equivalent (cont.)

- The effectiveness of radiation in producing tissue damage is related to linear energy transfer (LET).
  - Greater LET indicates greater effectiveness of radiation in producing tissue damage.
- Units
  - Sievert (Sv) – same units as Gray
    - SI unit
  - 1 rem (Roentgen equivalent man) = 100 Sv
    - Obsolete unit

# Exposure

- Ability of radiation to ionize air and create electric charges.
- Units
  - 1 Roentgen (R) = amount of radiation required to liberate positive and negative charges of 1 esu from 1 cm<sup>3</sup> of dry air at STP
    - 1 R =  $2.58 \times 10^{-4}$  C/kg air

# Decay Products



**Alpha Decay of Americium-241 to Neptunium-237**

The decay product (Np-237) is called a daughter product, daughter isotope or daughter nuclide.

# Decay Products

- Alpha: subtract the  ${}^4_2\text{He}^{2+}$  particle:
  - Atomic mass decreases by 4 amu.
  - Atomic number decreases by 2.
- Beta:
  - Atomic mass does not change.
  - Atomic number increases by 1 as a neutron is transmuted to an additional proton.
- Gamma:
  - Atomic particles are not emitted.
  - Atomic mass and number do not change.



# Decay Chains

- Most radioactive elements do not decay directly to a stable state, but rather undergo a series of decays until a stable isotope is reached.
- A parent isotope decays to form a daughter isotope. The daughter may be stable, or can decay to form a daughter isotope of its own.

# Decay Chains in Calculator

- Risk/dose coefficients are provided for several different decay chains for individual radionuclides. They factor in the decay energies for the parent isotope and subsequent daughter isotopes.
  - +D: 100-yr environmental commitment period
  - +E: 1000-yr environmental commitment pd.
  - +pD: Partial inclusion of daughters. When a long-lived daughter in decay chain is reached, the summing of decay energies are stopped.



# Transfer and Accumulation

Exposure to ionizing radiation generally does not cause ambient media or biological tissues to become radioactive. This occurs through the transfer and accumulation of radionuclides that are the source of ionizing radiation.



Ionizing radiation is sometimes used to sterilize food and medical equipment.



# Additivity of Exposure

- The absorbed dose (or dose rate) of ionizing radiation from all radionuclides, in all media, should be added together.
- Dose conversion factors (DCFs) are used to account for differences in ionizing energy and exposure.
- The safe exposure levels or Biota Dose Limits that have been established are based on the total absorbed dose of ionizing radiation.



# Common Radionuclides

Some radionuclides commonly found at Superfund sites:

Americium-241

Cesium-137

Cobalt-60

Iodine-129, 131

Plutonium-239, 240,  
241

Radium-226, 228

Radon-220, 222

Strontium-90

Technetium-99

Thorium-230, 232

$^3\text{H}$  (Tritium)

Uranium-234, 235,  
238



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## Section 14: Radiation Risk Assessment Basics



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# Basis of Radiological Risk Assessments

- Ionizing radiation is a carcinogen, a mutagen, and a teratogen.
- Cancer risks are usually the most harmful, so most assessments of harmful effects only consider carcinogenic effects.
- Risks from radiological exposure are generally estimated in a manner similar to exposures to chemical contaminants.
- Total incremental lifetime cancer risk from radiation exposure = sum of risks from all radionuclides in all exposure pathways.



# Risk Approach

- Risk = exposure x cancer slope factor
- Exposure: estimated lifetime intake or external exposure (in Roentgen units)
- CSF: estimate of the probability of response; i.e. the probability of an individual developing cancer per unit intake.
  - CSF takes intake, uses set of assumptions and calculates absorbed dose.
  - Dose is compared to human exposure/cancer data and a risk of cancer is assigned.



# Dose Approach

- **Dose = exposure x dose conversion factor**
- DCF: assigns a unit dose for every unit exposure. Based on an annual exposure to radiation.
- DCFs depend on:
  - Type of radiation
  - Relative strength of radiation
  - Target organs and tissues
  - Cancer induction rates



# Dose Definitions

- **Absorbed dose:** expression of energy imparted per unit mass of tissue. Units: rad, Gray (Gy).  $1 \text{ Gy} = 1 \text{ J/Kg} = 100 \text{ rads}$ .
- **Dose equivalent (DE):** measure of the energy absorbed by living tissue, adjusted by the quality factor of different types of radiation. Units: rem, Sievert (Sv).  $1 \text{ Sv} = 100 \text{ rems}$ .



## Dose Definitions (cont.)

- **Effective Dose Equivalent (EDE):** DE adjusted by organ-based weighting factors to provide a risk-based equivalence to external radiation dose.
- **Committed Effective Dose Equivalent (CEDE):** EDE summed over projected 50-yr exposure from internal radiation
- **Total Effective Dose Equivalent (TEDE) =** EDE (external) + CEDE (internal)

# Example: Inhalation Pathway

- Risk =  
(Inhalation slope factor) x (radionuclide concentration in air) x (breathing rate) x exposure duration
- Dose =  
(DCF) x (radionuclide concentration in air) x (breathing rate) x (exposure duration)



# Risk and Dose Approaches

Risk	Dose
Used by EPA.	Used by NRC and DOE.
Approach: cleanup of sites to a particular cancer risk	Approach: safe dose that protects workers and public from ongoing nuclear operations on site.
Lifetime exposure to an individual with a RME (EPA)	Annual exposure to an average member of critical group
Risk is unitless measurement of likelihood of an adverse effect.	Dose equivalent is measured in units of rem, mrem, or sievert.

# Basis for Risk and Dose Approaches (cont.)

Risk	Dose
Standards expressed in terms of risk (e.g. CERCLA 10 <sup>-4</sup> to 10 <sup>-6</sup> range)	Standards expressed in terms of dose equivalent (e.g. NRC 25 mrem/year)
CSFs based primarily on US population.	DCFs based on populations from other nations.
Age- and sex-dependent risk models in CSFs	Age-dependent DCFs
CSFs do not consider genetic risk	DCFs consider genetic risk

# Basis for Risk and Dose Approaches (cont.)

Risk	Dose
Considers causes of death other than rad-induced cancer.	Does not consider other competing causes of death.
Low-LET and high-LET estimates considered separately for each target organ.	DE includes both low-LET and high-LET rad multiplied by appropriate RBE factors
RBE for most sites = 20 RBE for breast = 10 RBE for leukemia = 1	RBE for alpha rad, all sites = 20

# Basis for Risk and Dose Approaches (cont.)

Risk	Dose
Estimates of absorbed dose to 16 target organs/tissues, considered for 13 specific cancer sites, plus residual risk	Effective dose considers dose estimates to 12 target organs plus average of 10 other organs
Lung dose based on weighted sum of absorbed dose to tracheobronchial (80% weight) and pulmonary regions (20%)	Lung dose based on average dose to total lung (tracheobronchial, nasopharyngeal, and pulmonary regions)
Variable length to integration period (<110 years). Depends on organ-specific risk models and considerations of competing risks.	Fixed length of 50 years for integration period

# Basis for Risk and Dose Approaches (cont.)

- **Reasonable maximum exposure (RME):** highest exposure that is reasonably expected to occur at a site; resulting from a combination of all intake variables.
- **Average member of critical group:** the group of individuals reasonably expected to receive the greatest exposure to residual radioactivity for any applicable set of circumstances.



# Summary: Risk vs Dose

- EPA believes that the SF method produces a more reliable estimate of risk.
- Most national and international guidelines/standards for rad protection are in terms of dose or concentration.
  - Most standards are concerned w/radiological doses. No need to calculate associated risk – simply compare the dose to an appropriate dose-based standard.



# Summary: Risk vs Dose (cont.)

- Dose can be converted into risk and vice versa using a probability coefficient.
  - Risk = total dose x probability coefficient (risk/unit dose)
  - Fed Guide 13:  $8.46 \times 10^{-4}/\text{rem}$
- EPA believes that DCFs are **NOT** adequate for assessing risks, especially from internal exposure to alpha- and beta-emitting radionuclides.



# Updates to Dose Equivalent Approach

- Most standards are based on DCFs in ICRP Publications 26/30 (1979)
- Revised DCFs in ICRP Publication 72 (1996).
  - Based on additional scientific data
  - More applicable to general public
  - Correspond to current cancer slope factors
- 2014 ORNL DCFs based on ICRP 107.



# Updates to Slope Factor Approach

- Old slope factors issued in 2001
- Based on updated and improved radiation risk coefficients in Federal Guidance Report No. 13 (EPA 1999) and ICRP Publication 72.
- Updated risk coefficients are based on developments in radiation risk and dosimetry.
- New Slope Factors issued in 2014 from ORNL based on ICRP 107.



# Updates to Slope Factor Approach (cont.)

- Changes to Slope Factors (ORNL 2014) include:
  - Cancer risk model updated
  - Biokinetic and dosimetry models
  - External dosimetry models
  - Exposure pathways expanded
  - Population group now based on average member of general public (vs. adult worker)

