

Dose assessment methodologies for the public on the basis of the environmental radioactivity data in the European Union

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Environmental monitoring

Principal objectives of a monitoring programme are:

(a) To verify compliance with authorized discharge limits and any other regulatory requirements for the normal operation of a practices with ionizing radiation sources;

(b) To provide information and data for dose assessment purposes

(c) To check the conditions of operation and the adequacy of controls on discharges from the source and to provide a warning of unusual or unforeseen conditions



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Environmental monitoring

The type of monitoring programme, as well as its scale and extent, is generally commensurate with the source characteristics:

- discharge rates and radionuclide composition,
- different exposure pathways,
- magnitudes of expected and potential doses to individuals.

Every facility should be prepared to conduct emergency monitoring at an appropriate level.

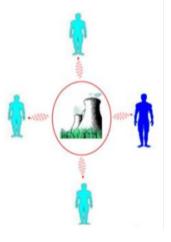
Regulating radiation safety is a national responsibility, however, radiation risks may transcend emission source location.

Regional monitoring programs increase the capacity to control hazards, to respond to emergencies and to moderate any dangerous consequences.





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The record keeping system of environmental monitoring results is generally designed to retain all relevant information about : the collection of individual samples, the measurements of samples, the calibration procedures and uncertainties, the summaries of the results that are reported routinely.

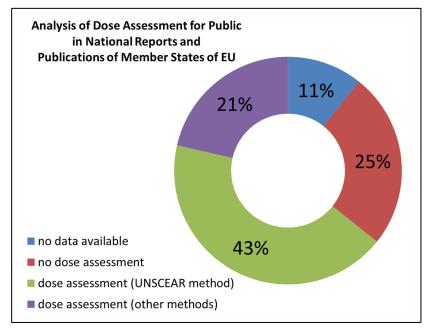
The summary reports are generally published at defined intervals (e.g. monthly, six-monthly, annually).

Specific report on Dose Assessment of the Public are published in some European Country (e.g. United Kingdom, Ireland, France, Sweden, Lithuania), and in other Member States the dose evaluation is part of Environmental Monitoring Report or Yearbook.



This first study^(*) of the National reports shows the inhomogeneity in the presentation of results of dose assessment for the public:

- no data was found for 3 countries,
- in 7 national reports there were not dose evaluations ,
- for 18 Member States there are dose assessments for public in available publications (in 12 cases the dose calculations refer to UNSCEAR methodologies),

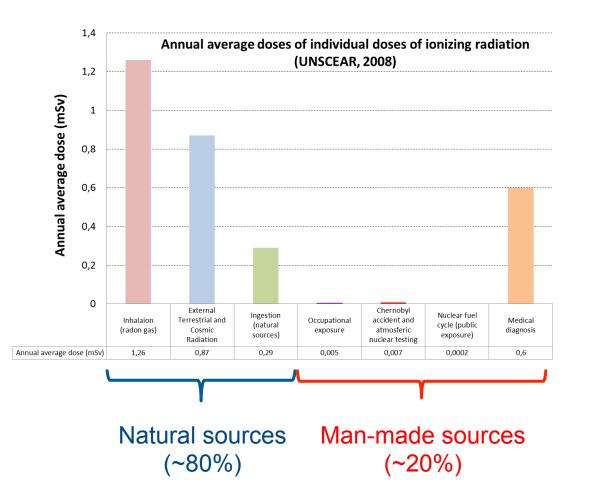


(*) The study try to collect all public and available information by way of example, without be exhaustive.

- rarely diversification in dose assessments for different population groups (adults, children, and infants),
- in some specific site monitoring reports, the effective collective dose is estimated within 30 km from the site.



Annual average doses worldwide of ionizing radiation - UNSCHEAR



The United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation (UNSCEAR) methodology values the exposure of the public to several different natural and man-made sources of radiation.





Dose Limit

The dose evaluation is an important part of the radiation protection system to verify and ensure the health of the population.

When ionizing radiation passes through matter, including living tissue, it deposits energy that produces ionization and excitation in the matter. The biological damage caused by radiation is related to the amount of energy deposited.

In radiation protection the quantity called the Effective Dose is used as indicator of the potential biological effects associated with exposure to ionizing radiation in humans.

The International Commission on Radiological Protection (ICRP) quantified the risks of stochastic effects of radiation and proposed a system of dose limitation.

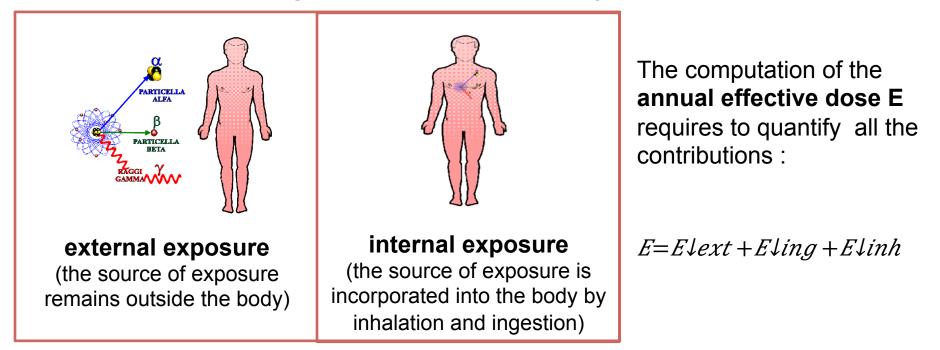
Member States shall set the limit on the effective dose for public exposure at 1 mSv in a year.





Human exposure pathways and Effective Dose

An exposure pathway defines routes from a source of radionuclides and/or radiation to a target individual or a population through media in the environment. There are **two main categories of exposure pathway**:



The dose is usually not obtained by individual monitoring as for occupational exposure but is mainly determined by environmental measurements, habit data, and modelling.



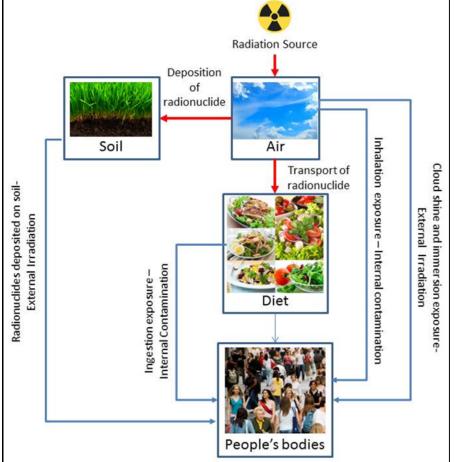
Retrospective Dose Assessment

The **retrospective dose assessment** for the public is based on the identification of a representative person and the use of measured activity concentrations in environmental media.

In real condition measurement results are not available at any point in the chain, the calculation of the movement of radioactivity from different compartment are described in models which use transfer coefficients to describe environmental behavior and transport of radionuclides.

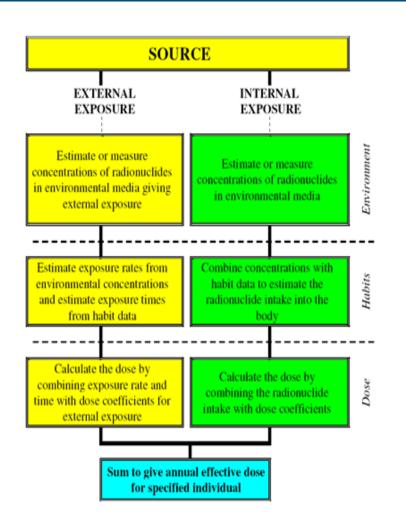
Models need to take account of both accumulation in the environment (e.g. Pu-239 has a long half-life and can build up in the local environment) and progeny ingrowth (e.g. Pu-241 decays into Am-241, which is more

Transfer of radionuclides through the environment **Radiation Source** Deposition of radionuclide





Dose Assessment – Multistage process



Dose assessment can be described as a multistage process (ICRP101a):

- identification of radiation fields and sources quantification
- estimation of radionuclides concentration under investigation in environmental media
- information about habit data based on exposure scenario of the relevant person or group
- using of dose coefficients to assess effective dose contributions
- summing of all contributions from external and internal exposure as appropriate

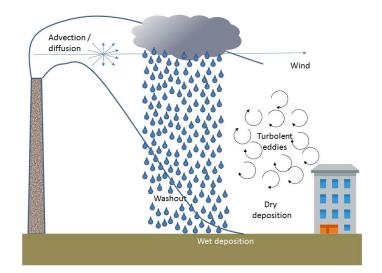


First stage: identification of radiation fields

The first stage is to obtain information about the <u>source</u>, including data on the types and quantities of radionuclides and radiations emitted (eg. ³H -¹³⁷Cs - ⁹⁰Sr -¹³¹I -¹²⁹I-^{239/240}Pu -²⁴¹Am).

The source of the exposure should be characterised.

In the case of discharges to the environment, this characterisation should include discharges for radionuclides of interest, stack heights, proximities of relevant neighbouring buildings, physical and chemical forms of the material, and meteorological conditions.



Models are optimized for estimating radionuclide concentration in water and sediment from routine radionuclide discharge into surface water (river/estuaries/ coastal water/lakes).



Second stage: radionuclides concentration in environmental media

In the second stage, <u>environmental concentrations</u> at various locations are obtained by measurements, by modelling the dispersion, deposition, and transport of radionuclides through environmental media, or by a combination of both.

For doses due to **external exposures**, either the concentrations in air, soil, or water, or the external dose rates are needed.

For doses due to **internal exposures**, it is necessary to know concentrations in food, water, or air that may be taken into the body. Principal measurement category for environmental media of dense and sparse networks (Recommendation 2000/473/Euratom)

Media	Measurement Category					
	Dense Network	Sparse Network				
Airborne particulate	¹³⁷ Cs, gross beta	¹³⁷ Cs-, ⁷ Be				
Air	Ambient gamma dose rate					
Surface water	¹³⁷ Cs, residual beta	¹³⁷ Cs				
Drinking water(*)	³ H, ⁹⁰ Sr, ¹³⁷ Cs	³ H, ⁹⁰ Sr, ¹³⁷ Cs				
Milk	⁹⁰ Sr, ¹³⁷ Cs	⁹⁰ Sr, ¹³⁷ Cs, ⁴⁰ K				
Mixed diet	⁹⁰ Sr, ¹³⁷ Cs	⁹⁰ Sr, ¹³⁷ Cs, ¹⁴ C				

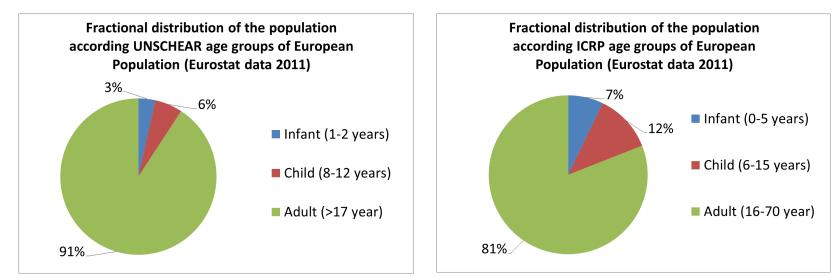


Third stage: habit data (1)

The third stage of the process is to combine concentrations with <u>habit data</u> that are selected based on <u>exposure scenarios</u> of the <u>relevant person or group</u>.

For external exposures, the amount of time spent in different radiation fields is needed, while for internal exposures, information on the amount of food and water consumed or air breathed is required to estimate activity intakes.

Information to be considered includes: location, diet, lifestyle activities leading to radiation exposure, age-dependent physiological factors.





Third stage: habit data (2)

It is recommended to use the more appropriate database for a more realistic dose assessment really referred to local habit.

Three age categories (ICRP 101a)	Milk consumption (kg/year)		een vegetable mption (kg/year)		consumption (kg/year)	Inhalation Rate (m ³ /h)
Infant (1-year old)	320	30		20		0.22
Child (10-year-old)	240	35		30		0.64
Adult	240		80		45	0.94
World Region (IAEA SRS n°19,2001)	Milk consumption (kg/year)	vege	ain, root crops, tables and fruits umption (kg/year)	Beef consumption (kg/year)		Water (L/year)
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Third stage: habit data (3)

Member States should measure <u>foodstuffs</u> and <u>complete meals</u> to report the average level of radioactivity in mixed diet (Recommendation 2000/473/Euratom).



Data: average level of radioactivity in ingredients and composition of the diet



Data: average level of radioactivity from canteens/ restaurants

The losses in food preparation and the variation in intakes of radionuclides can be used to ensure that doses are not systematically overestimated.

Drying foods increases the concentrations in the dried products, typically by a factor of 5 compared with the fresh foods. Boiling meat considerably reduces the radionuclide content. Radionuclide contents in vegetables and fruits are affected by washing, peeling, and cooking.



The fourth stage of the dose-assessment process is the computation of <u>separate</u> <u>quantities</u> : external exposure and internal exposure.

The external exposure could be computed applying the following formula:

 $E \downarrow ext = H \uparrow * (10) \downarrow indoor + H \uparrow * (10) \downarrow outdoor = H \uparrow * (10) \downarrow detect. \times (1 - F \downarrow 0) + H \uparrow * (10) \downarrow detect. \times F \downarrow 0 \times F \downarrow S$

Where:

- $E\downarrow ext$ is effective dose due to external exposure
- H*(10)detect. is the result of measured data (ambient dose equivalent rate) without the contribution of natural radiation background,
- F_0 is the indoor occupancy factor (generally 0.8),
- F_s is the general building shielding factor, it is the ratio of indoor to outdoor dose rate and its value could be equal to 0.2.

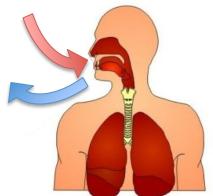
The releases from nuclear installations of radionuclides that contribute to external exposure are, in general, too low to be measured in air or deposition at distance beyond the installation site and point of release.



Fourth stage: internal exposure - inhalation

The annual effective dose from inhalation E_{inh} (Sv/year) could be computed applying the following formula:

$$\begin{split} E \downarrow inh = \sum i \uparrow \hline E \downarrow inh, i &= \sum p \uparrow \hline C \downarrow air, i \times R \downarrow inh \times D \downarrow inh, i \times (1 - F \downarrow U) \\ + \sum i \uparrow \hline C \downarrow air, i \times R \downarrow inh \times D \downarrow inh, i \times F \downarrow 0 \times F \downarrow R \end{split}$$



Where:

- •C_{air,i} is the radionuclide concentration in air (Bq/m³),
- •R_{inh} is the inhalation rate (m³/year),
- •D_{inh,i} is the inhalation dose coefficient for the i radionuclide (Sv/Bq),
- $\bullet F_0$ is the indoor occupancy factor,

 $\bullet F_R$ is the ratio of indoor to outdoor air concentration. This parameter should be assigned a value of 0,3 during a specific release.

Estimates of inhalation exposure from releases of radionuclides from nuclear installations may be made using dispersion model.



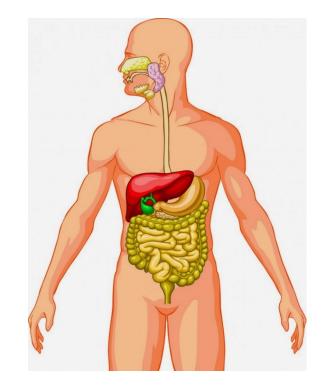
Fourth stage: internal exposure - ingestion

The internal exposure contribution due to the ingestion of contaminated food and/or drinking water could be estimated on the basis of environmental monitoring data by the use of a simple calculation model: $E\downarrow ing = \sum p\uparrow IIII E\downarrow ing, p, i = \sum p\uparrow IIII C\downarrow p, i \times R\downarrow ing, p \times D\downarrow ing, i$

Where:

 $E_{ing,p}$ (Sv/year) is the annual effective dose from consumption of nuclide i in foodstuff subset p/ water, $C_{p,i}$ is the concentration of radionuclide i in foodstuff p/water at the time of consumption (Bq/kg), $R_{ing,p}$ is the consumption rate for foodstuff p/ water (kg/year),

 $D_{ing,i}$ is the dose coefficient for ingestion of radionuclide i (Sv/Bq).





Fifth stage: total annual dose

The final stage is to <u>sum all contributions</u> from external and internal exposure in a total annual dose. $E = E \downarrow ext + E \downarrow ing + E \downarrow inh$

• For dose assessments the <u>dose coefficients</u> published in the EURATOM Directive should be used.

Radionuclide	Absorption Type for	Dose Coefficient for INFANT (Sv/Bq) (1-2 years)		for CHILI	efficient D (Sv/Bq) years)	Dose Coefficient for ADULTS(Sv/Bq) (> 17 years)	
	particulate	Inhalation	Ingestion	Inhalation	Ingestion	Inhalation	Ingestion
Sr-90	М	1.0 10 ⁻⁷	7.3 10 ⁻⁸	5.1 10 ⁻⁸	6.0 10 ⁻⁸	3.6 10 ⁻⁸	2.8 10 ⁻⁸
Cs-137	F	5.4 10 ⁻⁹	1.2 10 ⁻⁸	3.7 10 ⁻⁹	1.0 10 ⁻⁸	4.6 10 ⁻⁹	1.3 10 ⁻⁸
Pu-239/Pu-240	М	7.7 10 ⁻⁵	4.2 10 ⁻⁷	4.8 10 ⁻⁵	2.4 10 ⁻⁷	5.0 10 ⁻⁵	2.5 10 ⁻⁷

- Expert judgement could be used to determine the most appropriate chemical form for use in the assessment, rather than assuming the chemical form that leads to the highest dose coefficient.
- It is recognised that the use of three age categories is recommended for estimating the annual dose to the representative person dose assessments.



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For the induction of cancer and heritable disease at low doses/low dose rates the use of a simple proportionate relationship between increments of dose and increased risk is a scientifically plausible assumption; uncertainties on this judgement are recognised.

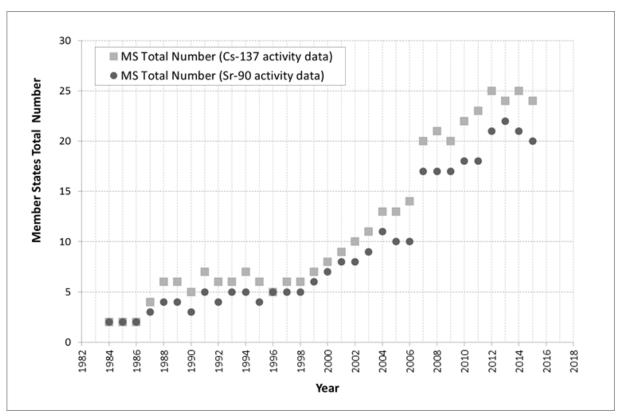
International radiation safety standards have taken the UNSCEAR estimates and ICRP recommendations into account, with a rounded overall **nominal risk coefficient** of ~5% Sv⁻¹. This approach forms the basis of the international requirements for protecting people against radiation in planned exposure situations (IAEA, 1996; IAEA, 2011) but not for assessing dead bodies.

Stochastic effects of radiation-induced cancers are collectively (not individually) attributable, and only in the case that radiation doses are sufficiently high as to permit epidemiological discernment.



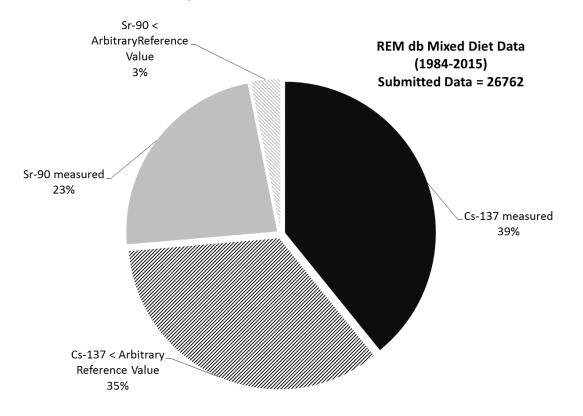


Historical increment of the submission data in REMdb, starting from 1984 to 2015 for ¹³⁷Cs and ⁹⁰Sr (other radionuclide such as ⁴⁰K and ¹³⁴Cs were been measured in less than 0.1% of submitted data).



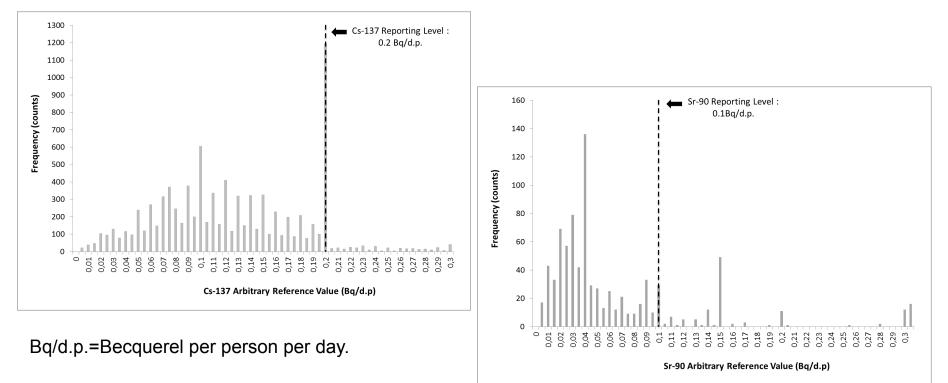


Total number of REMdb measurements of mixed diet divided for radionuclide (Sr-90 measurements are in grey and Cs-137 measurements are in black) and type of values declared





The distribution of arbitrary reference value for Cs-137 (on the left) and Sr-90 (on the right) present in REMdb and reporting level required by Commission Recommendation 2000/473/Euratom for these measurements.





Median of measured values for the annual distributions of Cs-137 (in black) and Sr-90 (in grey) in mixed diet of REMdb.

