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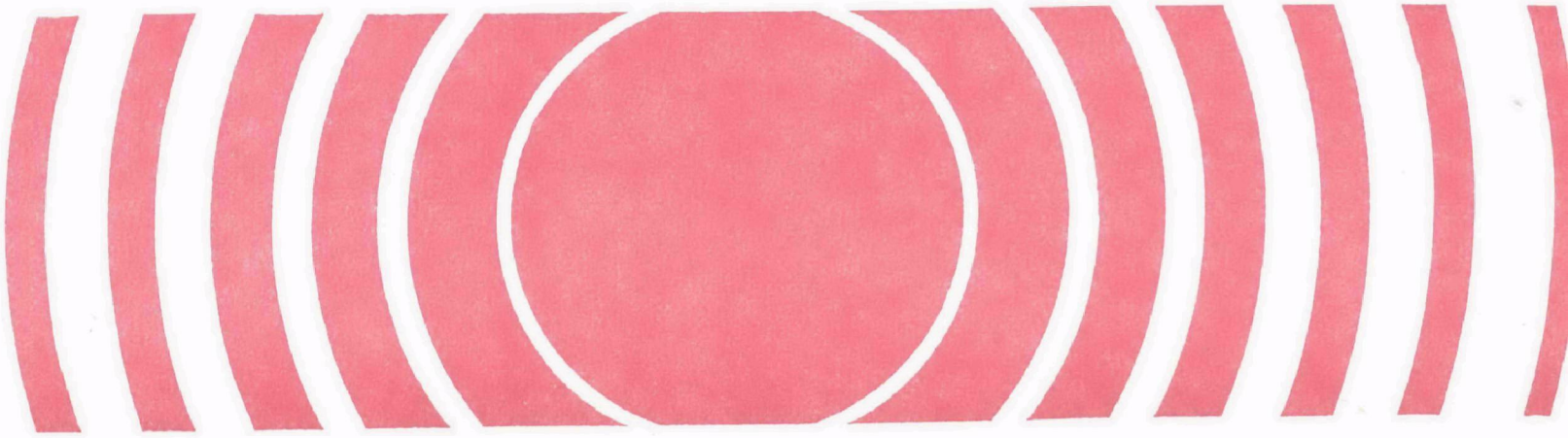

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Environmental Radiation Data (ERD) is compiled and distributed quarterly by the Office of Radiation Programs' Eastern Environmental Radiation Facility (EERF) in Montgomery, Alabama, and contains data from the Environmental Radiation Ambient Monitoring System (ERAMS). Data from similar networks operated by contributing States, Canada, Mexico, and the Pan American Health Organization are reported in the ERD when available.

ERAMS was established in 1973 by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Radiation Programs (ORP). The ERAMS is comprised of nationwide sampling stations that provide air, surface and drinking water, and milk samples from which environmental radiation levels are derived. The major emphasis for ERAMS is upon identifying trends in the accumulation of long-lived radionuclides in the environment.

Sampling locations are selected to provide optimal population coverage while functioning to monitor fallout from nuclear devices and other forms of radioactive contamination of the environment. The radiation analyses performed on these samples include gross alpha and gross beta levels, gamma analyses for fission products, and specific analyses for uranium, plutonium, strontium, iodine, radium, krypton, and tritium. This monitoring effort also provides ancillary information on natural background levels and on routine and accidental releases into the environment from stationary sources.

The radiochemical procedures used by the EERF to analyze the ERAMS samples are contained in *Eastern Environmental Radiation Facility Radiochemistry Procedures Manual* (EPA 520/5–84–006). Station operation and sample collection are in accordance with procedures contained in the *ERAMS Manual* (EPA 520/5–84–007, 008, 009).

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DATA - Reporting Rationale and Procedures

In 1973, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Radiation Programs established the Environmental Radiation Ambient Monitoring System (ERAMS) to provide continuous, accurate, and usable environmental radiation data to the public. For completeness, ERAMS data for all specific radionuclide analyses are reported as the calculated results indicate, whether the numbers are negative, zero, or positive.

Reporting Rationale

Frequently, there is little or no radioactivity in environmental media. Thus, the results of laboratory analyses should statistically show a distribution of negative and positive numbers about zero. A negative value occurs when a previously determined background value is subtracted from a sample value that is less than that of the background. Prior to July 1975, ERAMS data were not reported numerically when the results were less than a specified reporting level or minimum detectable level. The present reporting procedure allows all the data to be reported and evaluated statistically without an arbitrary cutoff of small or negative numbers. This approach will facilitate estimates of bias in the nuclide analyses and will allow better evaluation of distributions and trends in environmental data.

When reviewing the data in this report, caution should be exercised in the interpretation of individual negative values. Obviously, a negative activity value has no physical significance. Such numbers, however, are significant when taken together with other observations that indicate that the true value of a distribution is near zero. When an average of many measurements produces a result significantly less than zero, this indicates a bias in the measurement procedure.

(1) *Reported Values*

Specific Analyses. All specific radionuclide analyses will be reported as the counting results indicate, whether the value is negative, zero, or positive. All reported values are corrected for radioactive decay to the collection date.

Gross Analyses. The actual value of gross radioactivity measurements will be reported, unless the value is below the minimum detectable level (MDL) at the 2σ confidence level, then $<$ minimum detectable level will be reported.

MDL is defined as the 3σ error of the background. A tabulation of typical MDL's is given in the following table.

(2) *Reported Error Terms*

Each reported value for specific analyses will be accompanied by a counting error term at the 2σ (95%) confidence interval. Error terms are therefore reported as counting errors. At the very low levels characteristic of most ERAMS measurements, counting error is the greatest contributor to overall error.

(3) *Significant Figures*

No more than three significant figures will be reported. If a datum contains more than three figures, it will be rounded off to three figures.

(4) *Reporting Levels*

The reporting units, smallest increments for reporting, and typical minimum detectable levels for each isotope are shown in Table 1. Reporting increments are sometimes considerably smaller than minimum detectable amounts to avoid truncation errors in averaging.

(5) *Averages*

Averages will be calculated along with appropriate error terms in an annual summary and analysis of ERAMS data. In calculating these averages, all values of individual data including negative numbers will be utilized. Averages will not be included in ERD quarterly reports.

Table 1

ERAMS Reporting Increments and Minimum Detectable Levels for Radionuclide Analyses

Radionuclide	Media	Reporting Units	Reporting Increments	Minimum Detectable Levels
Gross Alpha	Water	pCi/l	1 pCi/l	2 pCi/l
† Gross Beta	Air	pCi/m^3	0.01 pCi/m^3	0.01 pCi/m^3
	Water	pCi/l	1 pCi/l	1 pCi/l
	Precipitation	nCi/m^2	0.01 nCi/m^2	0.01 nCi/m^2
	(specific radiochemical analyses)			
Tritium	Water	nCi/l	0.1 nCi/l	0.2 nCi/l
	Milk	nCi/l	0.1 nCi/l	0.2 nCi/l
Carbon–14	Milk	pCi/l	1 pCi/l	15 pCi/l
Krypton–85	Ambient Air	pCi/m^3	0.1 pCi/m^3	2 pCi/m^3
†† Plutonium–238,239,240	Air	aCi/m^3	0.1 aCi/m^3	0.015 pCi
	Milk	pCi/l	0.001 pCi/l	0.015 pCi
	Water	pCi/l	0.001 pCi/l	0.015 pCi
‡ Uranium–234,235,238	Air	aCi/m^3	0.1 aCi/m^3	0.015 pCi
	Milk	pCi/l	0.001 pCi/l	0.015 pCi
	Water	pCi/l	0.001 pCi/l	0.015 pCi
Radium–226	Water	pCi/l	0.1 pCi/l	0.1 pCi/l
Strontium–90	Milk	pCi/l	0.1 pCi/l	1 pCi/l
	Water	pCi/l	0.1 pCi/l	1 pCi/l
‡‡ Strontium–89	Milk	pCi/l	1 pCi/l	5 pCi/l
‡‡ Iodine–131	Milk	pCi/l	1 pCi/l	10 pCi/l
	Water	pCi/l	1 pCi/l	10 pCi/l
	Water	pCi/l	0.1 pCi/l	0.4 pCi/l
Iodine–129	Milk	fCi/l	0.1 fCi/l	0.4 fCi/l
Cesium–137	Milk	pCi/l	1 pCi/l	10 pCi/l
	Water	pCi/l	1 pCi/l	10 pCi/l
‡‡ Barium–140	Milk	pCi/l	1 pCi/l	10 pCi/l
	Water	pCi/l	1 pCi/l	10 pCi/l
Potassium	Milk	g/l	0.1 g/l	0.12 g/l
	Water	g/l	0.1 g/l	0.12 g/l
Potassium–40	Water	pCi/l	1 pCi/l	100 pCi/l

† The value of MDL for precipitation in terms of nCi/m^2 would be dependent on precipitation (mm).

†† This value of MDL for air in terms of pCi/m^3 would be dependent on the air volume. Measurement by alpha spectroscopy that includes contributions of plutonium-239 and plutonium-240. MDL for all media given per sample.

‡ This value of MDL for air in terms of pCi/m^3 would be dependent on the air volume. MDL for all media given per sample.

‡‡ Activity as of the day of counting.

ENVIRONMENTAL RADIATION AMBIENT MONITORING SYSTEM (ERAMS)

Section I. Air Program

Airborne Particulates and Precipitation

Gross beta radioactivity measurements and certain specific analyses are performed on air particulates and precipitation samples as indicator measurements in assessing the general (national) impact of all contributing sources on environmental levels of radiation.

Airborne particulates are collected continuously at field stations representing wide geographic coverage, including present and potential sources of environmental radioactivity. Sampling sites are located throughout the United States.

Filters (10–cm diameter synthetic fiber) from air samplers are changed twice weekly and field measurements are made with a G-M survey meter † at 5 hours and 29 hours after collection to allow for radon and thoron daughter product decay. Field estimates are reported to appropriate EPA officials by telephone or mail depending on the activity levels found.

The filters are sent to EERF for more sensitive analyses in a low background beta counter. Gamma scans are performed on all filters showing gross beta counts greater than 1 pCi/m^3. The laboratory obtained values are usually lower than the field estimates due to the decay of naturally occurring radionuclides between the times of the two measurements.

Precipitation samples are collected at those field stations collecting air filters. These samples are also sent to EERF where they are composited monthly for gamma scans, tritium, and gross beta activity measurements. A composite of the March, April, and May precipitation samples is analyzed for plutonium–238, –239, –240, and uranium–234, –235, and –238.

A compilation of individual measurements is available from the Eastern Environmental Radiation Facility, 1890 Congressman W.L. Dickinson Drive, Montgomery, AL 36109.

Tables 2–4 contain the data in airborne particulate samples for July - September 1989. Tables 5–7 contain the data in precipitation sample for July - September 1989. Table 8 contains the data for tritium in precipitation samples for July - September 1989 at the selected sites.

† The counts at five hours for the Montgomery, Alabama, station are performed on a low background beta counter.

Table 2

Airborne Particulates
Gross Beta Concentrations

July 1989

Location	Number of Samples	5-Hour Field Estimate (pCi/m^3)			EERF Lab Measurment (pCi/m^3)		
		Max	Min	Avg	Max	Min	Avg
AL:MONTGOMERY	8	0.9	0.1	0.3	0.01	0.00	0.00
AR:LITTLE ROCK	9	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.01	0.00	0.01
AZ:PHOENIX	9	1.7	0.4	1.0	0.02	0.01	0.01
CA:BERKELEY	8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00
CA:LOS ANGELES	8	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.01	0.00	0.01
CO:DENVER	9	1.4	0.5	1.0	0.02	0.01	0.01
CT:HARTFORD	9	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.01	0.00	0.00
DE:WILMINGTON	8	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.01	0.00	0.00
FL:JACKSONVILLE	7	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.01	0.00	0.00
FL:MIAMI	9	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.01	0.00	0.00
HI:HONOLULU	9	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.00	0.00	0.00
IA:IOWA CITY	9	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.01	0.00	0.01
ID:BOISE	9	0.8	0.2	0.4	0.02	0.01	0.01
ID:IDAHO FALLS	9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.01	0.01	0.01
IL:CHICAGO	9	0.9	0.1	0.3	0.02	0.01	0.01
IN:INDIANAPOLIS	8	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.02	0.01	0.01
KS:TOPEKA	9	3.8	0.9	1.9	0.02	0.01	0.01
KY:FRANKFORT	4	0.6	0.4	0.5	0.02	0.00	0.01
LA:NEW ORLEANS	6	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.01	0.00	0.01
MA:LAWRENCE	7	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.01	0.00	0.00
ME:AUGUSTA	6	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.01	0.00	0.00
MI:LANSING	9	0.7	0.3	0.4	0.01	0.00	0.01
MN:MINNEAPOLIS	8	0.7	0.2	0.3	0.01	0.01	0.01
MO:JEFFERSON CITY	6	1.1	0.3	0.7	0.03	0.00	0.01
MS:JACKSON	8	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.01	0.00	0.01
NC:CHARLOTTE	8	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.01	0.00	0.01
NC:WILMINGTON	8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.01	0.00	0.01
ND:BISMARCK	7	1.8	0.4	0.8	0.01	0.01	0.01
NE:LINCOLN	8	2.4	0.3	1.6	0.06	0.00	0.02
NH:CONCORD	8	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.01	0.00	0.00
NJ:TRENTON	8	0.8	0.1	0.3	0.01	0.00	0.00
NV:LAS VEGAS	9	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.02	0.01	0.01
NY:ALBANY	4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.01	0.00	0.01
NY:NEW YORK CITY	8	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.01	0.00	0.01
NY:NIAGARA FALLS	8	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.02	0.00	0.01
NY:YAPHANK	8	2.5	0.1	0.5	0.01	0.00	0.00
OH:COLUMBUS	7	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.02	0.01	0.01

Table 2 (continued)

Airborne Particulates
Gross Beta Concentrations

July 1989

Location	Number of Samples	5-Hour Field Estimate (pCi/m³)			EERF Lab Measurment (pCi/m³)		
		Max	Min	Avg	Max	Min	Avg
OH:PAINESVILLE	8	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.03	0.00	0.01
OH:TOLEDO	9	0.6	0.0	0.3	0.02	0.00	0.01
OK:OKLAHOMA CITY	7	1.3	0.2	0.4	0.01	0.00	0.01
OR:PORTLAND	8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.01	0.00	0.00
PA:GOLDSBORO	7	0.8	0.1	0.3	0.01	0.00	0.01
PA:HARRISBURG	9	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.01	0.00	0.00
PA:PHILADELPHIA	1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.01	0.01	0.01
PA:PITTSBURGH	9	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.01	0.00	0.01
PA:THREE MILE ISLAND	7	0.7	0.1	0.3	0.01	0.00	0.00
RI:PROVIDENCE	8	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.01	0.00	0.01
SC:BARNWELL	2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.01	0.01	0.01
SC:COLUMBIA	7	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.01	0.00	0.01
TN:KNOXVILLE	8	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.02	0.00	0.01
TN:NASHVILLE	8	0.8	0.1	0.3	0.01	0.00	0.01
TX:AUSTIN	5	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.02	0.00	0.01
TX:EL PASO	9	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.01	0.01	0.01
UT:SALT LAKE CITY	9	0.7	0.1	0.3	0.02	0.01	0.01
VA:LYNCHBURG	9	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.01	0.00	0.01
WA:OLYMPIA	9	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.00	0.00	0.00
WA:SPOKANE	9	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.01	0.00	0.01
WI:MADISON	8	0.8	0.2	0.5	0.02	0.00	0.01
WV:CHARLESTON	7	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.01	0.00	0.01
WY:CHEYENNE	3	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.01	0.00	0.01

Minimum Detectable Limit for field estimates – 0.1 pCi/m³.
Minimum Detectable Limit for laboratory measurement – 0.01 pCi/m³.

Table 3

Airborne Particulates
Gross Beta Concentrations

August 1989

Location	Number of Samples	6-Hour Field Estimate (pCi/m^3)			EERF Lab Measurment (pCi/m^3)		
		Max	Min	Avg	Max	Min	Avg
AL:MONTGOMERY	9	1.0	0.0	0.5	0.01	0.00	0.01
AR:LITTLE ROCK	8	3.2	0.2	0.8	0.02	0.01	0.01
AZ:PHOENIX	9	2.5	0.2	0.9	0.01	0.01	0.01
CA:BERKELEY	9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00
CA:LOS ANGELES	9	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.01	0.00	0.01
CO:DENVER	9	0.9	0.4	0.6	0.01	0.01	0.01
CT:HARTFORD	8	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.01	0.00	0.00
DE:WILMINGTON	9	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.01	0.00	0.01
FL:JACKSONVILLE	8	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.01	0.00	0.01
FL:MIAMI	9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.01	0.00	0.00
HI:HONOLULU	8	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.00	0.00	0.00
IA:IOWA CITY	9	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.02	0.00	0.01
ID:BOISE	9	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.01	0.00	0.01
ID:IDAHO FALLS	8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.01	0.01	0.01
IL:CHICAGO	9	0.7	0.1	0.3	0.04	0.01	0.02
IN:INDIANAPOLIS	9	1.9	0.1	0.4	0.02	0.00	0.01
KS:TOPEKA	9	4.6	0.3	1.8	0.02	0.01	0.01
KY:FRANKFORT	5	1.8	0.6	1.0	0.06	0.01	0.02
LA:NEW ORLEANS	7	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.01	0.00	0.01
MA:LAWRENCE	9	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.01	0.00	0.01
ME:AUGUSTA	7	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.01	0.00	0.01
MI:LANSING	9	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.01	0.01	0.01
MN:MINNEAPOLIS	9	1.1	0.1	0.5	0.02	0.01	0.01
MO:JEFFERSON CITY	9	2.5	0.1	0.6	0.03	0.01	0.01
MS:JACKSON	9	0.8	0.2	0.4	0.02	0.00	0.01
NC:CHARLOTTE	9	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.01	0.00	0.01
NC:WILMINGTON	9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.01	0.00	0.01
ND:BISMARCK	8	2.6	0.3	1.3	0.02	0.01	0.02
NE:LINCOLN	8	3.8	0.1	1.7	0.01	0.01	0.01
NH:CONCORD	9	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.01	0.00	0.01
NJ:TRENTON	9	0.9	0.2	0.4	0.01	0.00	0.01
NM:SANTA FE	3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.01	0.00	0.01
NV:LAS VEGAS	9	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.01	0.01	0.01
NY:ALBANY	3	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.01	0.01	0.01
NY:NEW YORK CITY	9	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.01	0.00	0.01
NY:NIAGARA FALLS	9	0.7	0.1	0.4	0.02	0.01	0.01
NY:SYRACUSE	3	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.01	0.01	0.01

Table 3 (continued)

Airborne Particulates
Gross Beta Concentrations

August 1989

Location	Number of Samples	5-Hour Field Estimate (pCi/m³)			EERF Lab Measurment (pCi/m³)		
		Max	Min	Avg	Max	Min	Avg
NY:YAPHANK	8	0.6	0.1	0.2	0.01	0.00	0.01
OH:COLUMBUS	1	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.01	0.01	0.01
OH:PAINESVILLE	9	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.02	0.01	0.01
OH:TOLEDO	9	0.7	0.1	0.4	0.01	0.01	0.01
OK:OKLAHOMA CITY	8	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.01	0.00	0.01
OR:PORTLAND	9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.01	0.00	0.00
PA:GOLDSBORO	9	1.1	0.1	0.4	0.01	0.00	0.01
PA:HARRISBURG	8	0.6	0.2	0.4	0.01	0.00	0.01
PA:PHILADELPHIA	9	1.2	0.1	0.2	0.01	0.00	0.01
PA:PITTSBURGH	8	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.01	0.01	0.01
PA:THREE MILE ISLAND	9	1.0	0.2	0.4	0.01	0.00	0.01
RI:PROVIDENCE	9	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.01	0.00	0.01
SC:BARNWELL	1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.01	0.01	0.01
SC:COLUMBIA	9	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.02	0.00	0.01
TN:KNOXVILLE	8	1.0	0.1	0.7	0.03	0.01	0.01
TN:NASHVILLE	9	1.2	0.1	0.5	0.02	0.00	0.01
TX:AUSTIN	9	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.01	0.00	0.01
TX:EL PASO	8	0.7	0.1	0.3	0.01	0.01	0.01
UT:SALT LAKE CITY	9	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.01	0.00	0.01
VA:LYNCHBURG	9	1.6	0.1	0.6	0.01	0.00	0.01
WA:OLYMPIA	8	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.01	0.00	0.00
WA:SPOKANE	9	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.02	0.00	0.01
WI:MADISON	9	1.1	0.2	0.5	0.05	0.01	0.01
WV:CHARLESTON	9	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.01	0.00	0.01

Minimum Detectable Limit for field estimates – 0.1 pCi/m³.
Minimum Detectable Limit for laboratory measurement – 0.01 pCi/m³.

Table 4

Airborne Particulates
Gross Beta Concentrations

September 1989

Location	Number of Samples	5-Hour Field Estimate (pCi/m^3)			EERF Lab Measurment (pCi/m^3)		
		Max	Min	Avg	Max	Min	Avg
AL:MONTGOMERY	9	1.1	0.2	0.5	0.06	0.00	0.02
AR:LITTLE ROCK	9	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.02	0.01	0.01
AZ:PHOENIX	8	3.2	0.7	1.6	0.02	0.01	0.01
CA:BERKELEY	9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.01	0.00	0.01
CA:LOS ANGELES	9	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.02	0.00	0.01
CO:DENVER	8	1.5	0.3	0.8	0.02	0.00	0.01
CT:HARTFORD	9	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.01	0.00	0.01
DE:WILMINGTON	9	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.01	0.00	0.01
FL:JACKSONVILLE	8	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.01	0.00	0.00
FL:MIAMI	8	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.01	0.00	0.00
HI:HONOLULU	7	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.00	0.00	0.00
IA:IOWA CITY	8	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.01	0.00	0.01
ID:BOISE	8	1.2	0.2	0.5	0.01	0.01	0.01
ID:IDAHO FALLS	9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.01	0.00	0.01
IL:CHICAGO	8	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.02	0.00	0.01
IN:INDIANAPOLIS	9	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.02	0.01	0.01
KS:TOPEKA	7	3.1	0.2	1.3	0.02	0.01	0.01
KY:FRANKFORT	4	1.0	0.2	0.6	0.04	0.01	0.02
LA:NEW ORLEANS	6	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.01	0.01	0.01
MA:LAWRENCE	7	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.01	0.00	0.01
ME:AUGUSTA	8	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.01	0.00	0.01
MI:LANSING	8	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.01	0.00	0.01
MN:MINNEAPOLIS	9	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.03	0.00	0.01
MO:JEFFERSON CITY	9	2.8	0.2	1.0	0.03	0.00	0.02
MS:JACKSON	9	1.0	0.2	0.4	0.03	0.01	0.01
NC:CHARLOTTE	7	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.01	0.00	0.01
NC:WILMINGTON	6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.01	0.00	0.01
ND:BISMARCK	9	2.7	0.1	1.1	0.03	0.00	0.01
NE:LINCOLN	7	1.3	0.0	0.5	0.01	0.01	0.01
NH:CONCORD	9	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.01	0.00	0.00
NJ:TRENTON	8	0.7	0.1	0.4	0.01	0.00	0.00
NM:SANTA FE	4	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.01	0.01	0.01
NV:LAS VEGAS	8	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.02	0.01	0.01
NY:NEW YORK CITY	9	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.01	0.00	0.01
NY:NIAGARA FALLS	9	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.01	0.00	0.01
NY:SYRACUSE	2	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.01	0.01	0.01
NY:YAPHANK	8	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.01	0.00	0.00

Table 4 (continued)

Airborne Particulates
Gross Beta Concentrations

September 1989

Location	Number of Samples	5-Hour Field Estimate (pCi/m³)			EERF Lab Measurment (pCi/m³)		
		Max	Min	Avg	Max	Min	Avg
OH:COLUMBUS	2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.01	0.01	0.01
OH:PAINESVILLE	9	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.02	0.01	0.01
OH:TOLEDO	8	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.02	0.01	0.01
OK:OKLAHOMA CITY	9	0.7	0.0	0.4	0.02	0.01	0.01
OR:PORTLAND	9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.02	0.00	0.01
PA:GOLDSBORO	9	1.3	0.0	0.4	0.01	0.00	0.01
PA:HARRISBURG	9	1.2	0.2	0.4	0.01	0.00	0.01
PA:PHILADELPHIA	9	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.01	0.00	0.01
PA:PITTSBURGH	9	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.01	0.00	0.01
PA:THREE MILE ISLAND	9	1.9	0.0	0.5	0.01	0.00	0.01
RI:PROVIDENCE	9	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.02	0.00	0.01
SC:BARNWELL	2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.01	0.01	0.01
SC:COLUMBIA	8	0.6	0.0	0.2	0.02	0.00	0.01
TN:KNOXVILLE	8	1.2	0.1	0.6	0.02	0.00	0.01
TN:NASHVILLE	9	0.7	0.1	0.3	0.02	0.01	0.01
TX:AUSTIN	9	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.02	0.00	0.01
TX:EL PASO	7	0.9	0.2	0.6	0.02	0.01	0.01
UT:SALT LAKE CITY	8	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.02	0.00	0.01
VA:LYNCHBURG	8	1.3	0.2	0.5	0.02	0.00	0.01
WA:OLYMPIA	9	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.01	0.00	0.01
WA:SPOKANE	8	0.8	0.2	0.4	0.02	0.00	0.01
WI:MADISON	9	0.8	0.2	0.4	0.02	0.00	0.01
WV:CHARLESTON	8	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.01	0.00	0.01

Minimum Detectable Limit for field estimates – 0.1 pCi/m³.
Minimum Detectable Limit for laboratory measurement – 0.01 pCi/m³.

Table 5

Gross Beta Concentrations in Precipitation

July 1989

Location	Depth (mm)	Act. ($\pm 2\sigma$) (nCi/m^2)		Specific Gamma Activity
AL:MONTGOMERY	164.1	0.33	0.10	ND
AR:LITTLE ROCK	189.0	0.20	0.09	ND
CO:DENVER	33.0	0.04	0.02	ND
CT:HARTFORD	86.2	0.22	0.05	ND
DE:WILMINGTON	375.1	0.67	0.19	ND
FL:JACKSONVILLE	170.8	0.03	0.06	ND
FL:MIAMI	110.8	0.05	0.05	ND
HI:HONOLULU	41.0	0.02	0.02	ND
ID:IDAHO FALLS	4.0	0.05	0.00	ND
IL:CHICAGO	94.9	0.09	0.04	ND
LA:NEW ORLEANS	129.0	0.10	0.05	ND
MI:LANSING	39.2	0.21	0.03	ND
MN:MINNEAPOLIS	59.0	0.13	0.03	ND
MO:JEFFERSON CITY	32.0	0.02	0.01	ND
MS:JACKSON	84.0	0.06	0.04	ND
NC:CHARLOTTE	157.6	0.21	0.08	ND
NC:WILMINGTON	171.0	0.19	0.08	ND
ND:BISMARCK	9.8	0.02	0.01	ND
NH:CONCORD	60.2	0.08	0.03	ND
NJ:TRENTON	129.6	0.25	0.07	ND
NY:ALBANY	117.0	0.14	0.05	ND
NY:NEW YORK CITY	44.0	0.05	0.02	ND
NY:NIAGARA FALLS	33.0	0.03	0.02	ND
OH:PAINESVILLE	93.0	0.41	0.07	ND
OH:TOLEDO	83.0	0.23	0.05	ND
OK:OKLAHOMA CITY	78.0	0.11	0.04	ND
OR:PORTLAND	9.6	0.01	0.00	ND
PA:HARRISBURG	174.8	0.40	0.09	ND
PA:MIDDLETOWN	168.0	0.14	0.08	ND
PA:PITTSBURGH	42.6	0.18	0.03	ND

Table 5 (continued)

Gross Beta Concentrations in Precipitation

July 1989

Location	Depth (mm)	Act. (nCi/m^2)	$\pm 2\sigma$	Specific Gamma Activity
RI:PROVIDENCE	39.0	0.01	0.01	ND
SC:BARNWELL	37.0	0.02	0.01	ND
SC:COLUMBIA	227.2	0.36	0.12	ND
TN:KNOXVILLE	125.6	0.09	0.05	ND
TN:NASHVILLE	121.6	0.17	0.06	ND
TX:AUSTIN	16.0	0.02	0.01	ND
TX:EL PASO	33.8	0.36	0.04	ND
UT:SALT LAKE CITY	11.2	0.03	0.01	ND
VA:LYNCHBURG	91.4	0.14	0.05	ND
WA:OLYMPIA	28.4	0.02	0.01	ND
WI:MADISON	90.6	0.22	0.05	ND
WV:CHARLESTON	82.6	0.12	0.04	ND

σ = Sigma Counting Error.
NA = Not Analyzed.
ND = No Gamma Activity Detectable.

Table 6

Gross Beta Concentrations in Precipitation

August 1989

Location	Depth (mm)	Act. ($\pm 2\sigma$) (nCi/m^2)		Specific Gamma Activity
AL:MONTGOMERY	77.8	0.09	0.03	ND
AR:LITTLE ROCK	11.0	0.06	0.01	ND
AZ:PHOENIX	9.0	0.02	0.01	ND
CT:HARTFORD	57.0	0.11	0.03	ND
DE:WILMINGTON	47.0	0.30	0.04	ND
FL:JACKSONVILLE	157.6	0.07	0.06	ND
FL:MIAMI	116.2	0.05	0.05	ND
HI:HONOLULU	5.0	0.01	0.00	ND
ID:BOISE	8.5	0.03	0.01	ND
ID:IDAHO FALLS	3.2	0.05	0.00	ND
IL:CHICAGO	58.9	0.05	0.03	ND
LA:NEW ORLEANS	43.0	0.02	0.02	ND
MA:LAWRENCE	42.0	0.04	0.02	ND
ME:AUGUSTA	84.4	0.43	0.07	ND
MI:LANSING	118.2	0.48	0.08	ND
MN:MINNEAPOLIS	74.0	0.05	0.03	ND
MO:JEFFERSON CITY	40.0	0.03	0.02	ND
MS:JACKSON	8.0	0.01	0.00	ND
NC:CHARLOTTE	87.0	0.14	0.04	ND
NC:WILMINGTON	110.0	0.30	0.06	ND
ND:BISMARCK	64.0	0.09	0.03	ND
NH:CONCORD	73.1	0.21	0.04	ND
NJ:TRENTON	55.6	0.19	0.03	ND
NV:LAS VEGAS	19.6	0.04	0.01	ND
NY:ALBANY	59.0	0.12	0.03	ND
NY:NEW YORK CITY	41.2	0.06	0.02	ND
NY:NIAGARA FALLS	20.0	0.06	0.01	ND
NY:SYRACUSE	16.0	0.04	0.01	ND
NY:YAPHANK	112.0	0.17	0.05	ND
OH:PAINESVILLE	26.8	0.04	0.01	ND

Table 6 (continued)

Gross Beta Concentrations in Precipitation

August 1989

Location	Depth (mm)	Act. $\pm 2\sigma$ (nCi/m^2)		Specific Gamma Activity
OH:TOLEDO	37.0	0.03	0.02	ND
OK:OKLAHOMA CITY	53.0	0.05	0.02	ND
OR:PORTLAND	35.2	0.02	0.02	ND
PA:HARRISBURG	2.0	0.01	0.00	ND
PA:MIDDLETOWN	47.0	0.13	0.03	ND
PA:PHILADELPHIA	66.0	0.07	0.03	ND
PA:PITTSBURGH	25.0	0.08	0.02	ND
SC:COLUMBIA	74.2	0.18	0.04	ND
TN:KNOXVILLE	63.0	0.04	0.03	ND
TN:NASHVILLE	10.6	0.01	0.01	ND
TX:AUSTIN	6.0	0.01	0.00	ND
TX:EL PASO	22.6	0.03	0.01	ND
UT:SALT LAKE CITY	48.0	0.08	0.02	ND
VA:LYNCHBURG	104.2	0.32	0.07	ND
WA:OLYMPIA	9.0	0.01	0.00	ND
WI:MADISON	95.6	0.04	0.03	ND
WV:CHARLESTON	99.0	0.17	0.05	ND

σ = Sigma Counting Error.
NA = Not Analyzed.
ND = No Gamma Activity Detectable.

Table 7

Gross Beta Concentrations in Precipitation

September 1989

Location	Depth (mm)	Act. (nCi/m^2)	±2σ	Specific Gamma Activity
AL:MONTGOMERY	48.8	0.07	0.02	ND
AR:LITTLE ROCK	93.4	0.11	0.04	ND
AZ:PHOENIX	6.0	0.01	0.00	ND
CA:BERKELEY	28.8	0.02	0.01	ND
CO:DENVER	44.0	0.03	0.02	ND
CT:HARTFORD	58.0	0.05	0.03	ND
DE:WILMINGTON	144.2	0.97	0.12	ND
FL:JACKSONVILLE	80.2	0.11	0.04	ND
FL:MIAMI	109.0	0.03	0.04	ND
HI:HONOLULU	20.0	0.02	0.01	ND
ID:BOISE	18.2	0.02	0.01	ND
ID:IDAHO FALLS	32.0	0.14	0.02	ND
IL:CHICAGO	105.6	0.06	0.04	ND
MA:LAWRENCE	40.0	0.09	0.02	ND
ME:AUGUSTA	97.0	0.20	0.05	ND
MI:LANSING	108.2	0.14	0.05	ND
MN:MINNEAPOLIS	54.0	0.04	0.02	ND
MO:JEFFERSON CITY	24.0	0.00	0.01	ND
MS:JACKSON	90.0	0.01	0.03	ND
NC:CHARLOTTE	57.0	0.10	0.03	ND
NC:WILMINGTON	24.0	0.01	0.01	ND
ND:BISMARCK	9.6	0.01	0.00	ND
NH:CONCORD	128.8	0.22	0.06	ND
NJ:TRENTON	167.8	0.20	0.08	ND
NM:SANTA FE	19.0	0.02	0.01	ND
NV:LAS VEGAS	15.0	0.12	0.01	ND
NY:NEW YORK CITY	40.0	0.02	0.01	ND
NY:NIAGARA FALLS	93.0	0.14	0.05	ND
NY:SYRACUSE	8.0	-0.01	0.00	ND
NY:YAPHANK	75.0	0.11	0.03	ND

Table 7 (continued)

Gross Beta Concentrations in Precipitation

September 1989

Location	Depth (mm)	Act. (nCi/m²)	±2σ	Specific Gamma Activity
OH:PAINESVILLE	95.0	0.04	0.03	ND
OH:TOLEDO	36.0	0.02	0.01	ND
OR:PORTLAND	7.8	0.01	0.00	ND
PA:HARRISBURG	80.4	0.09	0.04	ND
PA:MIDDLETOWN	16.0	0.01	0.01	ND
PA:PHILADELPHIA	154.2	0.13	0.07	ND
PA:PITTSBURGH	113.0	0.22	0.06	ND
RI:PROVIDENCE	39.0	0.07	0.02	ND
SC:BARNWELL	56.8	0.04	0.02	ND
SC:COLUMBIA	130.8	0.09	0.06	ND
TN:KNOXVILLE	107.0	0.13	0.05	ND
TN:NASHVILLE	95.6	0.09	0.04	ND
TX:EL PASO	9.0	0.01	0.00	ND
UT:SALT LAKE CITY	15.7	0.02	0.01	ND
VA:LYNCHBURG	122.4	0.36	0.07	ND
WA:OLYMPIA	8.6	0.01	0.00	ND
WI:MADISON	55.6	0.02	0.02	ND
WV:CHARLESTON	69.6	0.04	0.04	ND

σ = Sigma Counting Error.
NA = Not Analyzed.
ND = No Gamma Activity Detectable.

Table 8

Precipitation
Tritium Concentrations
July - September 1989

Location	July 1989 nCi/l	July 1989 ±2σ	August 1989 nCi/l	August 1989 ±2σ	September 1989 nCi/l	September 1989 ±2σ
AL:MONTGOMERY	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
AR:LITTLE ROCK	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
AZ:PHOENIX	NS		0.4	0.2	0.1	0.2
CA:BERKELEY	NS		NS		0.2	0.2
CO:DENVER	0.1	0.2	NS		0.1	0.2
CT:HARTFORD	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2
DE:WILMINGTON	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2
FL:JACKSONVILLE	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
FL:MIAMI	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2
HI:HONOLULU	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2
ID:BOISE	NS		0.4	0.2	0.1	0.2
ID:IDAHO FALLS	0.1	0.2	1.5	0.2	*7.5	0.3
IL:CHICAGO	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
LA:NEW ORLEANS	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	NS	
MA:LAWRENCE	NS		0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2
ME:AUGUSTA	NS		0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
MI:LANSING	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2
MN:MINNEAPOLIS	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2
MO:JEFFERSON CITY	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2
MS:JACKSON	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
NC:CHARLOTTE	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2
NC:WILMINGTON	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
ND:BISMARCK	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.2
NH:CONCORD	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2
NJ:TRENTON	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
NM:SANTA FE	NS		NS		0.3	0.2
NV:LAS VEGAS	NS		0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2
NY:ALBANY	0.1	0.2	0.4	0.2	NS	
NY:NEW YORK CITY	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
NY:NIAGARA FALLS	0.2	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.2
NY:SYRACUSE	NS		0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
NY:YAPHANK	NS		0.4	0.2	0.1	0.2
OH:PAINESVILLE	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
OH:TOLEDO	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2
OK:OKLAHOMA CITY	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	NS	
OR:PORTLAND	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2
PA:HARRISBURG	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2

Table 8 (continued)

Precipitation
Tritium Concentrations
July - September 1989

Location	July 1989 nCi/l	±2σ	August 1989 nCi/l	±2σ	September 1989 nCi/l	±2σ
PA:MIDDLETOWN	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.2
PA:PHILADELPHIA	NS		0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
PA:PITTSBURGH	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
RI:PROVIDENCE	0.1	0.2	NS		0.3	0.2
SC:BARNWELL	1.2	0.2	NS		0.4	0.2
SC:COLUMBIA	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
TN:KNOXVILLE	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2
TN:NASHVILLE	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
TX:AUSTIN	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	NS	
TX:EL PASO	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
UT:SALT LAKE CITY	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.2
VA:LYNCHBURG	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2
WA:OLYMPIA	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2
WI:MADISON	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2
WV:CHARLESTON	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2

σ = Sigma Counting Error.
NS = No Sample.
* = Investigation indicates sample contamination prior to receipt at EERF. EERF analyzed split sample sent from Idaho Falls for September and found 0.2 nCi/l ± 0.2 σ error.

Plutonium and Uranium in Airborne Particulates and Precipitation

Environmental radiation levels of plutonium and uranium are determined by the analysis of semiannually composited samples (air filters) collected from the continuously operating airborne particulate samplers.

Concentration of the specific isotopes of plutonium–238, –239, and –240 and uranium–234, –235, and –238 are determined by alpha spectroscopy following chemical separation. The volume of air represented by the semiannual composite ranges from 25,000 to 40,000 cubic meters.

Plutonium and uranium results are published when they become available.

Krypton–85 is a long–lived noble gas with a half–life of 10.8 years. It is released into the atmosphere by nuclear reactor operations, fuel reprocessing, weapons tests, and research and defense related activities. Krypton–85 also occurs naturally in minor quantities primarily from the neutron capture of stable krypton–84 as well as spontaneous fission and neutron–induced fission of uranium. Krypton–85 in the atmosphere has been monitored to identify and establish baseline levels and long–term trends.

Krypton–85 analysis began in January 1973 with sample collections and analyses being performed for 12 sampling locations. These locations were selected to provide atmospheric coverage of the United States with considerations being given to the proximity to fuel reprocessing plants, nuclear reactors, and wide geographic coverage.

Dry compressed air samples, collected at each location, are purchased from commercial air suppliers and shipped to the EERF where the krypton–85 is cryogenically separated and counted in a liquid scintillation system.

The last Kr–85 results were for 1976, 1977, and 1979. They were published in *Environmental Radiation Data: Report 30.*

ENVIRONMENTAL RADIATION
AMBIENT MONITORING SYSTEM (ERAMS)

Section II. Water Program

The ERAMS water program provides data on ambient radiation levels in the nation's rivers, streams, and drinking water supplies.

Surface Water

Quarterly grab samples are taken downstream from operating or future nuclear facilities at 58 stations.

Surface water samples are analyzed for tritium quarterly and specific gamma activity annually. Tritium is a primary radioactive pollutant from nuclear power plants and weapons production activities.

Tritium concentrations are determined by liquid scintillation counting of distilled samples. Gamma scans are performed annually to determine levels of gamma emitting radionuclides.

Table 9 contains the data for tritium concentrations for July - September 1989.

Table 9

Surface Water
Tritium Concentrations

July - September 1989

Location	Source	Date Collected	nCi/l	$\pm 2\sigma$
AL:DECATUR	TENNESSEE RIVER	07/04/89	0.3	0.2
AL:DOTHAN	CHATTAHOOCHEE RIVER	07/13/89	0.2	0.2
AL:SCOTTSBORO	TENNESSEE RIVER	07/04/89	0.2	0.2
AR:LITTLE ROCK	ARKANSAS RIVER	07/11/89	0.2	0.2
CA:EUREKA	HUMBOLDT BAY	07/06/89	0.1	0.2
CA:SAN ONOFRE	PACIFIC OCEAN	09/26/89	0.3	0.2
CO:PLATTEVILLE	SOUTH PLATTE RIVER	07/26/89	0.2	0.2
CT:EAST HADDAM	CONNECTICUT RIVER	07/21/89	0.3	0.2
CT:WATERFORD	LONG ISLAND SOUND	07/21/89	0.1	0.2
FL:CRYSTAL RIVER	GULF OF MEXICO	07/10/89	0.2	0.2
FL:FT. PIERCE	ATLANTIC OCEAN	07/06/89	0.2	0.2
FL:HOMESTEAD	BISCAYNE BAY	07/06/89	0.7	0.2
IA:CEDAR RAPIDS	CEDAR RIVER	07/11/89	0.5	0.2
ID:BUHL	SNAKE RIVER	08/03/89	0.3	0.2
IL:E. MOLINE	MISSISSIPPI RIVER	07/06/89	0.1	0.2
IL:MORRIS	ILLINOIS RIVER	08/07/89	0.3	0.2
IL:ZION	LAKE MICHIGAN	08/15/89	0.1	0.2
KS:LEROY	NEOSHO RIVER	10/10/89	0.2	0.2
LA:NEW ORLEANS	MISSISSIPPI RIVER	07/16/89	0.1	0.2
MA:PLYMOUTH	CAPE COD BAY	07/03/89	0.2	0.2
MD:CONOWINGO	SUSQUEHANNA RIVER	07/10/89	0.2	0.2
MD:LUSBY	CHESAPEAKE BAY	07/18/89	0.1	0.2
ME:WISCASSET	MONTSEWAY BAY	07/10/89	0.2	0.2
MI:BRIDGMAN	LAKE MICHIGAN	07/11/89	0.3	0.2
MI:CHARLEVOIX	LAKE MICHIGAN	07/13/89	0.3	0.2
MI:MONROE	LAKE ERIE	07/10/89	0.3	0.2
MI:SOUTH HAVEN	LAKE MICHIGAN	07/11/89	0.1	0.2
MN:MONTICELLO	MISSISSIPPI RIVER	07/19/89	0.2	0.2
MN:MONTICELLO	MISSISSIPPI RIVER	07/18/89	0.2	0.2
MN:RED WING	MISSISSIPPI RIVER	07/21/89	0.2	0.2
MS:PORT GIBSON	MISSISSIPPI RIVER	07/11/89	0.2	0.2
NC:CHARLOTTE	CATAWBA RIVER	07/11/89	0.5	0.2
NC:SOUTHPORT	ATLANTIC OCEAN	07/20/89	0.5	0.2
NE:RULO	MISSOURI RIVER	07/26/89	0.2	0.2
NJ:BAYSIDE	DELAWARE RIVER	07/25/89	0.3	0.2
NJ:OYSTER CREEK	OYSTER CREEK	07/20/89	0.1	0.2
NV:BOULDER CITY	COLORADO RIVER	08/03/89	0.2	0.2

Table 9 (continued)

Surface Water
Tritium Concentrations

July - September 1989

Location	Source	Date Collected	nCi/l	$\pm 2\sigma$
NY:CHELSEA	HUDSON RIVER	07/05/89	0.1	0.2
NY:OSSINING	HUDSON RIVER	08/28/89	0.4	0.2
NY:OSWEGO	LAKE ONTARIO	08/04/89	0.3	0.2
OH:TOLEDO	LAKE ERIE	07/05/89	0.1	0.2
OR:BRADWOOD	COLUMBIA RIVER	07/26/89	0.1	0.2
PA:DANVILLE	SUSQUEHANNA RIVER	07/12/89	0.3	0.2
SC:ALLENDALE	SAVANNAH RIVER	07/31/89	2.1	0.2
SC:BROAD RIVER	BROAD RIVER	07/20/89	0.4	0.2
SC:HARTSVILLE	LAKE ROBINSON	07/17/89	0.8	0.2
TN:KINGSTON	CLINCH RIVER	07/17/89	1.4	0.2
TX:EL PASO	RIO GRANDE	07/10/89	0.3	0.2
TX:MATAGORDA	COLORADO RIVER	07/18/89	0.2	0.2
VA:DOSWELL	NORTH ANNA RIVER	07/14/89	3.0	0.2
VA:NEWPORT NEWS	JAMES RIVER	07/21/89	0.3	0.2
VT:VERNON	CONNECTICUT RIVER	07/19/89	0.2	0.2
WA:NORTHPORT	COLUMBIA RIVER	07/20/89	0.2	0.2
WA:RICHLAND	COLUMBIA RIVER	09/12/89	0.5	0.2
WI:TWO CREEKS	LAKE MICHIGAN	07/24/89	0.4	0.2
WI:VICTORY	MISSISSIPPI RIVER	07/10/89	0.2	0.2
WV:WHEELING	OHIO RIVER	07/27/89	0.3	0.2

σ = Sigma Counting Error.

Drinking Water

This program monitors ambient radiation levels in drinking water at 78 sites. These data serve to assess trends and anomalies in concentrations, and to compare with standards set forth in the EPA "National Interim Primary Drinking Water Regulations." These regulations provide for approval of supplies when the combined radium–226 and radium–228 levels do not exceed 5 pCi/l, when the gross alpha (excluding radon and uranium) levels do not exceed 15 pCi/l, when tritium levels do not exceed 20,000 pCi/l, when the strontium–90 levels do not exceed 8 pCi/l, and when the gross beta levels do not exceed 50 pCi/l.

Grab samples are taken at the 78 sites which are either major population centers or selected nuclear facility environs.

The analyses include (a) tritium on a quarterly basis; (b) gross alpha, gross beta, strontium–90, and gamma on annual composites; (c) radium–226 if the gross alpha exceeds 2 pCi/l and radium–228 if the radium–226 falls between 3 and 5 pCi/l; (d) specific iodine–131 on one quarterly sample per year for each station; and (e) an annual composite for plutonium–238, –239, and –240 and uranium–234, –235, and –238 for stations that demonstrate gross alpha levels greater than 2 pCi/l.

Tritium analyses are performed by scintillation counting of the distilled samples. Gross beta and alpha are determined by evaporating an aliquot on a stainless steel planchet for counting. Radium–226 is determined by the standard emanation technique. Strontium–90 is determined by beta counting a strontium carbonate precipitate isolated by ion exchange.

Table 10 contains the data in drinking water for July - September 1989. Table 11 contains the data on gross alpha, gross beta, strontium-90, and radium-226 in drinking water for January - December 1988. Table 12 contains the plutonium and uranium in drinking water data for January - December 1988.

Table 10

Drinking Water
Tritium Concentrations

July - September 1989

Location	Date Collected	nCi/l	$\pm 2\sigma$
AK:FAIRBANKS	07/18/89	0.1	0.2
AL:DOTHAN	07/13/89	0.2	0.2
AL:MONTGOMERY	07/14/89	0.2	0.2
AL:MUSCLE SHOALS	07/04/89	0.2	0.2
AL:SCOTTSBORO	07/04/89	0.2	0.2
AR:LITTLE ROCK	07/12/89	0.1	0.2
CA:BERKELEY	07/12/89	0.1	0.2
CA:LOS ANGELES	07/06/89	0.1	0.2
CO:DENVER	07/24/89	0.3	0.2
CO:PLATTEVILLE	07/26/89	0.4	0.2
CT:HARTFORD	07/03/89	0.2	0.2
DC:WASHINGTON	07/12/89	0.1	0.2
DE:DOVER	07/05/89	0.1	0.2
FL:MIAMI	07/03/89	0.1	0.2
FL:TAMPA	07/18/89	0.1	0.2
GA:SAVANNAH	07/11/89	0.1	0.2
HI:HONOLULU	07/20/89	0.1	0.2
IA:CEDAR RAPIDS	07/05/89	0.2	0.2
ID:BOISE	07/06/89	0.2	0.2
ID:IDAHO FALLS	07/10/89	0.2	0.2
IL:MORRIS	07/06/89	0.1	0.2
IL:W. CHICAGO	07/02/89	0.1	0.2
KS:TOPEKA	07/03/89	0.1	0.2
LA:NEW ORLEANS	07/06/89	0.1	0.2
MA:LAWRENCE	07/13/89	0.1	0.2
MD:BALTIMORE	08/07/89	0.2	0.2
MD:CONOWINGO	07/10/89	0.3	0.2
ME:AUGUSTA	08/01/89	0.3	0.2
MI:DETROIT	07/13/89	0.2	0.2
MI:GRAND RAPIDS	07/13/89	0.2	0.2
MN:MINNEAPOLIS	07/14/89	0.3	0.2
MN:RED WING	07/21/89	0.1	0.2
MS:JACKSON	07/10/89	0.1	0.2
MS:PORT GIBSON	07/11/89	0.1	0.2
MT:HELENA	07/05/89	0.1	0.2

Table 10 (continued)

Drinking Water
Tritium Concentrations
July - September 1989

Location	Date Collected	nCi/l	$\pm 2\sigma$
NC:CHARLOTTE	07/11/89	0.5	0.2
NC:WILMINGTON	07/21/89	0.3	0.2
ND:BISMARCK	07/07/89	0.1	0.2
NE:LINCOLN	07/05/89	0.1	0.2
NH:CONCORD	07/05/89	0.2	0.2
NJ:TRENTON	07/07/89	0.1	0.2
NJ:WARETOWN	07/20/89	0.0	0.2
NM:SANTA FE	08/21/89	0.2	0.2
NV:LAS VEGAS	07/06/89	0.2	0.2
NY:ALBANY	07/17/89	0.1	0.2
NY:NEW YORK CITY	07/12/89	0.2	0.2
NY:NIAGARA FALLS	07/13/89	0.3	0.2
NY:SYRACUSE	09/27/89	0.3	0.2
OH:CINCINNATI	07/03/89	0.1	0.2
OH:COLUMBUS	08/10/89	0.1	0.2
OH:EAST LIVERPOOL	08/16/89	0.3	0.2
OH:PAINESVILLE	07/05/89	0.2	0.2
OH:TOLEDO	07/05/89	0.3	0.2
OK:OKLAHOMA CITY	07/11/89	0.1	0.2
OR:PORTLAND	07/07/89	0.1	0.2
PA:COLUMBIA	07/06/89	0.3	0.2
PA:HARRISBURG	07/07/89	0.1	0.2
PA:PITTSBURGH	08/16/89	0.2	0.2
PC:ANCON	07/10/89	0.1	0.2
RI:PROVIDENCE	08/01/89	0.3	0.2
SC:BARNWELL	07/13/89	0.1	0.2
SC:COLUMBIA	07/03/89	0.1	0.2
SC:HARTSVILLE	07/17/89	0.1	0.2
SC:JENKINSVILLE	07/21/89	0.1	0.2
SC:SENECA	07/05/89	0.1	0.2
TN:CHATTANOOGA	07/13/89	0.2	0.2
TN:KNOXVILLE	07/03/89	0.1	0.2
TX:AUSTIN	08/28/89	0.2	0.2
VA:DOSWELL	07/11/89	0.1	0.2
VA:LYNCHBURG	07/10/89	0.2	0.2

Table 10 (continued)

Drinking Water
Tritium Concentrations

July - September 1989

Location	Date Collected	nCi/l	$\pm 2\sigma$
VA:VIRGINIA BEACH	08/14/89	0.3	0.2
VI:ST. THOMAS	07/31/89	0.2	0.2
WA:RICHLAND	09/12/89	0.4	0.2
WA:SEATTLE	07/07/89	0.1	0.2
WI:GENOA CITY	07/10/89	0.1	0.2
WI:MADISON	07/05/89	0.2	0.2

σ = Sigma Counting Error.

Table 11

Drinking Water

Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Sr-90, and Ra-226 Concentrations

January - December 1988 Composites

Location	Total Solids (mg/l)	Gross Beta pCi/l	±2σ	Gross Alpha pCi/l	±2σ	^{90}Sr pCi/l	±2σ	^{226}Ra pCi/l	±2σ	Specific Gamma Activity
AK:FAIRBANKS	222.0	1.7	1.0	0.1	0.6	-0.1	0.3	0.1	0.0	ND
AL:DOTHAN	251.5	1.3	1.1	-0.1	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	ND
AL:MONTGOMERY	145.0	1.4	0.9	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.5	0.1	0.0	ND
AL:MUSCLE SHOALS	160.4	2.7	1.0	0.5	0.5	0.1	0.5	0.1	0.0	ND
AL:SCOTTSBORO	161.0	1.5	1.1	0.1	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.0	ND
AR:LITTLE ROCK	43.8	0.5	0.8	-0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0	ND
CA:BERKELEY	94.4	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.0	ND
CA:LOS ANGELES	605.3	6.5	3.1	1.5	1.8	0.0	0.4	0.1	0.0	ND
CO:DENVER	134.5	1.0	0.9	1.0	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	ND
CO:PLATTEVILLE	1146.0	14.7	8.0	11.6	6.3	0.1	0.6	0.2	0.0	^{214}Bi: 73 ±59 %
CT:HARTFORD	59.4	1.0	0.8	0.0	0.2	-0.9	1.4	0.0	0.0	ND
DC:WASHINGTON	224.0	2.2	1.3	-0.2	0.4	-0.6	2.3	0.0	0.0	ND
DE:DOVER	436.5	5.0	2.9	-0.3	0.8	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.0	ND
FL:MIAMI	242.0	1.5	1.1	0.6	0.8	-0.6	0.3	0.3	0.0	ND
FL:TAMPA	304.3	3.5	1.7	-0.2	0.4	-0.3	0.9	0.2	0.0	ND
GA:BAXLEY	320.3	3.2	1.5	1.3	1.2	0.1	0.6	1.0	0.0	ND
GA:SAVANNAH	192.5	1.3	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	ND
HI:HONOLULU	293.3	1.9	1.7	-0.6	0.7	-0.5	0.6	0.1	0.0	ND
IA:CEDAR RAPIDS	225.8	2.3	1.3	-0.3	0.5	-0.3	0.4	0.1	0.0	ND
ID:BOISE	131.2	1.3	0.9	0.1	0.3	-0.9	1.7	0.1	0.0	^{214}Bi: 52 ±82 %
ID:IDAHO FALLS	399.0	2.0	2.0	0.3	0.9	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	ND
IL:MORRIS	598.7	23.5	4.3	6.5	2.5	-0.5	0.8	4.3	0.1	ND
IL:W. CHICAGO	552.0	15.4	3.6	13.4	3.7	0.0	0.3	6.4	0.1	ND
KS:TOPEKA	667.3	7.1	3.3	0.7	1.5	-0.2	0.7	0.1	0.0	ND
LA:NEW ORLEANS	269.3	3.7	1.4	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.0	ND
MA:LAWRENCE	112.7	1.1	1.0	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.5	0.1	0.0	ND
MD:BALTIMORE	160.8	1.1	0.9	-0.3	0.4	-0.1	0.4	0.0	0.0	ND
MD:CONOWINGO	204.3	1.8	1.4	0.2	0.6	0.1	0.7	0.1	0.0	ND
ME:AUGUSTA	105.8	1.2	1.1	0.0	0.3	-0.2	1.5	0.1	0.0	ND
MI:DETROIT	159.3	1.6	1.1	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0	ND
MI:GRAND RAPIDS	218.8	12.4	1.4	37.7	3.5	-0.2	2.2	0.0	0.0	ND
MN:MINNEAPOLIS	157.5	0.8	1.3	-0.1	0.3	-0.7	1.1	0.1	0.0	ND
MN:RED WING	636.5	11.2	3.0	0.4	1.6	-1.2	1.6	2.1	0.0	ND
MS:JACKSON	96.8	2.8	1.1	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.0	ND
MS:PORT GIBSON	502.0	3.6	1.9	0.6	1.6	-2.2	1.3	0.2	0.0	ND

Table 11 (continued)

Drinking Water
Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Sr-90, and Ra-226 Concentrations

January - December 1988 Composites

Location	Total Solids (mg/l)	Gross Beta pCi/l	±2σ	Gross Alpha pCi/l	±2σ	^{90}Sr pCi/l	±2σ	^{226}Ra pCi/l	±2σ	Specific Gamma Activity
MT:HELENA	233.0	2.6	1.5	-0.1	0.4	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.0	ND
NC:CHARLOTTE	67.3	0.1	1.4	0.0	0.3	-0.2	0.3	0.0	0.0	ND
NC:WILMINGTON	114.5	-0.4	0.2	7.7	1.3	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.0	ND
ND:BISMARCK	440.5	4.0	2.5	0.2	1.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	ND
NE:LINCOLN	496.8	15.1	2.7	7.2	2.3	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.0	ND
NH:CONCORD	87.3	0.6	1.0	0.1	0.2	-0.4	0.2	0.1	0.0	ND
NJ:TRENTON	161.5	1.3	1.2	-0.2	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.1	0.0	ND
NJ:WARETOWN	73.5	2.0	1.2	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.0	ND
NV:LAS VEGAS	644.7	3.0	2.8	2.0	2.0	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.0	ND
NY:ALBANY	116.5	1.0	1.0	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	ND
NY:NEW YORK CITY	42.5	0.2	1.2	-0.1	0.2	-0.3	0.9	0.0	0.0	ND
NY:NIAGARA FALLS	193.5	1.0	1.2	0.2	0.5	0.7	0.3	0.1	0.0	ND
NY:SYRACUSE	167.8	1.2	1.1	-0.1	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.0	ND
OH:CINCINNATI	216.0	0.3	1.6	-0.2	0.6	0.0	0.4	0.1	0.0	ND
OH:COLUMBUS	381.0	2.7	1.6	-0.2	0.7	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.0	ND
OH:EAST LIVERPOOL	292.0	3.0	1.8	-0.5	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.0	ND
OH:PAINESVILLE	229.0	2.9	2.3	-0.1	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.0	ND
OH:TOLEDO	172.5	2.2	1.2	-0.1	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.1	0.0	ND
OK:OKLAHOMA CITY	135.3	2.4	1.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.0	ND
OR:PORTLAND	31.3	0.9	1.1	-0.1	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.0	0.0	ND
PA:COLUMBIA	279.0	2.3	1.3	-0.2	0.4	-0.2	0.7	0.1	0.0	ND
PA:HARRISBURG	43.0	0.2	0.7	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.9	0.1	0.0	ND
PA:PITTSBURGH	248.5	1.7	1.2	0.1	0.4	-0.7	1.5	0.1	0.0	ND
PC:ANCON	101.8	-0.1	0.8	0.0	0.4	-0.2	0.7	0.0	0.0	ND
RI:PROVIDENCE	82.7	0.7	0.9	0.0	0.3	-0.4	0.5	0.1	0.0	ND
SC:BARNWELL	25.7	1.6	3.0	0.4	0.3	-0.1	0.6	0.3	0.0	ND
SC:COLUMBIA	97.5	1.2	1.0	0.0	0.4	-0.4	0.6	0.1	0.0	ND
SC:HARTSVILLE	37.5	0.6	0.7	0.4	0.3	-0.3	0.7	-0.1	0.0	ND
SC:JENKINSVILLE	266.3	4.8	1.4	1.7	0.9	-0.5	0.6	1.3	0.0	ND
SC:SENECA	34.3	0.6	1.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	ND
TN:CHATTANOOGA	150.0	0.9	1.0	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	ND
TN:KNOXVILLE	176.5	1.6	1.1	0.1	0.5	-0.5	0.9	0.1	0.0	ND
TX:AUSTIN	240.7	3.0	1.5	0.6	0.7	-0.5	0.8	0.1	0.0	ND
VA:DOSWELL	234.0	4.5	1.4	0.7	0.7	-1.8	1.8	0.2	0.0	ND
VA:LYNCHBURG	67.8	0.2	1.1	-0.1	0.2	-0.2	0.5	0.0	0.0	ND

Table 11 (continued)

Drinking Water
Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Sr-90, and Ra-226 Concentrations

January - December 1988 Composites

Location	Total Solids (mg/l)	Gross Beta pCi/l	±2σ	Gross Alpha pCi/l	±2σ	^{90}Sr pCi/l	±2σ	^{226}Ra pCi/l	±2σ	Specific Gamma Activity
VA:VIRGINIA BEACH	157.3	2.8	1.2	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.1	0.0	ND
VI:ST. THOMAS	67.8	0.2	0.9	0.0	0.3	-0.4	0.8	0.1	0.0	ND
WA:RICHLAND	102.0	0.4	0.7	0.1	0.4	-0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0	^{214}Bi: 49 ±87 %
WA:SEATTLE	55.3	-0.4	1.0	0.1	0.2	-0.2	0.5	0.0	0.0	ND
WI:GENOA CITY	402.8	1.2	1.1	0.4	0.8	-0.3	0.7	0.4	0.0	ND
WI:MADISON	485.0	1.9	1.3	2.0	1.2	-0.7	0.5	0.4	0.0	ND

σ = Sigma Counting Error.
NA = No Analysis.
ND = No Gamma Activity Detectable.

Table 12

Plutonium and Uranium Analyses
Selected Drinking Water Composite Samples

January - December 1988

Location	^{238}Pu		$^{239-240}Pu$		^{234}U		^{235}U		^{238}U	
	pCi/l	$\pm 2\sigma$	pCi/l	$\pm 2\sigma$	pCi/l	$\pm 2\sigma$	pCi/l	$\pm 2\sigma$	pCi/l	$\pm 2\sigma$
AK:FAIRBANKS	0.000	0.005	0.000	0.000	0.100	0.025	0.002	0.004	0.103	0.026
AL:DOTHAN	0.008	0.006	0.001	0.002	0.019	0.010	0.000	0.002	0.015	0.009
AL:MONTGOMERY	0.008	0.008	0.007	0.005	0.046	0.017	0.004	0.005	0.027	0.013
AL:MUSCLE SHOALS	0.011	0.009	0.000	0.003	0.054	0.017	0.000	0.000	0.017	0.009
AL:SCOTTSBORO	0.003	0.005	-0.001	0.002	0.048	0.018	0.006	0.006	0.023	0.012
AR:LITTLE ROCK	-.002	0.006	0.001	0.004	0.011	0.007	0.000	0.000	0.008	0.006
CA:BERKELEY	0.000	0.004	0.002	0.004	0.115	0.027	0.007	0.006	0.058	0.018
CA:LOS ANGELES	0.003	0.008	0.008	0.007	2.037	0.220	0.068	0.022	1.694	0.188
CO:DENVER	0.005	0.014	0.004	0.005	0.623	0.085	0.018	0.011	0.409	0.064
CO:PLATTEVILLE	0.001	0.015	0.003	0.008	6.394	0.646	0.198	0.044	4.938	0.507
CT:HARTFORD	0.002	0.013	0.002	0.004	0.033	0.013	0.005	0.005	0.014	0.009
DC:WASHINGTON	0.055	0.043	0.004	0.008	0.115	0.046	0.008	0.012	0.045	0.027
DE:DOVER	0.010	0.010	0.007	0.006	0.042	0.015	0.000	0.000	0.011	0.008
FL:MIAMI	0.014	0.008	0.001	0.003	0.229	0.041	0.013	0.010	0.235	0.041
FL:TAMPA	0.019	0.011	0.008	0.006	0.038	0.016	0.009	0.007	0.023	0.012
GA:BAXLEY	0.016	0.018	0.015	0.010	0.064	0.044	0.003	0.008	0.046	0.031
GA:SAVANNAH	0.029	0.016	0.000	0.005	0.019	0.012	-0.004	0.005	0.004	0.007
HI:HONOLULU	0.027	0.020	-0.009	0.017	0.037	0.016	0.009	0.007	0.027	0.013
IA:CEDAR RAPIDS	0.011	0.010	0.001	0.002	0.064	0.021	0.002	0.003	0.044	0.016
ID:BOISE	0.018	0.011	0.003	0.004	0.176	0.036	0.010	0.009	0.147	0.032
ID:IDAHO FALLS	0.010	0.008	-0.001	0.002	0.850	0.096	0.021	0.010	0.445	0.059
IL:MORRIS	0.012	0.011	0.001	0.002	0.460	0.067	0.009	0.007	0.039	0.016
IL:W. CHICAGO	0.005	0.014	0.002	0.004	1.485	0.154	0.014	0.010	0.090	0.023
KS:TOPEKA	0.008	0.008	0.001	0.002	0.216	0.045	0.008	0.007	0.121	0.031
LA:NEW ORLEANS	0.012	0.012	0.000	0.004	0.275	0.050	0.009	0.008	0.221	0.043
MA:LAWRENCE	0.005	0.009	0.001	0.003	0.056	0.019	0.006	0.006	0.066	0.020
MD:BALTIMORE	0.015	0.018	0.002	0.005	0.044	0.023	0.003	0.005	0.031	0.017
MD:CONOWINGO	0.021	0.014	-0.002	0.005	0.045	0.018	0.010	0.008	0.017	0.012
ME:AUGUSTA	0.008	0.009	0.003	0.004	0.079	0.024	0.001	0.005	0.068	0.021
MI:DETROIT	0.006	0.008	0.003	0.004	0.094	0.025	0.011	0.008	0.094	0.025
MI:GRAND RAPIDS	0.005	0.007	0.000	0.000	0.117	0.028	0.006	0.006	0.107	0.027
MN:MINNEAPOLIS	0.012	0.009	0.000	0.003	0.056	0.020	0.002	0.004	0.033	0.015
MN:RED WING	0.002	0.010	0.000	0.000	0.351	0.054	0.001	0.005	0.070	0.020
MS:JACKSON	0.027	0.016	0.002	0.003	0.424	0.267	0.022	0.054	0.107	0.123
MS:PORT GIBSON	0.017	0.025	0.001	0.008	0.058	0.023	0.004	0.006	0.080	0.028

Table 12 (continued)

Plutonium and Uranium Analyses
Selected Drinking Water Composite Samples

January - December 1988

Location	^{238}Pu		$^{239-240}Pu$		^{234}U		^{235}U		^{238}U	
	pCi/l	±2σ	pCi/l	±2σ	pCi/l	±2σ	pCi/l	±2σ	pCi/l	±2σ
MT:HELENA	0.033	0.019	0.000	0.009	0.983	0.099	0.016	0.009	0.544	0.064
NC:CHARLOTTE	0.004	0.015	0.002	0.009	0.013	0.012	0.004	0.005	0.026	0.013
NC:WILMINGTON	0.008	0.011	0.004	0.010	0.012	0.012	0.008	0.007	0.026	0.014
ND:BISMARCK	0.008	0.015	0.000	0.005	0.126	0.026	0.000	0.001	0.088	0.022
NE:LINCOLN	0.014	0.014	-0.002	0.010	4.068	0.479	0.134	0.040	2.749	0.338
NH:CONCORD	0.027	0.021	0.004	0.007	0.027	0.013	0.000	0.000	0.025	0.012
NJ:TRENTON	0.017	0.014	-0.001	0.003	0.030	0.012	0.003	0.004	0.014	0.008
NJ:WARETOWN	0.014	0.011	0.005	0.005	0.045	0.020	0.007	0.007	0.028	0.016
NV:LAS VEGAS	0.023	0.013	0.002	0.003	2.432	0.228	0.048	0.020	1.523	0.155
NY:ALBANY	0.012	0.011	0.000	0.000	0.040	0.022	0.013	0.011	0.037	0.018
NY:NEW YORK CITY	0.024	0.017	-0.002	0.004	0.036	0.015	0.002	0.005	0.030	0.013
NY:NIAGARA FALLS	0.016	0.020	0.000	0.000	0.135	0.039	0.028	0.016	0.109	0.034
NY:SYRACUSE	0.019	0.021	-0.019	0.016	0.122	0.033	0.000	0.000	0.097	0.029
OH:CINCINNATI	0.009	0.008	0.001	0.002	0.029	0.016	0.006	0.007	0.008	0.010
OH:COLUMBUS	0.009	0.007	0.000	0.000	0.020	0.013	0.006	0.006	0.013	0.010
OH:EAST LIVERPOOL	0.008	0.009	0.008	0.009	0.025	0.015	-0.001	0.003	0.020	0.011
OH:PAINESVILLE	0.014	0.010	0.000	0.003	0.064	0.022	0.000	0.001	0.063	0.021
OH:TOLEDO	0.008	0.006	0.001	0.003	0.064	0.019	0.006	0.005	0.035	0.014
OK:OKLAHOMA CITY	0.019	0.014	0.001	0.004	0.029	0.014	0.002	0.003	0.014	0.009
OR:PORTLAND	0.010	0.011	-0.001	0.005	0.029	0.015	0.020	0.013	0.025	0.015
PA:COLUMBIA	0.024	0.014	0.000	0.004	0.059	0.019	0.001	0.004	0.043	0.016
PA:HARRISBURG	0.012	0.015	0.001	0.002	0.092	0.025	0.002	0.003	0.042	0.016
PA:PITTSBURGH	0.006	0.014	0.002	0.004	0.064	0.030	0.013	0.012	0.062	0.028
PC:ANCON	0.005	0.021	0.005	0.009	0.040	0.015	0.009	0.008	0.024	0.011
RI:PROVIDENCE	0.021	0.016	0.005	0.006	0.017	0.012	0.008	0.007	0.030	0.014
SC:BARNWELL	0.021	0.016	0.009	0.010	0.128	0.027	0.024	0.010	0.030	0.012
SC:COLUMBIA	0.013	0.011	0.001	0.003	0.040	0.017	-0.002	0.003	0.027	0.014
SC:HARTSVILLE	0.020	0.017	0.005	0.009	0.081	0.019	0.000	0.000	0.045	0.017
SC:JENKINSVILLE	-.001	0.011	-0.001	0.006	2.204	0.243	0.049	0.020	0.999	0.127
SC:SENECA	0.015	0.017	0.003	0.008	0.021	0.012	0.010	0.008	0.039	0.016
TN:CHATTANOOGA	0.041	0.026	-0.003	0.013	0.036	0.016	0.001	0.002	0.010	0.008
TN:KNOXVILLE	0.010	0.013	0.000	0.000	0.055	0.075	-0.009	0.019	0.057	0.054
TX:AUSTIN	0.020	0.011	0.002	0.003	0.090	0.024	0.020	0.011	0.051	0.018
VA:DOSWELL	0.019	0.015	-0.002	0.003	0.060	0.019	0.003	0.004	0.023	0.012
VA:LYNCHBURG	0.005	0.010	-0.001	0.003	0.032	0.014	0.001	0.002	0.016	0.010

Table 12 (continued)

Plutonium and Uranium Analyses
Selected Drinking Water Composite Samples

January - December 1988

Location	^{238}Pu		$^{239-240}Pu$		^{234}U		^{235}U		^{238}U	
	pCi/l	$\pm 2\sigma$	pCi/l	$\pm 2\sigma$	pCi/l	$\pm 2\sigma$	pCi/l	$\pm 2\sigma$	pCi/l	$\pm 2\sigma$
VA:VIRGINIA BEACH	0.015	0.019	0.002	0.005	0.084	0.023	0.005	0.005	0.020	0.012
VI:ST. THOMAS	0.051	0.031	0.003	0.005	0.042	0.017	0.016	0.010	0.016	0.010
WA:RICHLAND	0.042	0.029	0.008	0.009	0.132	0.029	0.023	0.012	0.110	0.026
WA:SEATTLE	0.030	0.032	0.004	0.008	0.028	0.013	0.007	0.007	0.015	0.009
WI:GENOA CITY	0.025	0.015	0.002	0.005	0.381	0.054	0.010	0.007	0.144	0.029
WI:MADISON	0.065	0.035	0.002	0.005	2.329	0.215	0.023	0.011	0.505	0.066

σ = Sigma Counting Error.
Minimum Detectable Level for individual isotopes is 0.015 pCi/sample.

ENVIRONMENTAL RADIATION AMBIENT MONITORING SYSTEM (ERAMS)

Section III. External Gamma Ambient Monitoring Program

The external gamma monitoring program, which began in October 1978, provides a continuous measurement of ambient gamma exposure rates, including cosmic, at selected sites throughout the continental United States. Data from this program are used to evaluate fluctuations in natural background due to variations in environmental conditions and to provide a means of monitoring any significant increases in ambient gamma levels. The program consists of approximately 22 sites representing wide geographic coverage throughout the country.† Although exposure measurements at these few sites are not totally representative of nationwide exposures, they do indicate national trends.

The monitoring program utilizes CaF_2:Mn thermoluminescent dosimeters (TLD's). These dosimeters are commercially available glass-bulb type dosimeters with energy compensating shields. A group of three TLD's is located at each station or site. Dosimeters are annealed by the station operator prior to positioning in the field. The dosimeters are returned to EERF for readout approximately every three months. Several dosimeters are annealed by the station operator as controls and returned with the exposed field dosimeters to correct for any exposures accumulated during shipment.

Table 13 contains the data for environmental gamma ambient monitoring program July - September 1989.

† Some of these sites may not return dosimeters each period and consequently the number of sites listed may vary slightly.

Table 13

Environmental Gamma Ambient Monitoring Program

July - September 1989

Location	Date Range	Integrated Exposure mR	Exposure Rate μR/hr	$\pm 2\sigma$
AL:MONTGOMERY	06/27/89-09/29/89	20.6	9.1	6.0
CA:BERKELEY	07/05/89-10/06/89	16.3	7.3	5.4
CO:DENVER	07/19/89-10/11/89	30.9	15.3	10.7
FL:ORLANDO	07/12/89-10/11/89	15.9	7.3	9.8
ID:BOISE	07/05/89-10/05/89	27.4	12.4	7.2
IL:CHICAGO	07/20/89-10/16/89	18.4	8.7	15.2
ND:BISMARCK	07/06/89-10/05/89	20.8	9.5	5.9
NJ:TRENTON	07/06/89-10/06/89	29.2	13.2	9.2
NM:SANTA FE	08/14/89-10/16/89	22.1	14.4	15.6
NV:LAS VEGAS	07/05/89-10/12/89	19.5	8.2	6.6
NY:NEW YORK	08/03/89-11/27/89	26.0	9.3	8.8
OK:OKLAHOMA CITY	07/11/89-10/13/89	18.7	8.3	8.6
OR:PORTLAND	07/13/89-10/18/89	18.9	8.1	8.6
PA:HARRISBURG	07/07/89-10/06/89	15.9	7.3	11.1
PA:PITTSBURGH	07/07/89-10/06/89	26.7	12.2	12.5
RI:PROVIDENCE	07/14/89-10/13/89	24.6	0.0	18.8
SC:BARNWELL	07/13/89-10/10/89	19.1	9.0	9.6
SC:COLUMBIA	07/05/89-10/06/89	24.9	11.2	14.2
TN:KNOXVILLE	07/12/89-10/06/89	19.4	9.4	6.0
VA:RICHMOND	07/06/89-10/10/89	19.6	8.5	6.1
VT:MONTPELIER	07/31/89-10/13/89	13.7	7.7	11.0

σ = Sigma Counting Error (in percent).

ENVIRONMENTAL RADIATION AMBIENT MONITORING SYSTEM (ERAMS)

Section IV. Milk Program

Pasteurized Milk

This is a cooperative program with the Dairy and Lipid Products Branch, Milk Sanitation Section, Food and Drug Administration. Milk is a reliable indicator of the general population's intake of radionuclides since it is consumed fresh by a large segment of the population and can contain several of the biologically important radionuclides that result from environmental releases from nuclear activities. A primary function of this program is to obtain reliable monitoring data relative to current radionuclide concentrations and determine any long-term trends.

Monthly samples are collected at 65 sampling sites with one or more located in each state, Puerto Rico, and the Panama Canal Zone. The samples are composited, according to production, from the major milk suppliers representing more than 80 percent of the milk consumed in a given population center.

The samples are analyzed for gamma emitting nuclides, which include iodine–131, barium–140, cesium–137, and potassium. All samples collected in July are analyzed for strontium–89 and strontium–90. Also, for the first month of the three quarters beginning January, April and October, 10 regional composite samples of milk made up from the states within each of EPA's 10 regions are analyzed for strontium–89 and strontium–90.

Iodine–131, barium–140, cesium–137, and potassium are determined by gamma spectral analysis. Strontium–89 and strontium–90 are determined by beta counting a total strontium precipitate that has been chemically separated by ion exchange.

Tables 14–16 contain the concentrations of radionuclides in pasteurized milk for July - September 1989. Table 17 contains the concentrations of strontium-90 and strontium-89 in pasteurized milk EPA Location Composites for July - September 1989.

Table 14

Concentrations of Radionuclides in Pasteurized Milk

July 1989

Location	Date Collected	K		^{137}Cs		^{140}Ba		^{131}I	
		g/l	±2σ	pCi/l	±2σ	pCi/l	±2σ	pCi/l	±2σ
AL:MONTGOMERY	07/07/89	1.50	0.12	3	7	-5	8	-2	7
AR:LITTLE ROCK	07/03/89	1.52	0.12	3	7	-6	8	-3	7
AZ:PHOENIX	07/10/89	1.69	0.13	-1	7	-8	8	3	7
CA:SACRAMENTO	07/04/89	1.40	0.12	1	9	-3	9	6	7
CA:SAN FRANCISCO	07/06/89	1.64	0.13	3	7	-5	8	2	7
DC:WASHINGTON	07/06/89	1.46	0.09	1	6	-3	6	5	5
DE:WILMINGTON	07/19/89	1.39	0.12	-2	9	-4	9	4	7
FL:TAMPA	07/04/89	1.38	0.12	2	9	-3	9	4	7
GA:ATLANTA	07/17/89	1.35	0.12	-1	9	-2	9	2	7
HI:HONOLULU	07/10/89	1.52	0.09	3	6	0	6	4	5
IA:DES MOINES	07/10/89	1.49	0.09	0	6	-1	6	3	5
IL:CHICAGO	07/11/89	1.58	0.09	2	6	-2	6	1	5
IN:INDIANAPOLIS	07/10/89	1.57	0.12	0	7	-6	8	0	7
KS:WICHITA	07/24/89	1.41	0.13	10	9	6	9	4	7
KY:LOUISVILLE	07/05/89	1.55	0.12	0	7	-9	8	1	7
LA:NEW ORLEANS	07/14/89	1.46	0.09	6	6	5	6	-4	5
MA:BOSTON	07/07/89	1.33	0.08	2	6	-5	6	4	5
MI:DETROIT	07/07/89	1.75	0.13	-2	7	-7	8	2	7
MI:GRAND RAPIDS	07/03/89	1.42	0.13	-2	9	-4	9	6	7
MN:MINNEAPOLIS	07/10/89	1.47	0.13	0	9	6	9	4	7
MO:KANSAS CITY	07/07/89	1.50	0.12	0	7	0	8	-2	7
MO:ST. LOUIS	07/12/89	1.57	0.12	-2	7	-6	8	1	7
MS:JACKSON	07/11/89	1.40	0.12	4	9	2	9	7	7
MT:HELENA	07/10/89	1.46	0.12	-1	7	-2	8	-2	7
NC:CHARLOTTE	07/17/89	1.52	0.22	8	14	-4	19	10	15
ND:MINOT	07/26/89	1.46	0.13	1	9	-5	9	2	7
NE:OMAHA	07/14/89	1.48	0.12	2	7	1	8	0	7
NH:MANCHESTER	07/17/89	1.52	0.12	-4	7	0	8	-1	7
NJ:TRENTON	07/05/89	1.64	0.13	3	7	-4	8	2	7
NV:LAS VEGAS	07/11/89	1.45	0.13	-3	9	-7	9	5	7
NY:NEW YORK CITY	07/03/89	1.53	0.12	-1	7	-7	8	2	7
NY:SYRACUSE	07/03/89	1.59	0.08	4	5	-6	6	-1	5
OH:CINCINNATI	07/27/89	1.50	0.12	0	7	-3	8	-4	7
OH:CLEVELAND	07/18/89	1.42	0.13	8	9	-1	9	3	7
OK:OKLAHOMA CITY	07/10/89	1.53	0.09	1	6	-3	6	2	5
OR:PORTLAND	07/10/89	1.38	0.12	4	9	0	9	8	7
PA:PHILADELPHIA	07/05/89	1.57	0.12	1	7	-4	8	0	7

Table 14 (continued)

Concentrations of Radionuclides in Pasteurized Milk

July 1989

Location	Date Collected	K		^{137}Cs		^{140}Ba		^{131}I	
		g/l	$\pm 2\sigma$	pCi/l	$\pm 2\sigma$	pCi/l	$\pm 2\sigma$	pCi/l	$\pm 2\sigma$
PA:PITTSBURGH	07/03/89	1.36	0.12	3	9	-6	9	6	7
PC:CRISTOBAL	07/27/89	1.62	0.12	12	7	-6	8	-2	7
PR:SAN JUAN	07/10/89	1.49	0.13	9	9	0	9	7	7
SC:CHARLESTON	07/10/89	1.47	0.09	6	6	-3	6	4	5
SD:RAPID CITY	07/03/89	1.45	0.13	-3	9	-2	9	4	7
TN:CHATTANOOGA	07/10/89	1.64	0.09	-2	5	2	6	-2	5
TN:KNOXVILLE	07/05/89	1.42	0.13	2	9	-6	9	3	7
TN:MEMPHIS	07/24/89	1.49	0.13	1	9	-2	9	5	7
TX:FT. WORTH	07/12/89	1.59	0.12	1	7	-6	8	2	7
VA:NORFOLK	07/05/89	1.40	0.12	5	9	0	9	0	7
VT:BURLINGTON	07/07/89	1.40	0.12	5	9	-4	9	2	7
WA:SEATTLE	07/10/89	1.36	0.08	3	6	3	6	2	5
WV:CHARLESTON	07/18/89	1.75	0.23	17	14	4	19	-2	15
WY:LARAMIE	07/06/89	1.33	0.12	1	9	-2	9	2	7

σ = Sigma Counting Error.

Table 15

Concentrations of Radionuclides in Pasteurized Milk

August 1989

Location	Date Collected	K		^{137}Cs		^{140}Ba		^{131}I	
		g/l	±2σ	pCi/l	±2σ	pCi/l	±2σ	pCi/l	±2σ
AL:MONTGOMERY	08/08/89	1.60	0.12	1	7	-4	8	2	7
AR:LITTLE ROCK	08/07/89	1.50	0.12	3	7	-3	8	-1	7
AZ:PHOENIX	08/09/89	1.62	0.12	6	7	-4	8	2	7
CA:LOS ANGELES	08/13/89	1.65	0.13	-3	9	2	9	2	7
CA:SACRAMENTO	08/01/89	1.63	0.12	-3	6	-6	8	-1	7
CA:SAN FRANCISCO	08/02/89	1.66	0.09	-2	5	-5	6	-1	5
CO:DENVER	08/01/89	1.72	0.23	4	14	5	19	10	15
CT:HARTFORD	08/14/89	1.39	0.12	0	9	-9	9	8	7
DE:WILMINGTON	08/22/89	1.48	0.13	4	9	0	9	4	7
FL:TAMPA	08/14/89	1.36	0.12	0	9	5	9	6	7
GA:ATLANTA	08/14/89	1.40	0.12	4	9	-9	9	6	7
HI:HONOLULU	08/08/89	1.49	0.13	3	9	6	9	-5	7
IA:DES MOINES	08/02/89	1.47	0.13	7	9	-3	9	1	7
IL:CHICAGO	08/07/89	1.54	0.12	3	7	0	8	7	7
IN:INDIANAPOLIS	08/07/89	1.59	0.08	3	5	-3	6	4	5
KS:WICHITA	08/22/89	1.56	0.13	5	9	2	9	4	7
KY:LOUISVILLE	08/08/89	1.64	0.13	2	7	1	8	6	7
LA:NEW ORLEANS	08/11/89	1.62	0.12	5	7	-4	8	2	7
MA:BOSTON	08/07/89	1.43	0.12	0	7	1	8	2	7
MD:BALTIMORE	08/03/89	1.73	0.13	5	7	0	8	2	7
ME:PORTLAND	08/16/89	1.44	0.09	10	6	-4	6	-2	5
MI:DETROIT	08/10/89	1.65	0.13	0	7	4	8	-4	7
MI:GRAND RAPIDS	08/07/89	1.56	0.12	3	7	3	8	6	7
MN:MINNEAPOLIS	08/08/89	1.48	0.13	12	9	-4	9	3	7
MN:ST. PAUL	08/01/89	1.68	0.13	3	7	-4	8	2	7
MO:KANSAS CITY	08/11/89	1.47	0.13	3	9	2	9	3	7
MO:ST. LOUIS	08/02/89	1.51	0.13	1	9	0	9	-1	7
MS:JACKSON	08/07/89	1.58	0.12	4	7	1	8	5	7
MT:HELENA	08/04/89	1.47	0.13	3	9	3	9	7	7
NC:CHARLOTTE	08/14/89	1.77	0.23	16	14	-10	19	13	15
ND:MINOT	08/30/89	1.45	0.12	0	9	-11	9	8	7
NE:OMAHA	08/04/89	1.32	0.08	6	6	3	6	4	5
NH:MANCHESTER	08/14/89	1.30	0.12	3	9	-2	9	7	7
NJ:TRENTON	08/09/89	1.37	0.12	1	9	-8	9	8	7
NM:ALBUQUERQUE	08/15/89	1.36	0.12	7	9	-1	9	7	7
NV:LAS VEGAS	08/07/89	1.51	0.12	3	7	3	8	3	7
NY:BUFFALO	08/28/89	1.38	0.08	4	6	-4	6	2	5

Table 15 (continued)

Concentrations of Radionuclides in Pasteurized Milk

August 1989

Location	Date Collected	K		^{137}Cs		^{140}Ba		^{131}I	
		g/l	$\pm 2\sigma$	pCi/l	$\pm 2\sigma$	pCi/l	$\pm 2\sigma$	pCi/l	$\pm 2\sigma$
NY:NEW YORK CITY	08/07/89	1.62	0.12	0	7	-2	8	2	7
NY:SYRACUSE	08/07/89	1.45	0.13	3	9	-2	9	3	7
OH:CINCINNATI	08/29/89	1.46	0.13	6	9	1	9	2	7
OH:CLEVELAND	08/15/89	1.41	0.12	6	9	1	9	1	7
OR:PORTLAND	08/08/89	1.55	0.09	4	6	-2	6	7	5
PA:PHILADELPHIA	08/07/89	1.56	0.13	1	9	7	9	4	7
PA:PITTSBURGH	08/07/89	1.54	0.13	9	9	-5	9	1	7
PC:CRISTOBAL	08/24/89	1.49	0.13	13	9	0	9	3	7
PR:SAN JUAN	08/11/89	1.44	0.13	11	9	-1	9	7	7
SD:RAPID CITY	08/07/89	1.43	0.09	-1	6	-1	6	0	5
TN:CHATTANOOGA	08/07/89	1.55	0.13	3	9	5	9	6	7
TN:KNOXVILLE	08/07/89	1.47	0.13	3	9	2	9	5	7
TN:MEMPHIS	08/28/89	1.49	0.08	-3	5	-6	6	1	5
TX:AUSTIN	08/07/89	1.45	0.09	4	6	0	6	5	5
TX:FT. WORTH	08/03/89	1.44	0.09	10	6	4	6	5	5
VA:NORFOLK	08/01/89	1.55	0.13	10	9	3	9	-3	7
VT:BURLINGTON	08/08/89	1.43	0.12	4	9	-1	9	10	7
WA:SEATTLE	08/11/89	1.50	0.13	10	9	-8	9	4	7
WV:CHARLESTON	08/29/89	1.48	0.16	2	10	-10	13	6	11
WY:LARAMIE	08/09/89	1.31	0.12	4	9	4	9	4	7

σ = Sigma Counting Error.

Table 16

Concentrations of Radionuclides in Pasteurized Milk

September 1989

Location	Date Collected	K		^{137}Cs		^{140}Ba		^{131}I	
		g/l	$\pm 2\sigma$	pCi/l	$\pm 2\sigma$	pCi/l	$\pm 2\sigma$	pCi/l	$\pm 2\sigma$
AL:MONTGOMERY	09/07/89	1.48	0.13	5	9	-3	9	5	7
AR:LITTLE ROCK	09/06/89	1.47	0.08	5	6	3	6	2	5
AZ:PHOENIX	09/07/89	1.52	0.13	7	9	4	9	7	7
CA:LOS ANGELES	09/07/89	1.57	0.12	2	7	-6	8	-1	7
CA:SACRAMENTO	09/06/89	1.59	0.09	-1	5	0	6	1	5
CA:SAN FRANCISCO	09/07/89	1.62	0.13	3	9	-2	9	1	7
CO:DENVER	09/28/89	1.60	0.16	6	10	-9	13	-4	10
CT:HARTFORD	09/11/89	1.42	0.12	3	9	3	9	6	7
DE:WILMINGTON	09/12/89	1.57	0.12	2	7	-2	8	4	7
FL:TAMPA	09/11/89	1.52	0.12	5	7	4	8	8	7
GA:ATLANTA	09/11/89	1.42	0.12	14	9	10	9	5	7
HI:HONOLULU	09/05/89	1.52	0.13	9	9	-2	9	7	7
IA:DES MOINES	09/05/89	1.52	0.13	8	9	-4	9	6	7
ID:IDAHO FALLS	09/11/89	1.40	0.08	6	6	3	6	1	5
IL:CHICAGO	09/07/89	1.62	0.23	6	14	6	19	-3	15
IN:INDIANAPOLIS	09/05/89	1.63	0.12	-1	7	-11	8	2	7
KS:WICHITA	09/27/89	1.40	0.12	5	9	3	9	4	7
KY:LOUISVILLE	09/05/89	1.55	0.12	-3	7	-3	8	2	7
LA:NEW ORLEANS	09/01/89	1.52	0.13	6	9	-4	9	3	7
MA:BOSTON	09/08/89	1.53	0.12	6	7	-2	8	7	7
MD:BALTIMORE	09/08/89	1.52	0.09	3	6	-2	6	5	5
MI:DETROIT	09/07/89	1.67	0.13	4	7	-4	8	3	7
MI:GRAND RAPIDS	09/01/89	1.62	0.08	0	5	-7	6	2	5
MN:MINNEAPOLIS	09/11/89	1.36	0.12	10	9	1	9	4	7
MO:KANSAS CITY	09/11/89	1.41	0.09	4	6	-2	6	6	5
MO:ST. LOUIS	09/06/89	1.62	0.12	3	7	4	8	0	7
MS:JACKSON	09/11/89	1.51	0.13	9	9	3	9	5	7
MT:HELENA	09/08/89	1.62	0.12	3	7	-1	8	2	7
NC:CHARLOTTE	09/18/89	1.55	0.22	9	14	0	19	1	15
ND:MINOT	09/27/89	1.44	0.12	3	9	2	9	4	7
NE:OMAHA	09/06/89	1.35	0.12	6	7	-4	8	7	7
NH:MANCHESTER	09/18/89	1.32	0.12	4	9	-5	9	9	7
NJ:TRENTON	09/06/89	1.44	0.12	4	9	3	9	9	7
NV:LAS VEGAS	09/18/89	1.43	0.12	-3	9	1	9	1	7
NY:BUFFALO	09/25/89	1.52	0.13	2	9	0	9	1	7
NY:NEW YORK CITY	09/11/89	1.65	0.12	0	7	-7	8	4	7
NY:SYRACUSE	09/08/89	1.54	0.12	3	7	0	8	2	7

Table 16 (continued)

Concentrations of Radionuclides in Pasteurized Milk

September 1989

Location	Date Collected	K		^{137}Cs		^{140}Ba		^{131}I	
		g/l	±2σ	pCi/l	±2σ	pCi/l	±2σ	pCi/l	±2σ
OH:CINCINNATI	09/28/89	1.43	0.12	3	9	5	9	5	7
OH:CLEVELAND	09/19/89	1.48	0.13	7	9	1	9	1	7
OK:OKLAHOMA CITY	09/19/89	1.10	0.12	5	9	2	9	3	7
OR:PORTLAND	09/11/89	1.48	0.13	6	9	-2	9	5	7
PA:PHILADELPHIA	09/05/89	1.48	0.13	-1	9	-5	9	6	7
PA:PITTSBURGH	09/05/89	1.62	0.12	2	7	-9	8	4	7
PC:CRISTOBAL	09/28/89	1.50	0.13	21	9	4	9	6	7
PR:SAN JUAN	09/08/89	1.58	0.08	2	5	4	6	3	5
SC:CHARLESTON	09/19/89	1.44	0.12	8	9	0	9	4	7
SD:RAPID CITY	09/05/89	1.40	0.12	6	9	3	9	6	7
TN:CHATTANOOGA	09/12/89	1.45	0.13	9	9	2	9	3	7
TN:KNOXVILLE	09/05/89	1.56	0.09	3	6	2	6	9	5
TN:MEMPHIS	09/26/89	1.46	0.13	3	9	0	9	5	7
TX:AUSTIN	09/21/89	1.48	0.09	3	6	-1	6	7	5
TX:FT. WORTH	09/11/89	1.69	0.13	-5	7	-2	8	-1	7
VA:NORFOLK	09/01/89	1.48	0.09	7	7	-4	7	0	8
VT:BURLINGTON	09/07/89	1.56	0.09	4	6	-5	6	4	5
WA:SEATTLE	09/08/89	1.50	0.13	11	9	1	9	6	7
WA:SPOKANE	09/11/89	1.52	0.13	6	9	0	9	8	7
WV:CHARLESTON	09/27/89	1.48	0.22	5	14	-10	19	-5	14
WY:LARAMIE	09/07/89	1.38	0.08	7	6	-3	6	1	5

σ = Sigma Counting Error.

Table 17

Strontium-90 and Strontium-89 in Pasteurized Milk
EPA Location Composites

July - September 1989

EPA Location	Date	^{90}Sr pCi/l	$\pm 2\sigma$	^{89}Sr pCi/l	$\pm 2\sigma^*$
AL:MONTGOMERY	07/07/89	1.0	0.5	1	1
AR:LITTLE ROCK	07/03/89	1.5	2.7	1	6
AZ:PHOENIX	07/10/89	0.2	0.9	0	2
CA:SACRAMENTO	07/04/89	-0.3	0.5	1	1
CA:SAN FRANCISCO	07/06/89	-0.5	2.4	2	4
CO:DENVER	06/30/89	0.4	0.7	0	1
DC:WASHINGTON	07/06/89	1.1	0.8	0	2
DE:WILMINGTON	07/19/89	2.1	0.9	-1	3
FL:TAMPA	07/04/89	0.3	1.6	2	4
GA:ATLANTA	07/17/89	0.4	1.0	2	3
HI:HONOLULU	07/10/89	0.1	1.4	2	3
IA:DES MOINES	07/10/89	1.7	0.6	-1	1
IL:CHICAGO	07/11/89	1.5	0.7	0	2
IN:INDIANAPOLIS	07/10/89	2.1	1.0	-1	2
KS:WICHITA	07/24/89	1.0	0.6	2	2
KY:LOUISVILLE	07/05/89	1.6	0.9	1	1
LA:NEW ORLEANS	07/14/89	2.9	0.4	-2	1
MA:BOSTON	07/07/89	2.1	0.8	-1	3
MI:DETROIT	07/07/89	1.0	1.6	2	3
MI:GRAND RAPIDS	07/03/89	0.6	3.6	3	6
MN:MINNEAPOLIS	07/10/89	2.7	3.0	1	7
MO:KANSAS CITY	07/07/89	2.0	0.6	-1	1
MO:ST. LOUIS	07/12/89	1.2	1.5	1	3
MS:JACKSON	07/11/89	1.5	1.0	2	2
MT:HELENA	07/10/89	0.5	1.4	2	3
NC:CHARLOTTE	07/17/89	1.7	0.6	0	2
ND:MINOT	07/26/89	2.0	0.6	0	2
NE:OMAHA	07/14/89	1.2	0.6	0	1
NH:MANCHESTER	07/17/89	1.8	0.5	1	2
NJ:TRENTON	07/05/89	1.7	1.5	0	3
NV:LAS VEGAS	07/11/89	0.0	0.7	2	2
NY:NEW YORK CITY	07/03/89	1.1	1.1	1	2
NY:SYRACUSE	07/03/89	1.9	1.1	-1	2
OH:CINCINNATI	07/27/89	1.6	1.0	1	3
OH:CLEVELAND	07/18/89	1.9	0.8	0	3
OK:OKLAHOMA CITY	07/10/89	1.3	1.1	0	2
OR:PORTLAND	07/10/89	0.5	1.2	1	3

Table 17 (continued)

Strontium-90 and Strontium-89 in Pasteurized Milk
EPA Location Composites

July - September 1989

EPA Location	Date	^{90}Sr pCi/l	$\pm 2\sigma$	^{89}Sr pCi/l	$\pm 2\sigma^*$
PA:PHILADELPHIA	07/05/89	1.2	0.5	0	1
PA:PITTSBURGH	07/03/89	2.2	0.5	1	1
PR:SAN JUAN	07/10/89	-0.7	1.5	2	3
SC:CHARLESTON	07/10/89	1.4	2.0	0	4
SD:RAPID CITY	07/03/89	0.9	2.8	2	5
TN:CHATTANOOGA	07/10/89	1.5	1.1	1	2
TN:KNOXVILLE	07/05/89	2.1	0.4	0	1
TN:MEMPHIS	07/24/89	2.5	0.3	0	1
TX:FT. WORTH	07/12/89	0.8	0.6	0	2
VA:NORFOLK	07/05/89	0.7	1.2	1	2
VT:BURLINGTON	07/07/89	3.6	1.6	-2	3
WA:SEATTLE	07/10/89	0.9	0.7	1	2
WV:CHARLESTON	07/18/89	1.3	0.6	3	2
WY:LARAMIE	07/06/89	0.3	1.3	1	2

σ = Sigma Counting Error.
σ^* = Analytical Error Term.

Carbon–14 in Milk

Nine stations, chosen for wide geographical distribution, contribute milk samples for annual analysis of carbon–14. These samples are monitored for carbon–14 levels in the food chain resulting from nuclear testing. The pasteurized milk is freeze-dried and the resulting powder is pelletized for ease of combustion. Analysis consists of combusting the samples and converting the released carbon dioxide through a series of chemical conversions to benzene and finally measured by liquid scintillation.

The samples undergo three main steps in the chemical conversions to benzene prior to liquid scintillation counting. They include (1) combustion of the sample to carbon dioxide, (2) conversion of the carbon dioxide to acetylene, and (3) trimerizations of the acetlyene to benzene. Tables 18–21 contain the results of carbon–14 analysis on samples collected during 1983, 1984, 1985, and 1986.

Table 18

Carbon–14 in Milk

April - May 1983

Location	Date Collected	dpm/g C	$\pm 2\sigma$	pCi/l	$\pm 2\sigma$
CA:LOS ANGELES	04/11/83	16.34	0.1	442	3
HI:HONOLULU	04/05/83	16.80	0.1	454	3
ID:IDAHO FALLS	04/18/83	16.91	0.1	457	3
IL:CHICAGO	04/04/83	16.84	0.1	455	3
LA:NEW ORLEANS	04/26/83	16.84	0.1	455	3
OR:PORTLAND	05/02/83	16.86	0.1	456	3
SC:CHARLESTON	04/25/83	17.09	0.1	462	3

σ = Sigma Counting Error.

Table 19

Carbon–14 in Milk

April - May 1984

Location	Date Collected	dpm/g C	$\pm 2\sigma$	pCi/l	$\pm 2\sigma$
AK:ANCHORAGE	05/03/84	16.27	0.1	440	3
CA:LOS ANGELES	04/09/84	17.18	0.1	464	3
HI:HONOLULU	04/03/84	16.29	0.1	440	3
ID:IDAHO FALLS	04/16/84	16.65	0.1	450	3
IL:CHICAGO	04/02/84	17.54	0.1	474	3
LA:NEW ORLEANS	04/02/84	16.84	0.1	455	3
OR:PORTLAND	04/03/84	16.67	0.1	451	3

σ = Sigma Counting Error.

Table 20

Carbon–14 in Milk

March - May 1985

Location	Date Collected	dpm/g C	$\pm 2\sigma$	pCi/l	$\pm 2\sigma$
HI:HONOLULU	04/02/85	17.20	0.1	465	3
ID:IDAHO FALLS	05/06/85	16.57	0.1	448	3
NH:MANCHESTER	03/04/85	16.64	0.1	450	3

σ = Sigma Counting Error.

Table 21

Carbon–14 in Milk

February - August 1986

Location	Date Collected	dpm/g C	$\pm 2\sigma$	pCi/l	$\pm 2\sigma$
AL:MONTGOMERY	04/11/86	16.20	0.1	438	3
CA:LOS ANGELES	02/20/86	16.10	0.1	435	3
HI:HONOLULU	04/01/86	16.36	0.1	442	3

σ = Sigma Counting Error.

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