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Preface

Environmental Radiation Data(ERD) is compiled and published quarterly by the Office of Radiation and Indoor Air's National Air and Radiation Environmental Laboratory (NAREL) in Montgomery, Alabama, and contains data from the RadNet monitoring system (formerly ERAMS). ERD is published in both hard-copy and electronic formats. Electronic reports are available online at www.epa.gov/narel.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency established RadNet in 1973 with an emphasis on identifying trends in the accumulation of long-lived radionuclides in the environment. RadNet is comprised of a nationwide network of sampling stations that provide air particulate, precipitation, drinking water, and milk samples.

Sampling locations are selected to provide population and geographic coverage for the United States. The radiation analyses performed on these samples include gross alpha and gross beta analysis, gamma analyses, and radionuclide-specific analyses for uranium, plutonium, strontium, iodine, radium, 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 NAREL to analyze the RadNet samples are contained in the *NAREL Radiochemistry Procedures Manual*. 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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Acknowledgments

All sampling for the RadNet monitoring system (formerly ERAMS) is performed by volunteer collectors who are frequently members of health departments or related environmental agencies of their respective states. The National Air and Radiation Environmental Laboratory (NAREL), on behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, would like to acknowledge the time and effort of these volunteer collectors, who are so essential to the successful operation of RadNet. The efforts of the sample collectors are especially appreciated during times of emergency operation when sampling frequencies are increased and schedules are sometimes demanding.

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Data Reporting Conventions

Every laboratory measurement involves uncertainty. When there is little or no radioactivity in a sample, one consequence of measurement uncertainty is the possibility of obtaining a measured value that is less than zero. Such a negative result occurs when random effects in the measurement process cause the measured value for the sample to be less than that of the blank or background, which is subtracted from it. From April 1991 to December 1995, negative results were reported as “not detected” or “ND,” and gamma analysis results that were less than their estimated measurement uncertainties were also reported as “ND.” In January 1996, both of these practices were discontinued. Although negative activities are physically impossible, the inclusion of negative results in the report allows better statistical analysis of the data.

Results of gamma analyses are still reported as “ND” when gamma-emitting radionuclides are not detected.

Measurement Uncertainty

Each measured value y is reported with an expanded uncertainty $U = k u_c(y)$, which is determined from the combined standard uncertainty $u_c(y)$ and the coverage factor $k = 2$. The interval from $y - U$ to $y + U$ is estimated to have a level of confidence of approximately 95 %.

Significant Figures

Expanded uncertainties are reported to two significant figures. Measurement results are rounded to the corresponding number of decimal places.

Detection Capability

The minimum detectable concentrations (MDCs) for each radionuclide are shown in Table 1. The MDC is defined as the minimum concentration that gives a 95 % probability of detection when the detection criteria are chosen to give only a 5 % probability of false detection in a sample that is analyte-free.

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Table 1
Reporting Units and Minimum Detectable Concentrations
for Radionuclide Analyses

Radionuclide	Media	Reporting Unit	Minimum Detectable Concentration
Gross Alpha	Water	pCi/L	2
Gross Beta	Air	pCi/m ³	0.0015
	Water	pCi/L	2
	Precipitation	pCi/L	2
Tritium	Water	pCi/L	150
	Milk	pCi/L	150
* Plutonium-238,239/240	Air	aCi/m ³	0.75
	Water	pCi/L	0.1
† Uranium-234,235,238	Air	aCi/m ³	0.75
	Water	pCi/L	0.1
Radium-226	Water	pCi/L	0.02
Strontium-90	Milk	pCi/L	2
	Water	pCi/L	1
‡ Iodine-131	Milk (gamma)	pCi/L	4
	Water (gamma)	pCi/L	4
	Water	pCi/L	0.3
Cesium-137	Milk	pCi/L	5
	Water	pCi/L	5
‡ Barium-140	Milk	pCi/L	15
	Water	pCi/L	15
Potassium	Milk	g/L	0.06
	Water	g/L	0.06
Potassium-40	Water	pCi/L	50

* The MDC for air is based on an assumed total sample volume of 120,000 m³. Measurement by alpha spectrometry includes combined activities of ²³⁹Pu and ²⁴⁰Pu, since the relative contributions of these two isotopes cannot be determined.

† The MDC for air is based on an assumed total sample volume of 120,000 m³.

‡ Activity as of the day of counting.

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1. 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 throughout the United States.

Filters (10-cm diameter synthetic fiber) from air samplers are changed twice weekly and field measurements are made with a dual-phosphor scintillation counter 5 hours after collection to allow natural radon isotopes and their progeny to decay. Field estimates are reported to appropriate EPA officials by telephone or mail depending on the activity levels found.

The filters are sent to NAREL for more sensitive analysis in a low background proportional counter. Gamma scans are performed on all filters showing gross beta activity greater than 1 pCi/m³. The laboratory obtained values are usually lower than the field estimates because of the decay of naturally occurring radionuclides during the time between the two measurements.

All stations routinely submit precipitation samples as rainfall, snow, or sleet occurs. The precipitation samples are composited at NAREL into single monthly samples for each station. Each month that precipitation occurs, an aliquot of the composited sample is analyzed for tritium and gamma-emitting radionuclides. NAREL discontinued gross beta analysis of precipitation beginning in January, 2010.

A compilation of individual measurements is available from the National Air and Radiation Environmental Laboratory, 540 South Morris Avenue, Montgomery, AL 36115-2601.

Table 2
Gross Beta in Airborne Particulates
April 2010

Location	Number of Samples	5-hour Field Estimate			NAREL Lab Measurement		
		Max	Min (pCi/m ³)	Avg	Max	Min (pCi/m ³)	Avg
AK: Anchorage	9	0.0	-0.0	0.0	0.004	0.001	0.002
AK: Fairbanks	5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.006	0.002	0.004
AL: Birmingham	7	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.028	0.008	0.015
AL: Montgomery/408	9	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.023	0.009	0.017
AR: Little Rock	8	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.015	0.005	0.011
AZ: Phoenix/956	9	1.2	0.2	0.5	0.021	0.007	0.015
AZ: Tucson	8	0.0	-0.0	0.0	0.009	0.004	0.007
CA: Anaheim	3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.007	0.003	0.005
CA: Bakersfield	8	0.8	-0.0	0.3	0.009	0.003	0.006
CA: Eureka	4	0.0	-0.0	0.0	0.000	0.000	0.000
CA: Fresno	4	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.009	0.005	0.006
CA: Los Angeles	8	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.010	0.004	0.006
CA: Richmond	5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.005	0.003	0.004
CA: Riverside	8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.010	0.001	0.006
CA: Sacramento	9	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.006	0.003	0.004
CA: San Bernardino Cty.	9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.011	0.002	0.007
CA: San Diego	5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.005	0.004	0.005
CA: San Francisco	4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.003	0.002	0.003
CA: San Jose	5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.005	0.003	0.004
CO: Colorado Springs	4				0.012	0.006	0.009
CO: Denver	9	0.5	0.0	0.3	0.013	0.004	0.007
CO: Grand Junction	7	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.015	0.004	0.009
CT: Hartford	9	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.010	0.001	0.006
DC: Washington	9	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.007	0.003	0.006
DE: Dover	7	0.1	-0.0	0.0	0.012	0.004	0.006
FL: Jacksonville	9	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.013	0.005	0.009
FL: Miami	7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.011	0.006	0.008
FL: Orlando	8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.014	0.006	0.010
FL: Tampa	3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.011	0.007	0.008
GA: Atlanta	4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.016	0.010	0.012
GA: Augusta	4	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.020	0.009	0.014
HI: Hilo	9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.006	0.002	0.004
HI: Honolulu	9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.005	0.001	0.003
IA: Des Moines	7	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.010	0.005	0.008
IA: Mason City	2	0.7	0.3	0.5	0.014	0.008	0.011
ID: Idaho Falls	8	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.009	0.003	0.006
IL: Aurora	9	1.1	0.0	0.2	0.016	0.006	0.011
IN: Fort Wayne	3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.012	0.011	0.011

Table 2 (continued)
Gross Beta in Airborne Particulates
April 2010

Location	Number of Samples	5-hour Field Estimate			NAREL Lab Measurement		
		Max	Min (pCi/m ³)	Avg	Max	Min (pCi/m ³)	Avg
IN: Indianapolis	9	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.012	0.006	0.009
KS: Kansas City	5	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.018	0.010	0.015
KS: Topeka	7	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.016	0.007	0.011
KY: Lexington	8	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.011	0.007	0.009
LA: Baton Rouge	8	0.3	-0.1	0.1	0.012	0.005	0.009
LA: Shreveport	4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.010	0.007	0.009
MA: Worcester	8	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.011	0.004	0.007
MD: Baltimore	7	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.010	0.006	0.008
ME: Orono	4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.006	0.002	0.004
ME: Portland	7	0.0	-0.0	0.0	0.010	0.004	0.006
MI: Bay City 48708	8	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.012	0.004	0.008
MI: Detroit	9	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.012	0.004	0.008
MN: Duluth	7	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.009	0.004	0.006
MN: St. Paul	4	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.012	0.007	0.009
MN: Welch/510	8	0.5	0.0	0.3	0.014	0.008	0.010
MO: Jefferson City	7	0.8	0.1	0.3	0.014	0.007	0.011
MO: Springfield	9	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.012	0.005	0.010
MO: St. Louis	3	0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.010	0.008	0.009
MS: Jackson	4	0.6	0.0	0.2	0.014	0.011	0.012
MS: Jackson/Deq	9	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.014	0.006	0.010
MT: Billings	3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.018	0.005	0.010
NC: Charlotte	4	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.011	0.006	0.009
NC: Wilmington	4				0.009	0.007	0.008
ND: Bismarck	5	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.011	0.004	0.007
NE: Kearney	8	1.4	0.2	0.6	0.012	0.006	0.008
NE: Lincoln	9	0.7	0.1	0.4	0.017	0.005	0.010
NE: Omaha	3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.012	0.010	0.011
NH: Concord	1				0.011	0.011	0.011
NJ: Edison	8	0.1	-0.0	0.0	0.010	0.002	0.005
NJ: Trenton	9	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.014	0.002	0.008
NM: Carlsbad	4				0.011	0.006	0.008
NM: Santa Fe	6	0.9	0.0	0.2	0.012	0.005	0.008
NV: Las Vegas/913	7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.011	0.004	0.007
NV: Reno	8	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.011	0.002	0.006
NY: Albany	9	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.016	0.002	0.009
NY: Hauppauge	7	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.016	0.001	0.009
NY: Rochester	8	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.012	0.004	0.007
NY: Yaphank	9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.010	0.001	0.004

Table 2 (continued)
Gross Beta in Airborne Particulates
April 2010

Location	Number of Samples	5-hour Field Estimate			NAREL Lab Measurement		
		Max	Min (pCi/m ³)	Avg	Max	Min (pCi/m ³)	Avg
OH: Cincinnati	8	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.013	0.006	0.009
OH: Cleveland	8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.010	0.004	0.007
OH: Painesville	4	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.011	0.004	0.007
OH: Toledo	1				0.001	0.001	0.001
OR: Portland	8	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.013	0.001	0.007
PA: Harrisburg	8	0.6	0.2	0.3	0.023	0.006	0.014
PA: Philadelphia	5				0.017	0.008	0.013
PA: Pittsburgh	6	0.2	-0.0	0.1	0.012	0.004	0.008
SC: Barnwell	4	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.014	0.010	0.012
SC: Columbia	4	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.021	0.011	0.014
SD: Pierre	8	0.8	0.2	0.3	0.013	0.004	0.007
TN: Knoxville	1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.007	0.007	0.007
TN: Memphis	7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.015	0.006	0.012
TN: Nashville	2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.012	0.006	0.009
TN: Oak Ridge/Bethel	8	0.7	0.1	0.3	0.016	0.009	0.012
TN: Oak Ridge/K25	8	0.9	0.1	0.4	0.017	0.010	0.013
TN: Oak Ridge/Melton	7	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.017	0.009	0.012
TN: Oak Ridge/Y12 E	8	0.9	0.1	0.3	0.017	0.010	0.013
TN: Oak Ridge/Y12 W	8	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.017	0.010	0.013
TX: Amarillo	7	0.9	0.2	0.5	0.011	0.004	0.008
TX: Austin	7	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.015	0.007	0.010
TX: Dallas	8	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.014	0.006	0.010
TX: El Paso	9	1.1	0.3	0.7	0.015	0.007	0.011
TX: Ft. Worth	8	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.013	0.008	0.010
TX: Houston	8				0.013	0.006	0.009
TX: Laredo	8	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.015	0.002	0.008
TX: San Angelo	9	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.016	0.002	0.008
TX: San Antonio	9	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.010	0.005	0.008
UT: Salt Lake City	9	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.015	0.004	0.009
VA: Lynchburg	9	0.8	0.2	0.5	0.015	0.006	0.011
VA: Richmond	9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.009	0.005	0.007
VA: Virginia Beach	8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.011	0.003	0.007
WA: Olympia	9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.007	0.001	0.003
WA: Richland	4	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.005	0.002	0.003
WA: Seattle	6	0.0	-0.0	0.0	0.005	0.002	0.004
WA: Spokane	8	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.011	0.002	0.006

Table 2 (continued)
Gross Beta in Airborne Particulates
April 2010

Location	Number of Samples	5-hour Field Estimate			NAREL Lab Measurement		
		Max	Min (pCi/m ³)	Avg	Max	Min (pCi/m ³)	Avg
WI: Madison	5	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.010	0.008	0.009
WI: Milwaukee	6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.011	0.003	0.007
WV: Charleston	6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.012	0.007	0.010

Table 3
Gross Beta in Airborne Particulates
May 2010

Location	Number of Samples	5-hour Field Estimate			NAREL Lab Measurement		
		Max	Min (pCi/m ³)	Avg	Max	Min (pCi/m ³)	Avg
AK: Anchorage	8	0.0	-0.0	0.0	0.003	0.001	0.002
AK: Fairbanks	6	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.006	0.003	0.004
AL: Birmingham	6	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.014	0.008	0.011
AL: Montgomery/408	8	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.029	0.012	0.016
AR: Little Rock	7	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.013	0.007	0.010
AZ: Phoenix	1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.009	0.009	0.009
AZ: Phoenix/956	8	0.8	0.1	0.5	0.020	0.008	0.015
AZ: Tucson	8	0.4	-0.0	0.1	0.008	0.003	0.006
CA: Anaheim	4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.006	0.003	0.004
CA: Bakersfield	7	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.011	0.003	0.006
CA: Eureka	4	0.0	-0.0	0.0	0.000	0.000	0.000
CA: Fresno	3	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.007	0.003	0.005
CA: Los Angeles	7	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.009	0.003	0.005
CA: Richmond	4	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.005	0.002	0.003
CA: Riverside	8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.010	0.004	0.006
CA: Sacramento	8	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.007	0.002	0.004
CA: San Bernardino Cty.	7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.012	0.004	0.007
CA: San Diego	5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.006	0.003	0.004
CA: San Francisco	4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.004	0.002	0.002
CA: San Jose	4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.006	0.003	0.004
CO: Colorado Springs	3				0.010	0.007	0.008
CO: Denver	7	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.009	0.003	0.007
CO: Grand Junction	4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.011	0.003	0.008
CT: Hartford	6	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.008	0.003	0.005
DC: Washington	7	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.012	0.005	0.007
DE: Dover	6	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.009	0.003	0.006
FL: Jacksonville	7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.010	0.006	0.007
FL: Miami	5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.010	0.004	0.007
FL: Orlando	7	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.013	0.007	0.010
FL: Tallahassee	2	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.009	0.008	0.009
GA: Atlanta	3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.008	0.007	0.008
GA: Augusta	4	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.015	0.010	0.012
HI: Hilo	8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.005	0.003	0.004
HI: Honolulu	8	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.010	0.002	0.004
IA: Des Moines	8	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.007	0.002	0.005
IA: Mason City	4	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.008	0.006	0.007
ID: Idaho Falls	4	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.009	0.005	0.006
IL: Aurora	8	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.013	0.005	0.009

Table 3 (continued)
Gross Beta in Airborne Particulates
May 2010

Location	Number of Samples	5-hour Field Estimate			NAREL Lab Measurement		
		Max	Min (pCi/m ³)	Avg	Max	Min (pCi/m ³)	Avg
IN: Indianapolis	8	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.007	0.004	0.006
KS: Kansas City	7	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.009	0.002	0.006
KS: Topeka	9	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.018	0.003	0.009
KS: Wichita	3	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.009	0.003	0.007
KY: Lexington	6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.008	0.006	0.007
KY: Louisville	4	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.008	0.007	0.007
LA: Baton Rouge	8	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.009	0.004	0.007
LA: Shreveport	4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.008	0.004	0.006
MA: Worcester	4	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.009	0.005	0.007
MD: Baltimore	7	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.011	0.004	0.008
ME: Orono	4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.008	0.004	0.006
ME: Portland	7	0.0	-0.0	0.0	0.019	0.003	0.007
MI: Bay City 48708	6	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.011	0.004	0.007
MI: Detroit	8	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.009	0.003	0.006
MN: Duluth	4	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.008	0.005	0.006
MN: St. Paul	4	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.008	0.006	0.007
MN: Welch/510	7	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.009	0.005	0.007
MO: Jefferson City	8	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.011	0.006	0.008
MO: Springfield	7	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.010	0.005	0.007
MO: St. Louis	2	-0.0	-0.0	-0.0	0.008	0.006	0.007
MS: Jackson	4	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.012	0.008	0.010
MS: Jackson/Deq	8	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.013	0.007	0.009
MT: Billings	3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.012	0.006	0.009
NC: Charlotte	8	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.011	0.005	0.008
NC: Wilmington	4				0.010	0.006	0.008
ND: Bismarck	5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.008	0.001	0.005
NE: Kearney	8	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.010	0.001	0.007
NE: Lincoln	5	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.008	0.003	0.006
NE: Omaha	4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.006	0.005	0.006
NJ: Edison	6	0.0	-0.0	0.0	0.008	0.003	0.005
NJ: Trenton	6	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.012	0.003	0.008
NM: Albuquerque	3	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.008	0.006	0.007
NM: Carlsbad	4				0.011	0.008	0.009
NM: Navajo Lake St Park	3	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.010	0.006	0.008
NM: Santa Fe	5	0.7	0.0	0.1	0.008	0.005	0.006
NV: Las Vegas/913	7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.010	0.004	0.006
NV: Reno	6	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.008	0.003	0.005
NY: Albany	7	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.013	0.004	0.008

Table 3 (continued)
Gross Beta in Airborne Particulates
May 2010

Location	Number of Samples	5-hour Field Estimate			NAREL Lab Measurement		
		Max	Min (pCi/m ³)	Avg	Max	Min (pCi/m ³)	Avg
NY: Hauppauge	8	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.016	0.005	0.010
NY: Rochester	8	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.009	0.003	0.006
NY: Yaphank	8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.007	0.002	0.004
OH: Cincinnati	8	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.008	0.005	0.006
OH: Cleveland	8	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.007	0.003	0.005
OH: Painesville	7	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.008	0.005	0.006
OH: Toledo	3				0.001	0.000	0.001
OR: Portland	6	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.017	0.004	0.008
PA: Harrisburg	4	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.017	0.011	0.014
PA: Philadelphia	2				0.019	0.011	0.015
PA: Pittsburgh	6	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.007	0.005	0.005
SC: Barnwell	2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.011	0.008	0.009
SC: Columbia	3	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.013	0.010	0.012
SD: Pierre	7	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.009	0.002	0.005
TN: Knoxville	3	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.010	0.004	0.006
TN: Memphis	6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.013	0.009	0.010
TN: Nashville	3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.006	0.005	0.005
TN: Oak Ridge/Bethel	8	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.012	0.007	0.009
TN: Oak Ridge/K25	8	0.7	0.1	0.4	0.012	0.005	0.010
TN: Oak Ridge/Melton	8	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.012	0.007	0.009
TN: Oak Ridge/Y12 E	8	0.6	0.0	0.2	0.012	0.006	0.010
TN: Oak Ridge/Y12 W	8	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.011	0.008	0.009
TX: Amarillo	8	1.1	0.3	0.6	0.011	0.005	0.007
TX: Austin	4	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.013	0.008	0.011
TX: Dallas	5	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.012	0.007	0.009
TX: El Paso	8	1.0	0.3	0.7	0.015	0.008	0.011
TX: Ft. Worth	6	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.011	0.008	0.009
TX: Houston	7				0.014	0.006	0.009
TX: Laredo	4	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.010	0.004	0.007
TX: San Angelo	8	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.012	0.004	0.008
TX: San Antonio	9	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.014	0.005	0.008
UT: Salt Lake City	6	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.011	0.003	0.007
VA: Harrisonburg	3	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.009	0.008	0.008
VA: Lynchburg	6	0.7	0.1	0.3	0.011	0.007	0.009
VA: Richmond	7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.009	0.002	0.006
VA: Virginia Beach	3	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.014	0.008	0.010
WA: Olympia	8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.006	0.001	0.003
WA: Seattle	5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.005	0.001	0.003

Table 3 (continued)
Gross Beta in Airborne Particulates
May 2010

Location	Number of Samples	5-hour Field Estimate			NAREL Lab Measurement		
		Max	Min (pCi/m ³)	Avg	Max	Min (pCi/m ³)	Avg
WA: Spokane	8	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.015	0.003	0.007
WI: Madison	7	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.011	0.005	0.008
WI: Milwaukee	7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.008	0.003	0.005
WV: Charleston	6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.009	0.006	0.007

Table 4
Gross Beta in Airborne Particulates
June 2010

Location	Number of Samples	5-hour Field Estimate			NAREL Lab Measurement		
		Max	Min (pCi/m ³)	Avg	Max	Min (pCi/m ³)	Avg
AK: Anchorage	8	0.0	-0.0	0.0	0.005	0.001	0.002
AK: Fairbanks	7	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.008	0.001	0.004
AL: Birmingham	6	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.023	0.004	0.013
AL: Montgomery/408	9	0.5	0.0	0.1	0.038	0.002	0.015
AR: Little Rock	8	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.017	0.008	0.011
AZ: Phoenix	5	1.5	0.2	0.8	0.013	0.011	0.012
AZ: Phoenix/956	8	0.8	0.3	0.5	0.024	0.010	0.015
AZ: Tucson	9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.009	0.006	0.007
CA: Anaheim	5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.008	0.004	0.005
CA: Bakersfield	9	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.013	0.004	0.006
CA: Eureka	5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.003	0.000	0.001
CA: Los Angeles	9	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.009	0.005	0.007
CA: Richmond	5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.002	0.001	0.002
CA: Riverside	8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.010	0.004	0.006
CA: Sacramento	9	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.004	0.002	0.003
CA: San Bernardino Cty.	9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.010	0.005	0.008
CA: San Diego	5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.005	0.003	0.004
CA: San Francisco	3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.003	0.002	0.002
CA: San Jose	4	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.003	0.002	0.003
CO: Colorado Springs	5				0.011	0.007	0.009
CO: Denver	8	0.7	0.1	0.4	0.011	0.006	0.009
CO: Grand Junction	6				0.012	0.006	0.009
CT: Hartford	9	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.008	0.002	0.006
DC: Washington	8	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.005	0.003	0.004
DE: Dover	7	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.009	0.005	0.007
FL: Jacksonville	8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.014	0.004	0.008
FL: Miami	4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.009	0.002	0.005
FL: Orlando	5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.011	0.006	0.009
FL: Tallahassee	5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.007	0.004	0.006
FL: Tampa	4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.009	0.005	0.007
GA: Atlanta	1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.008	0.008	0.008
GA: Augusta	5	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.014	0.008	0.011
HI: Hilo	9	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.008	0.001	0.004
HI: Honolulu	9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.013	0.001	0.004
IA: Des Moines	9	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.007	0.004	0.006
IA: Mason City	4	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.007	0.004	0.006
ID: Idaho Falls	9	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.010	0.003	0.006
IL: Aurora	8	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.016	0.006	0.011

Table 4 (continued)
Gross Beta in Airborne Particulates
June 2010

Location	Number of Samples	5-hour Field Estimate			NAREL Lab Measurement		
		Max	Min (pCi/m ³)	Avg	Max	Min (pCi/m ³)	Avg
IN: Indianapolis	9	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.010	0.003	0.007
KS: Kansas City	9	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.012	0.003	0.008
KS: Topeka	6	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.011	0.006	0.009
KS: Wichita	8	0.7	0.0	0.3	0.016	0.006	0.011
KY: Lexington	7	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.011	0.004	0.008
KY: Louisville	8	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.014	0.006	0.010
LA: Baton Rouge	8	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.011	0.004	0.006
LA: Shreveport	7	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.015	0.004	0.009
MA: Worcester	7	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.017	0.003	0.008
MD: Baltimore	9	1.0	0.0	0.2	0.013	0.007	0.010
ME: Orono	5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.006	0.003	0.005
ME: Portland	8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.008	0.004	0.005
MI: Bay City 48708	6	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.007	0.005	0.006
MI: Detroit	8	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.008	0.005	0.006
MN: Duluth	6	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.009	0.003	0.004
MN: St. Paul	5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.006	0.002	0.004
MN: Welch/510	6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.014	0.001	0.005
MO: Jefferson City	8	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.012	0.006	0.008
MO: Springfield	9	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.016	0.006	0.009
MO: St. Louis	1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.008	0.008	0.008
MS: Jackson	2	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.012	0.010	0.011
MS: Jackson/Deq	4	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.013	0.009	0.011
MT: Billings	3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.010	0.006	0.007
NC: Charlotte	9	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.011	0.006	0.009
NC: Wilmington	2				0.008	0.007	0.007
ND: Bismarck	8	0.1	-0.0	0.1	0.007	0.002	0.005
NE: Kearney	5	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.008	0.004	0.006
NE: Lincoln	8	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.015	0.004	0.007
NE: Omaha	6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.008	0.005	0.006
NJ: Edison	9	0.1	-0.0	0.0	0.016	0.003	0.007
NJ: Trenton	9	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.013	0.007	0.009
NM: Albuquerque	5	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.007	0.005	0.006
NM: Carlsbad	5				0.014	0.007	0.010
NM: Navajo Lake St Park	4	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.007	0.004	0.006
NM: Santa Fe	5	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.011	0.006	0.009
NV: Las Vegas/913	7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.012	0.004	0.007
NV: Reno	7	0.2	-0.0	0.1	0.013	0.002	0.006
NY: Albany	9	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.011	0.004	0.008

Table 4 (continued)
Gross Beta in Airborne Particulates
June 2010

Location	Number of Samples	5-hour Field Estimate			NAREL Lab Measurement		
		Max	Min (pCi/m ³)	Avg	Max	Min (pCi/m ³)	Avg
NY: Hauppauge	8	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.011	0.006	0.009
NY: Lockport	5	0.0	-0.0	0.0	0.021	0.005	0.011
NY: Rochester	7	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.010	0.004	0.007
NY: Yaphank	5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.005	0.003	0.004
OH: Cincinnati	9	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.013	0.006	0.010
OH: Cleveland	7	0.1	-0.0	0.0	0.009	0.005	0.006
OH: Painesville	7	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.011	0.006	0.008
OH: Toledo	6	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.012	0.001	0.009
OR: Portland	8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.007	0.003	0.005
PA: Harrisburg	4	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.025	0.016	0.019
PA: Pittsburgh	5	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.008	0.005	0.007
SC: Barnwell	2	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.009	0.009	0.009
SC: Columbia	5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.027	0.009	0.014
SD: Pierre	8	0.5	0.0	0.3	0.009	0.003	0.006
TN: Knoxville	2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.016	0.009	0.013
TN: Memphis	7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.012	0.008	0.011
TN: Nashville	4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.008	0.005	0.006
TN: Oak Ridge/Bethel	8	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.016	0.004	0.011
TN: Oak Ridge/K25	8	0.8	0.2	0.4	0.017	0.006	0.012
TN: Oak Ridge/Melton	8	0.7	0.1	0.3	0.014	0.011	0.012
TN: Oak Ridge/Y12 E	8	0.8	0.1	0.3	0.014	0.007	0.012
TN: Oak Ridge/Y12 W	8	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.014	0.007	0.013
TX: Amarillo	7	1.2	0.4	0.7	0.011	0.005	0.008
TX: Austin	5	0.2	-0.0	0.1	0.013	0.007	0.010
TX: Dallas	6	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.013	0.005	0.009
TX: El Paso	9	1.1	0.3	0.7	0.014	0.008	0.013
TX: Ft. Worth	7	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.016	0.007	0.011
TX: Houston	8				0.023	0.003	0.011
TX: Laredo	2	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.008	0.003	0.006
TX: San Angelo	9	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.011	0.004	0.007
TX: San Antonio	7	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.010	0.004	0.007
UT: Salt Lake City	9	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.012	0.005	0.008
VA: Harrisonburg	9	1.5	0.0	0.6	0.028	0.006	0.015
VA: Lynchburg	9	0.9	0.1	0.5	0.013	0.007	0.010
VA: Richmond	8	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.007	0.005	0.006
WA: Olympia	8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.003	0.001	0.002
WA: Seattle	6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.003	0.002	0.002
WA: Spokane	9	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.008	0.003	0.005

Table 4 (continued)
Gross Beta in Airborne Particulates
June 2010

Location	Number of Samples	5-hour Field Estimate			NAREL Lab Measurement		
		Max	Min (pCi/m ³)	Avg	Max	Min (pCi/m ³)	Avg
WI: Madison	7	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.008	0.003	0.006
WI: Milwaukee	7	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.010	0.004	0.006
WV: Charleston	6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.011	0.006	0.009

Table 5
Specific Gamma in Precipitation
April 2010

Location	Nuclide	pCi/L ± 2 <u>u</u>	
AL: Montgomery/408		ND	
AR: Little Rock		ND	
CA: Richmond	Be7	57	48
CO: Denver	Tl208	1.3	1.3
CT: Hartford	Be7	34	35
FL: Jacksonville	Pb212	3.9	5.5
ID: Idaho Falls	Pb212	5.2	6.5
KS: Kansas City	Be7	26	26
MI: Lansing		ND	
MN: St. Paul	Tl208	0.67	0.94
MN: Welch/510		ND	
NC: Charlotte		ND	
NC: Wilmington		ND	
NY: Albany	Tl208	1.4	1.5
NY: Yaphank		ND	
OH: Painesville	K40	31	34
OR: Portland		ND	
PA: Harrisburg		ND	
TN: Nashville	K40	18	33
TN: Oak Ridge/K25	Pb212	1.6	2.1
TN: Oak Ridge/Melton		ND	
TN: Oak Ridge/Y12 E		ND	
TX: Austin	Tl208	3.6	3.8
UT: Salt Lake City		ND	
VA: Lynchburg	K40	24	42
WA: Olympia	Be7	55	41

Table 6
Specific Gamma in Precipitation
May 2010

Location	Nuclide	pCi/L ± 2 <u>u</u>	
AL: Montgomery/408		ND	
AR: Little Rock	K40	10	12
CA: Richmond	Pb212	4.9	4.7
CO: Denver		ND	
CT: Hartford	Be7	39	29
FL: Jacksonville		ND	
GA: Atlanta	K40	39	31
ID: Idaho Falls	Tl208	4.0	4.7
KS: Kansas City	Be7	79	37
	Pb212	2.3	2.8
	Tl208	1.5	1.4
	K40	119	25
	Pb212	8.4	3.1
	Ra228	10.3	4.4
	Tl208	4.2	2.2
MI: Lansing		ND	
MN: St. Paul	Tl208	1.8	1.4
	Tl208	1.3	1.5
MN: Welch/510	Pb212	2.4	2.8
NC: Charlotte	Be7	43	36
NC: Wilmington		ND	
NY: Albany		ND	
NY: Yaphank		ND	
OH: Painesville	Be7	72	33
OR: Portland		ND	
PA: Harrisburg		ND	
TN: Nashville		ND	
TN: Oak Ridge/K25	Tl208	1.1	1.3
TN: Oak Ridge/Melton		ND	
TN: Oak Ridge/Y12 E		ND	
UT: Salt Lake City	Be7	30	32
VA: Lynchburg		ND	
WA: Olympia		ND	

Table 7
Specific Gamma in Precipitation
June 2010

Location	Nuclide	pCi/L ± 2 <u>u</u>	
AL: Montgomery/408	Be7	46	30
AR: Little Rock	Pb212	2.2	2.8
	Tl208	1.1	1.4
CA: Richmond		ND	
CO: Denver		ND	
CT: Hartford	Be7	47	31
	Tl208	1.2	1.2
FL: Jacksonville	Be7	38	27
	K40	9	12
GA: Atlanta	Be7	90	43
ID: Idaho Falls		ND	
KS: Kansas City		ND	
MI: Lansing		ND	
MN: St. Paul	Be7	24	16
	Tl208	0.89	0.96
NC: Charlotte	Be7	40	25
	Pb212	3.1	2.7
	Tl208	1.4	1.3
NC: Wilmington	Be7	19	12
	Pb212	1.7	1.1
	Tl208	0.75	0.69
NY: Albany	Be7	37	18
	Bi212	12	13
	Tl208	1.8	1.6
	K40	16	12
NY: Yaphank	Pb212	1.6	2.5
	Tl208	1.0	1.4
	Tl208	1.3	1.9
OH: Painesville	Be7	48	22
OR: Portland		ND	
PA: Harrisburg	Be7	87	54
TN: Nashville		ND	
TN: Oak Ridge/K25	Be7	71	28
	Tl208	1.1	1.3
TN: Oak Ridge/Melton		ND	
TN: Oak Ridge/Y12 E	Be7	42	24
UT: Salt Lake City	Be7	35	25

Table 7 (continued)
Specific Gamma in Precipitation
June 2010

Location	Nuclide	pCi/L ± 2<u>u</u>	
UT: Salt Lake City	Pb212	2.0	2.7
	Tl208	0.9	1.3
VA: Lynchburg	Pb212	7.3	6.6
	K40	23	29
WA: Olympia	Be7	26	23

Table 8
Tritium in Precipitation
April - June 2010

Location	April 2010 pCi/L ± 2u		May 2010 pCi/L ± 2u		June 2010 pCi/L ± 2u	
AL: Montgomery/408	29	77	-114	92	-64	84
AR: Little Rock	-7	88	226	90	-15	85
CA: Richmond	-10	97	104	83	-49	83
CO: Denver	95	93	27	79	-45	84
CT: Hartford	11	80	-70	95	8	87
FL: Jacksonville	2	79	61	90	-89	82
GA: Atlanta	NS		-52	96	-6	86
ID: Idaho Falls	-80	94	81	82	-32	84
KS: Kansas City	77	92	138	85	-68	83
MI: Lansing	-22	97	89	83	67	89
MN: St. Paul	70	92	93	83	-81	83
MN: Welch/510	-7	89	117	85	NS	
NC: Charlotte	4	79	-56	95	-15	85
NC: Wilmington	13	80	-112	92	-19	86
NY: Albany	60	82	-62	94	57	89
NY: Yaphank	90	83	-99	92	-6	86
OH: Painesville	83	92	144	85	36	88
OR: Portland	-18	95	40	80	-27	83
PA: Harrisburg	-11	79	-24	95	-13	86
TN: Nashville	-101	75	-42	95	28	88
TN: Oak Ridge/K25	123	97	640	120	310	100
TN: Oak Ridge/Melton	-5	79	70	100	660	120
TN: Oak Ridge/Y12 E	148	99	-44	95	150	94
TX: Austin	-7	88	NS		NS	
UT: Salt Lake City	-16	95	104	83	25	86
VA: Lynchburg	-22	78	-71	96	-57	83
WA: Olympia	-64	95	6	78	13	86

Note: NS = No Sample

Plutonium and Uranium in Airborne Particulates

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

Concentrations of plutonium-238, combined plutonium-239 and 240, and uranium-234, 235, and 238 are determined by alpha-particle spectrometry following chemical separation. The volume of air represented by the annual composite typically ranges from 120,000 to 500,000 cubic meters.

Plutonium and uranium results are published when they become available.

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2. Drinking Water Program

The RadNet drinking water program provides data on radionuclide concentrations in the nation's drinking water supplies. Samples are taken at 78 sites which are either major population centers or selected nuclear facility environs.

Drinking water data are used 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.

The analyses include (a) tritium on a quarterly basis; (b) gross alpha, gross beta, 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 on annual composites; (d) iodine-131 on one quarterly sample per year for each station; and (e) plutonium-238, combined plutonium-239 and 240, and uranium-234, 235, and 238 for stations that demonstrate gross alpha levels greater than 2 pCi/L on annual composites; and (f) strontium-90 on one-fourth of the annual composites on a four year rotating schedule.

Table 9
Tritium in Drinking Water
April - June 2010

Location	Date Collected	³ H	
		pCi/L	± 2u
AK: Fairbanks	04/22/10	4	89
AL: Dothan	04/09/10	-49	88
AL: Montgomery	04/07/10	15	87
AL: Muscle Shoals	04/01/10	58	88
AR: Little Rock	04/07/10	-35	89
CA: Los Angeles	04/08/10	-47	88
CA: Richmond	04/05/10	-52	88
CO: Denver	04/06/10	-6	88
CT: Hartford	04/09/10	310	100
DE: Dover	04/06/10	-2	86
FL: Miami	06/29/10	-11	90
FL: Tampa	04/20/10	-33	87
GA: Baxley	04/06/10	-17	89
GA: Savannah	05/26/10	27	79
HI: Honolulu	06/22/10	-54	87
IA: Cedar Rapids	04/26/10	53	80
ID: Boise	05/10/10	-20	77
ID: Idaho Falls	04/23/10	-78	85
IL: Morris	06/24/10	24	91
IL: W. Chicago	04/26/10	30	79
LA: New Orleans	06/30/10	20	91
MD: Baltimore	04/06/10	0	86
MD: Conowingo	04/20/10	11	89
MI: Detroit	05/06/10	110	83
MI: Grand Rapids	04/30/10	63	81
MN: St. Paul	04/05/10	64	88
MN: Welch	04/06/10	-46	89
MO: Jefferson City	04/06/10	15	86
MS: Jackson	04/13/10	-30	87
MS: Port Gibson	04/13/10	50	91
MT: Helena	04/09/10	-34	89
NC: Raleigh	04/28/10	16	79
ND: Bismarck	04/05/10	35	88
NE: Lincoln	04/07/10	-2	90
NJ: Trenton	04/08/10	-67	88
NJ: Waretown	04/13/10	-32	87
NM: Santa Fe	06/11/10	46	92
NV: Las Vegas	06/21/10	-9	90
NY: Albany	04/26/10	21	79
NY: New York City	04/13/10	24	91

Table 9 (continued)
Tritium in Drinking Water
April - June 2010

Location	Date Collected	³ H	
		pCi/L	± 2u
NY: Niagara Falls	04/06/10	44	94
NY: Syracuse	04/12/10	6	91
OH: Cincinnati	05/06/10	98	82
OH: Columbus	04/06/10	-87	87
OH: E. Liverpool	05/14/10	5	78
OH: Painesville	05/12/10	64	80
OH: Toledo	04/05/10	45	88
OK: Oklahoma City	04/06/10	-54	88
OR: Portland	06/30/10	-22	89
PA: Columbia	04/21/10	39	90
PA: Harrisburg	04/22/10	82	92
PA: Philadelphia/Baxter	05/18/10	25	79
PA: Philadelphia/Belmont	05/18/10	-14	77
PA: Philadelphia/Queen	05/18/10	16	78
PA: Pittsburgh	05/13/10	-7	77
RI: Providence	04/08/10	28	92
SC: Barnwell	04/06/10	0	89
SC: Columbia	04/16/10	82	92
SC: Jenkinsville	04/14/10	-39	87
SC: Seneca	04/12/10	9	89
TN: Chattanooga	04/13/10	71	95
TN: Knoxville	04/05/10	-13	89
TN: Oak Ridge/#360	04/13/10	58	91
TN: Oak Ridge/#371	04/13/10	-4	88
TN: Oak Ridge/#4442	04/13/10	13	89
TN: Oak Ridge/#768	04/13/10	-28	87
TN: Oak Ridge/#772	04/13/10	-28	87
TX: Austin	04/05/10	2	86
VA: Ashland	04/28/10	2580	190
VA: Lynchburg	04/08/10	-32	89
WA: Richland	04/19/10	-9	89
WA: Seattle	05/12/10	14	78

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3. Milk Program

Pasteurized Milk

Milk is a reliable indicator of the general population's intake of certain radionuclides since it is consumed fresh by a large segment of the population and can contain several of the biologically significant radionuclides that result from environmental releases from nuclear activities. A primary function of this program is to obtain reliable monitoring data relative to current radio-nuclide concentrations and determine any long-term trends.

Quarterly samples are collected at approximately 55 sampling sites. 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, including iodine-131, barium-140, cesium-137, and potassium-40. Total potassium concentrations in g/L are determined from potassium-40 activities assuming natural isotopic abundances. During the third quarter collection, one-fourth of the samples are also analyzed for strontium-90 on a four year rotating schedule.

Table 10
Radionuclides in Pasteurized Milk
April - June 2010

Location	Date Collected	K g/L ± 2u	¹³⁷ Cs pCi/L ± 2u	¹⁴⁰ Ba pCi/L ± 2u	¹³¹ I pCi/L ± 2u
AR: Fort Smith	04/05/10	1.50 0.19	ND	ND	ND
AZ: Phoenix	06/02/10	1.58 0.20	ND	ND	ND
CA: Los Angeles	05/17/10	1.64 0.21	ND	ND	ND
CA: San Francisco	04/06/10	1.74 0.22	ND	ND	ND
CT: Hartford	04/19/10	1.72 0.21	ND	ND	ND
DE: Wilmington	05/26/10	1.51 0.19	ND	ND	ND
FL: Plant City	05/25/10	1.56 0.20	ND	ND	ND
HI: Hilo	04/19/10	1.75 0.21	ND	ND	ND
IA: Des Moines	06/22/10	1.62 0.21	ND	ND	ND
KS: Wichita	04/26/10	1.51 0.19	ND	ND	ND
KY: Louisville	04/05/10	1.56 0.20	ND	ND	ND
MD: Baltimore	04/12/10	1.55 0.19	ND	ND	ND
MI: Detroit	04/27/10	1.64 0.20	ND	ND	ND
MO: Jefferson City	05/20/10	1.57 0.20	ND	ND	ND
NJ: Trenton	04/16/10	1.55 0.19	ND	ND	ND
NV: Reno	04/13/10	1.62 0.21	ND	ND	ND
NY: Buffalo	05/05/10	1.67 0.20	ND	ND	ND
NY: Syracuse	04/28/10	1.54 0.20	ND	ND	ND
OH: Cincinnati	05/10/10	1.66 0.20	ND	ND	ND
OH: Cleveland	06/17/10	1.61 0.20	ND	ND	ND
OR: Portland	04/05/10	1.56 0.20	ND	ND	ND
PA: Pittsburgh	04/19/10	1.47 0.18	ND	ND	ND
TN: Chattanooga	04/22/10	1.56 0.19	ND	ND	ND
TN: Knoxville	04/05/10	1.54 0.20	ND	ND	ND
TN: Memphis	04/19/10	1.56 0.19	ND	ND	ND
TX: San Antonio	04/26/10	1.41 0.18	ND	ND	ND
VT: Montpelier	06/29/10	1.48 0.19	ND	ND	ND
WA: Seattle	06/22/10	1.64 0.20	ND	ND	ND
WA: Spokane	05/25/10	1.54 0.19	ND	ND	ND
WV: Charleston	04/07/10	1.58 0.20	ND	ND	ND

Note: ND = Not Detected

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