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## Preface

*Environmental Radiation Data* (ERD) is compiled and distributed 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 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 United States Environmental Protection Agency. It is comprised of a nationwide network of 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 NAREL to analyze the ERAMS samples are contained in the *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).

# Data Reporting Rationale

Frequently, there is little or no radioactivity in environmental media. Thus, the results of laboratory analyses should 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. From July 1975 to March 1991, ERAMS data were reported as calculated, whether the results were negative, zero, or positive. Since April 1991, negative results have been denoted as “not detectable,” or “ND.” For gamma analyses only, results less than the  $2\sigma$  counting error are also denoted as “not detectable.”

All data are stored in the NAREL sample database as generated, and these values are available for statistical evaluation. However, caution should be exercised in the use of the data in this report for statistical analysis, since the removal of negative numbers produces a positive bias in the distribution of results.

## Reported Error Terms

Each reported value for specific analyses will be accompanied by a counting error term at the  $2\sigma$  (95%) confidence level. 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.

## Significant Figures

No more than three significant figures will be reported. A datum that contains more than three figures will be rounded off to three figures.

## Reporting Levels

The reporting units, smallest increments for reporting, and typical minimum detectable levels (MDL's) for each isotope are shown in Table 1. MDL is defined as the  $3\sigma$  error of the background. Reporting increments are sometimes considerably smaller than MDL's to avoid truncation errors in averaging.

## 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 <sup>3</sup>	0.01 pCi/m <sup>3</sup>	0.01 pCi/m <sup>3</sup>
	Water	pCi/L	1 pCi/L	1 pCi/L
	Precipitation	nCi/m <sup>2</sup>	0.01 nCi/m <sup>2</sup>	0.01 nCi/m <sup>2</sup>
	(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 <sup>3</sup>	0.1 pCi/m <sup>3</sup>	2 pCi/m <sup>3</sup>
†† Plutonium-238,239,240	Air	aCi/m <sup>3</sup>	0.1 aCi/m <sup>3</sup>	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 <sup>3</sup>	0.1 aCi/m <sup>3</sup>	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<sup>2</sup> would be dependent on precipitation (mm).

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

‡‡ Activity as of the day of counting.

# 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, 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 NAREL 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<sup>3</sup>. 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 NAREL 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 National Air and Radiation Environmental Laboratory, 540 South Morris Avenue, Montgomery, AL 36115-2601.

Tables 2–4 contain the data from airborne particulate samples for July–September 1993. Tables 5–7 contain the data from precipitation samples for July–September 1993. Table 8 contains the data from tritium in precipitation samples for July–September 1993 at the selected sites.

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

**Table 2**  
**Gross Beta in Airborne Particulates**  
**July 1993**

Location	Number of Samples	5-Hour Field Estimate			NAREL Lab Measurement		
		Max	Min	Avg	Max	Min	Avg
AK:Juneau	8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.01	0.00	0.00
AL:Montgomery	9	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.12	0.01	0.03
AR:Little Rock	9	0.6	0.2	0.4	0.02	0.01	0.02
AZ:Phoenix	4	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.01	0.01	0.01
CA:Berkeley	9	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.01	0.00	0.00
CA:Los Angeles	9	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.01	0.01	0.01
CO:Denver	9	1.4	0.2	0.7	0.01	0.01	0.01
CT:Hartford	9	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.01	0.00	0.01
DE:Wilmington	9	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.02	0.01	0.01
FL:Jacksonville	8	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.01	0.00	0.01
FL:Miami	9	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.02	0.01	0.01
HI:Honolulu	8	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.00	0.00	0.00
IA:Iowa City	9	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.01	0.00	0.01
ID:Boise	9	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.01	0.01	0.01
ID:Idaho Falls	9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.01	0.00	0.01
IL:Chicago	9	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.01	0.01	0.01
IN:Indianapolis	7	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.02	0.01	0.01
KS:Topeka	6	2.0	0.2	0.6	0.01	0.01	0.01
KY:Frankfort	3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.02	0.01	0.02
LA:New Orleans	6	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.02	0.01	0.01
MA:Lawrence	9	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.01	0.00	0.01
ME:Augusta	8	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.01	0.00	0.01
MI:Lansing	9	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.02	0.00	0.01
MN:Minneapolis	4	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.02	0.01	0.01
MO:Jefferson City	7	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.02	0.01	0.01
MS:Jackson	9	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.04	0.01	0.02
NC:Charlotte	7	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.02	0.01	0.02
NC:Wilmington	6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.02	0.01	0.01
ND:Bismarck	7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.01	0.00	0.01
NE:Lincoln	1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.01	0.01	0.01
NH:Concord	9	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.01	0.00	0.01
NJ:Trenton	8	0.8	0.2	0.5	0.01	0.00	0.01
NM:Santa Fe	9	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.01	0.01	0.01
NV:Las Vegas	9	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.03	0.01	0.02
NY:Albany	4	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.01	0.00	0.00
NY:Niagara Falls	7	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.01	0.01	0.01
NY:Syracuse	4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.01	0.01	0.01

**Table 2 (continued)**  
**Gross Beta in Airborne Particulates**  
**July 1993**

Location	Number of Samples	5-Hour Field Estimate			NAREL Lab Measurement		
		Max	Min	Avg	Max	Min	Avg
NY:Yaphank	6	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.02	0.00	0.01
OH:Columbus	3	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.01	0.01	0.01
OH:Painesville	9	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.01	0.01	0.01
OH:Ross	9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.05	0.01	0.02
OH:Toledo	9	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.01	0.00	0.01
OR:Portland	9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00
PA:Harrisburg	9	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.01	0.00	0.01
SC:Barnwell	1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.01	0.01	0.01
SC:Columbia	8	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.03	0.01	0.02
SD:Pierre	7	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.01	0.00	0.01
TN:Knoxville	6	1.6	0.2	0.7	0.02	0.01	0.02
TN:Nashville	8	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.02	0.01	0.02
TX:Austin	9	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.02	0.01	0.01
TX:El Paso	8	0.9	0.2	0.5	0.01	0.00	0.01
UT:Salt Lake City	9	0.5	0.0	0.2	0.01	0.01	0.01
VA:Lynchburg	9	0.9	0.1	0.5	0.02	0.01	0.01
VA:Virginia Beach	3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.02	0.01	0.01
WA:Olympia	9	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.00	0.00	0.00
WA:Spokane	9	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.01	0.00	0.00
WI:Madison	10	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.01	0.00	0.01

Minimum Detectable Limit for field estimates – 0.1 pCi/m<sup>3</sup>.

Minimum Detectable Limit for laboratory measurement – 0.01 pCi/m<sup>3</sup>.

**Table 3**  
**Gross Beta in Airborne Particulates**  
**August 1993**

Location	Number of Samples	5-Hour Field Estimate			NAREL Lab Measurement		
		Max	Min	Avg	Max	Min	Avg
AK:Juneau	9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.01	0.00	0.00
AL:Montgomery	9	0.6	0.0	0.2	0.14	0.01	0.04
AR:Little Rock	8	0.7	0.2	0.5	0.02	0.01	0.02
AZ:Phoenix	5	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.01	0.01	0.01
CA:Berkeley	9	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.01	0.00	0.00
CA:Los Angeles	9	0.8	0.0	0.2	0.01	0.01	0.01
CO:Denver	5	0.9	0.6	0.7	0.01	0.01	0.01
CT:Hartford	9	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.01	0.01	0.01
DE:Wilmington	9	0.9	0.1	0.4	0.02	0.01	0.01
FL:Jacksonville	7	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.02	0.00	0.01
FL:Miami	9	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.02	0.00	0.01
HI:Honolulu	6	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.00	0.00	0.00
IA:Iowa City	9	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.01	0.01	0.01
ID:Boise	9	0.9	0.2	0.5	0.01	0.00	0.01
ID:Idaho Falls	9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.01	0.01	0.01
IL:Chicago	7	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.02	0.01	0.01
IN:Indianapolis	8	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.03	0.01	0.02
KS:Topeka	7	1.1	0.1	0.7	0.02	0.01	0.01
KY:Frankfort	3	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.02	0.01	0.01
LA:New Orleans	7	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.02	0.01	0.01
MA:Lawrence	7	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.01	0.01	0.01
ME:Augusta	8	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.01	0.01	0.01
MI:Lansing	9	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.03	0.01	0.01
MN:Minneapolis	4	0.7	0.1	0.3	0.02	0.01	0.02
MO:Jefferson City	9	1.3	0.2	0.5	0.01	0.01	0.01
MS:Jackson	9	0.7	0.0	0.4	0.05	0.01	0.02
NC:Charlotte	9	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.02	0.01	0.02
NC:Wilmington	5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.01	0.01	0.01
ND:Bismarck	2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.01	0.01	0.01
NE:Lincoln	2	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.01	0.01	0.01
NH:Concord	9	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.01	0.01	0.01
NJ:Trenton	9	1.1	0.3	0.7	0.02	0.01	0.01
NM:Santa Fe	8	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.01	0.01	0.01
NV:Las Vegas	9	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.02	0.01	0.01
NY:Albany	2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.01	0.01	0.01
NY:Niagara Falls	9	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.02	0.01	0.01
NY:Syracuse	4	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.01	0.01	0.01

**Table 3 (continued)**  
**Gross Beta in Airborne Particulates**  
**August 1993**

Location	Number of Samples	5-Hour Field Estimate			NAREL Lab Measurement		
		Max	Min	Avg	Max	Min	Avg
NY:Yaphank	6	0.7	0.0	0.2	0.02	0.00	0.01
OH:Columbus	5	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.03	0.01	0.02
OH:Painesville	9	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.03	0.01	0.02
OH:Ross	9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.03	0.01	0.02
OH:Toledo	9	0.8	0.0	0.2	0.03	0.01	0.02
OR:Portland	4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.01	0.00	0.00
PA:Harrisburg	9	0.5	0.2	0.4	0.02	0.01	0.01
SC:Barnwell	2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.01	0.01	0.01
SC:Columbia	9	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.04	0.01	0.02
SD:Pierre	5	0.8	0.1	0.4	0.01	0.00	0.01
TN:Knoxville	5	3.9	0.3	1.3	0.06	0.01	0.03
TN:Nashville	9	1.1	0.2	0.5	0.03	0.01	0.02
TX:Austin	8	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.02	0.01	0.01
TX:El Paso	9	1.0	0.4	0.7	0.02	0.01	0.01
UT:Salt Lake City	9	0.6	0.0	0.3	0.01	0.01	0.01
VA:Lynchburg	9	1.6	0.6	1.0	0.02	0.01	0.02
VA:Virginia Beach	2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.01	0.01	0.01
WA:Olympia	8	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.01	0.00	0.00
WA:Spokane	9	0.4	0.2	0.3	0.01	0.00	0.01
WI:Madison	9	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.02	0.00	0.01

Minimum Detectable Limit for field estimates – 0.1 pCi/m<sup>3</sup>.

Minimum Detectable Limit for laboratory measurement – 0.01 pCi/m<sup>3</sup>.

**Table 4**  
**Gross Beta in Airborne Particulates**  
**September 1993**

Location	Number of Samples	5-Hour Field Estimate			NAREL Lab Measurement		
		Max	Min	Avg	Max	Min	Avg
AK:Juneau	8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.00	0.00	0.00
AL:Montgomery	8	0.6	0.1	0.4	0.03	0.00	0.01
AR:Little Rock	8	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.01	0.01	0.01
AZ:Phoenix	4	0.8	0.4	0.6	0.02	0.01	0.02
CA:Berkeley	8	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.01	0.00	0.01
CA:Los Angeles	8	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.02	0.00	0.01
CO:Denver	5	1.3	0.3	0.6	0.02	0.01	0.01
CT:Hartford	9	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.01	0.00	0.01
DE:Wilmington	9	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.02	0.01	0.01
FL:Jacksonville	8	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.01	0.00	0.01
FL:Miami	8	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.01	0.00	0.00
HI:Honolulu	5	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.00	0.00	0.00
IA:Iowa City	9	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.01	0.00	0.01
ID:Boise	6	0.9	0.2	0.5	0.02	0.01	0.01
ID:Idaho Falls	8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.01	0.01	0.01
IL:Chicago	9	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.01	0.01	0.01
IN:Indianapolis	8	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.02	0.01	0.01
KS:Topeka	9	0.8	0.2	0.4	0.01	0.01	0.01
KY:Frankfort	1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.01	0.01	0.01
LA:New Orleans	6	0.7	0.0	0.2	0.01	0.01	0.01
MA:Lawrence	5	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.01	0.01	0.01
ME:Augusta	8	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.01	0.00	0.01
MI:Lansing	9	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.01	0.00	0.01
MN:Minneapolis	5	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.01	0.01	0.01
MO:Jefferson City	8	0.5	0.1	0.2	0.01	0.01	0.01
MS:Jackson	8	0.8	0.1	0.4	0.04	0.00	0.01
NC:Charlotte	7	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.03	0.01	0.02
NC:Wilmington	3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.01	0.01	0.01
ND:Bismarck	6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.02	0.01	0.01
NE:Lincoln	1	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.01	0.01	0.01
NH:Concord	8	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.01	0.01	0.01
NJ:Trenton	8	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.01	0.00	0.01
NM:Santa Fe	6	0.5	0.2	0.3	0.01	0.01	0.01
NV:Las Vegas	9	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.03	0.01	0.02
NY:Albany	5	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.02	0.01	0.01
NY:Niagara Falls	8	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.02	0.01	0.01
NY:Syracuse	3	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.01	0.01	0.01

**Table 4 (continued)**  
**Gross Beta in Airborne Particulates**  
**September 1993**

Location	Number of Samples	5-Hour Field Estimate			NAREL Lab Measurement		
		Max	Min	Avg	Max	Min	Avg
NY:Yaphank	8	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.01	0.01	0.01
OH:Columbus	3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.01	0.01	0.01
OH:Painesville	8	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.02	0.01	0.01
OH:Ross	7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.04	0.01	0.02
OH:Toledo	8	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.02	0.01	0.01
OR:Portland	8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.02	0.00	0.01
PA:Harrisburg	9	0.5	0.1	0.3	0.02	0.01	0.01
SC:Barnwell	1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.01	0.01	0.01
SC:Columbia	7	0.4	0.1	0.2	0.02	0.01	0.01
SD:Pierre	7	1.2	0.1	0.5	0.01	0.01	0.01
TN:Knoxville	5	0.6	0.1	0.3	0.02	0.01	0.02
TN:Nashville	8	1.0	0.2	0.4	0.03	0.01	0.02
TX:Austin	8	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.02	0.00	0.01
TX:El Paso	9	1.4	0.1	0.9	0.02	0.01	0.01
UT:Salt Lake City	8	0.7	0.1	0.3	0.03	0.01	0.02
VA:Lynchburg	9	1.0	0.6	0.8	0.01	0.01	0.01
VA:Virginia Beach	2	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.02	0.01	0.01
WA:Olympia	8	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.01	0.00	0.01
WA:Spokane	9	0.6	0.1	0.4	0.02	0.01	0.01
WI:Madison	8	0.3	0.1	0.2	0.01	0.00	0.01

Minimum Detectable Limit for field estimates – 0.1 pCi/m<sup>3</sup>.

Minimum Detectable Limit for laboratory measurement – 0.01 pCi/m<sup>3</sup>.

**Table 5**  
**Gross Beta and Specific Gamma in Precipitation**  
**July 1993**

Location	Depth (mm)	Gross Beta Activity		Specific Gamma
		nCi/m <sup>2</sup>	±2σ	Activity pCi/L ±2σ
AK:Juneau	16.0	0.01	0.00	ND
AL:Montgomery	16.0	0.05	0.01	<sup>7</sup> Be: 90.6±29.6
AR:Little Rock	0.0	0.00	0.00	ND
CO:Denver	9.0	0.02	0.00	<sup>7</sup> Be: 46.9±22.9
CT:Hartford	114.0	0.28	0.05	<sup>7</sup> Be: 57.1±23.0
DE:Wilmington	67.6	0.51	0.04	<sup>7</sup> Be: 36.8±26.6
FL:Jacksonville	232.8	0.41	0.08	<sup>7</sup> Be: 45.2±25.2
FL:Miami	84.2	0.11	0.03	ND
HI:Honolulu	46.0	0.04	0.01	ND
ID:Boise	16.0	0.02	0.01	ND
ID:Idaho Falls	34.0	0.06	0.01	ND
IL:Chicago	71.2	0.07	0.02	<sup>7</sup> Be: 39.9±27.3
LA:New Orleans	132.0	0.25	0.05	<sup>7</sup> Be: 36.1±22.3
ME:Augusta	66.0	0.18	0.03	<sup>7</sup> Be: 67.8±28.2
MI:Lansing	66.0	0.03	0.02	ND
MN:Minneapolis	94.0	0.10	0.03	ND
MO:Jefferson City	152.0	0.07	0.04	ND
MS:Jackson	42.0	0.03	0.01	ND
NC:Charlotte	13.0	0.20	0.01	<sup>7</sup> Be: 209±31
NC:Wilmington	104.6	0.37	0.05	<sup>7</sup> Be: 49.4±33.7
ND:Bismarck	245.0	0.16	0.07	ND
NH:Concord	34.6	0.13	0.02	<sup>7</sup> Be: 71.1±25.4
NJ:Trenton	95.2	0.29	0.04	<sup>7</sup> Be: 32.5±24.3
NM:Santa Fe	20.0	0.04	0.01	<sup>7</sup> Be: 81.5±40.5
NY:Albany	53.4	0.23	0.03	<sup>7</sup> Be: 60.1±31.9
NY:Niagara Falls	35.0	0.09	0.01	<sup>7</sup> Be: 61.8±23.3
NY:Syracuse	32.0	0.08	0.01	<sup>7</sup> Be: 37.5±21.0
NY:Yaphank	24.0	0.08	0.01	<sup>212</sup> Pb: 9.8±5.4
OH:Painesville	63.8	0.13	0.02	<sup>7</sup> Be: 56.2±33.7
OH:Toledo	62.0	0.08	0.02	ND
OR:Portland	8.6	0.00	0.00	<sup>212</sup> Pb: 6.4±4.2
PA:Harrisburg	112.2	0.28	0.05	ND
SC:Barnwell	79.0	0.26	0.04	ND
SC:Columbia	16.0	0.07	0.01	<sup>7</sup> Be: 91.2±29.7
TN:Knoxville	23.0	0.02	0.01	<sup>7</sup> Be: 49.6±26.4
TN:Nashville	73.0	0.25	0.03	<sup>7</sup> Be: 54.0±22.8
TX:El Paso	25.0	0.04	0.01	<sup>7</sup> Be: 41.7±29.6
UT:Salt Lake City	26.0	0.04	0.01	<sup>7</sup> Be: 41.1±30.6
VA:Lynchburg	83.4	0.46	0.05	ND
WA:Olympia	37.0	0.05	0.01	<sup>7</sup> Be: 47.7±28.5

**Table 5 (continued)**

Gross Beta and Specific Gamma in Precipitation

July 1993

Location	Depth (mm)	Gross Beta Activity		Specific Gamma
		nCi/m <sup>2</sup>	$\pm 2\sigma$	Activity pCi/L $\pm 2\sigma$
WI:Madison	271.8	0.14	0.07	<sup>7</sup> Be: 22.5 $\pm$ 21.0

Note:  $\sigma$  = Counting Error. ND = Not Detectable.

**Table 6**  
**Gross Beta and Specific Gamma in Precipitation**  
**August 1993**

Location	Depth (mm)	Gross Beta Activity		Specific Gamma
		nCi/m <sup>2</sup>	±2σ	Activity pCi/L ±2σ
AK:Juneau	32.0	0.03	0.01	<sup>214</sup> Bi: 33.7±8.1 <sup>7</sup> Be: 98.5±46.6 <sup>214</sup> Pb: 26.4±9.4
AL:Montgomery	140.0	0.34	0.06	<sup>7</sup> Be: 33.7±26.5
AZ:Phoenix	21.0	0.05	0.01	<sup>214</sup> Pb: 7.3±5.9
CT:Hartford	38.0	0.07	0.01	<sup>7</sup> Be: 51.2±33.4
DE:Wilmington	46.0	0.34	0.03	<sup>7</sup> Be: 123±31 <sup>214</sup> Pb: 6.8±6.3
FL:Jacksonville	41.4	0.05	0.01	<sup>214</sup> Bi: 11.3±8.2
FL:Miami	117.0	0.11	0.04	ND
HI:Honolulu	25.0	0.03	0.01	<sup>214</sup> Bi: 47.0±8.6 <sup>214</sup> Pb: 34.6±9.4
ID:Idaho Falls	32.8	0.05	0.01	ND
IL:Chicago	108.2	0.07	0.03	ND
LA:New Orleans	94.0	0.15	0.03	<sup>7</sup> Be: 44.8±37.4
ME:Augusta	53.0	0.18	0.02	<sup>7</sup> Be: 55.2±28.2
MI:Lansing	92.6	0.13	0.03	<sup>7</sup> Be: 37.8±22.9
MN:Minneapolis	87.0	0.08	0.03	<sup>7</sup> Be: 42.3±19.9
MO:Jefferson City	38.0	0.06	0.01	ND
NC:Charlotte	70.0	0.26	0.03	<sup>7</sup> Be: 65.5±44.6
NC:Wilmington	77.0	0.27	0.04	<sup>7</sup> Be: 44.7±35.9
ND:Bismarck	35.6	0.04	0.01	ND
NH:Concord	56.4	0.15	0.02	<sup>7</sup> Be: 71.5±25.2
NJ:Trenton	63.0	0.23	0.03	<sup>7</sup> Be: 37.1±25.3
NM:Santa Fe	30.0	0.04	0.01	<sup>7</sup> Be: 37.2±22.2
NV:Las Vegas	7.0	0.16	0.01	ND
NY:Albany	59.0	0.30	0.03	<sup>7</sup> Be: 59.4±34.2
NY:Niagara Falls	51.0	0.16	0.02	<sup>7</sup> Be: 89.1±27.9
NY:Syracuse	32.0	0.03	0.01	ND
NY:Yaphank	22.0	0.06	0.01	<sup>214</sup> Pb: 13.4±8.8
OH:Painesville	61.8	0.22	0.03	<sup>7</sup> Be: 63.7±27.2
PA:Harrisburg	60.0	0.21	0.03	<sup>7</sup> Be: 61.0±36.2
SC:Barnwell	99.4	0.16	0.04	ND
SC:Columbia	68.0	0.15	0.03	<sup>7</sup> Be: 56.6±46.9
TN:Knoxville	73.0	0.21	0.03	ND
TN:Nashville	49.8	0.16	0.02	ND
TX:El Paso	80.8	0.10	0.03	ND
UT:Salt Lake City	5.0	0.01	0.00	<sup>214</sup> Pb: 10.5±5.0 <sup>7</sup> Be: 81.8±26.7 <sup>214</sup> Bi: 15.6±6.3

**Table 6 (continued)**

Gross Beta and Specific Gamma in Precipitation

August 1993

Location	Depth (mm)	Gross Beta Activity		Specific Gamma
		nCi/m <sup>2</sup>	$\pm 2\sigma$	Activity pCi/L $\pm 2\sigma$
VA:Lynchburg	16.0	0.18	0.01	ND
WA:Olympia	3.0	0.01	0.00	ND
WI:Madison	81.0	0.06	0.03	ND

Note:  $\sigma$  = Counting Error. ND = Not Detectable.

**Table 7**  
**Gross Beta and Specific Gamma in Precipitation**  
**September 1993**

Location	Depth (mm)	Gross Beta Activity		Specific Gamma
		nCi/m <sup>2</sup>	±2σ	Activity pCi/L ±2σ
AK:Juneau	81.0	0.10	0.03	<sup>7</sup> Be: 29.5±25.3 <sup>214</sup> Pb: 8.6±6.1
AL:Montgomery	45.0	0.06	0.02	<sup>7</sup> Be: 35.4±32.3
AR:Little Rock	42.0	0.09	0.02	<sup>7</sup> Be: 28.8±25.4
CO:Denver	45.4	0.18	0.02	<sup>7</sup> Be: 52.1±29.0
CT:Hartford	88.0	0.14	0.04	<sup>7</sup> Be: 51.1±40.1
DE:Wilmington	106.0	0.33	0.05	<sup>7</sup> Be: 48.3±23.1
FL:Jacksonville	110.4	0.09	0.04	<sup>7</sup> Be: 37.8±27.8
FL:Miami	169.0	0.13	0.05	ND
HI:Honolulu	7.0	0.01	0.00	ND
IL:Chicago	114.2	0.11	0.03	ND
LA:New Orleans	73.0	0.07	0.02	<sup>7</sup> Be: 24.1±21.8
ME:Augusta	76.0	0.22	0.04	<sup>7</sup> Be: 68.4±24.8
MI:Lansing	132.8	0.16	0.04	<sup>7</sup> Be: 51.4±30.2
MN:Minneapolis	9.6	0.01	0.00	ND
MO:Jefferson City	185.0	0.07	0.05	<sup>214</sup> Bi: 16.4±7.0 <sup>7</sup> Be: 44.3±28.5
NC:Charlotte	35.0	0.10	0.01	<sup>7</sup> Be: 71.5±23.2
NC:Wilmington	85.0	0.09	0.03	ND
NH:Concord	97.0	0.10	0.04	<sup>7</sup> Be: 31.7±17.4
NJ:Trenton	155.6	0.33	0.06	<sup>7</sup> Be: 34.9±25.5
NY:Albany	102.2	0.24	0.05	<sup>7</sup> Be: 42.9±24.5
NY:Niagara Falls	56.0	0.11	0.02	<sup>7</sup> Be: 43.0±35.9
NY:Syracuse	20.0	0.02	0.01	ND
NY:Yaphank	32.0	0.10	0.01	ND
OH:Painesville	113.6	0.43	0.05	<sup>7</sup> Be: 65.1±26.4
OH:Toledo	146.0	0.19	0.05	ND
PA:Harrisburg	128.8	0.19	0.05	<sup>7</sup> Be: 37.5±22.5
SC:Barnwell	96.4	0.02	0.03	ND
SC:Columbia	154.2	0.37	0.07	ND
TN:Knoxville	92.0	0.09	0.03	ND
TN:Nashville	69.0	0.06	0.02	ND
TX:Austin	15.0	0.02	0.00	<sup>214</sup> Pb: 11.0±4.7 <sup>214</sup> Bi: 24.0±5.5
TX:El Paso	36.0	0.04	0.01	ND
UT:Salt Lake City	4.0	0.01	0.00	<sup>214</sup> Bi: 14.1±6.4 <sup>7</sup> Be: 80.3±30.9
VA:Lynchburg	38.2	0.15	0.02	ND
WI:Madison	78.0	0.08	0.02	ND

Note: σ = Counting Error. ND = Not Detectable.

**Table 8**  
**Tritium in Precipitation**

July–September 1993

Location	July 1993		August 1993		September 1993	
	nCi/L	$\pm 2\sigma$	nCi/L	$\pm 2\sigma$	nCi/L	$\pm 2\sigma$
AK:Juneau	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2
AL:Montgomery	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2
AR:Little Rock	0.2	0.2	NS		0.2	0.2
AZ:Phoenix	NS		0.2	0.1	NS	
CO:Denver	0.3	0.2	NS		0.1	0.2
CT:Hartford	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
DE:Wilmington	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
FL:Jacksonville	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
FL:Miami	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2
HI:Honolulu	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
ID:Boise	0.1	0.1	NS		NS	
ID:Idaho Falls	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	NS	
IL:Chicago	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
LA:New Orleans	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
ME:Augusta	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
MI:Lansing	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2
MN:Minneapolis	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2
MO:Jefferson City	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
MS:Jackson	0.2	0.2	NS		NS	
NC:Charlotte	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
NC:Wilmington	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
ND:Bismarck	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	NS	
NH:Concord	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
NJ:Trenton	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2
NM:Santa Fe	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	NS	
NV:Las Vegas	NS		0.1	0.1	NS	
NY:Albany	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
NY:Niagara Falls	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2
NY:Syracuse	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2
NY:Yaphank	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
OH:Painesville	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.2
OH:Toledo	0.2	0.2	NS		0.2	0.2
OR:Portland	0.1	0.1	NS		NS	
PA:Harrisburg	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
SC:Barnwell	0.3	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
SC:Columbia	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2
TN:Knoxville	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2
TN:Nashville	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
TX:Austin	NS		NS		0.4	0.2
TX:El Paso	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2
UT:Salt Lake City	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2

**Table 8 (continued)**  
**Tritium in Precipitation**  
**July–September 1993**

Location	July 1993		August 1993		September 1993	
	nCi/L	$\pm 2\sigma$	nCi/L	$\pm 2\sigma$	nCi/L	$\pm 2\sigma$
VA:Lynchburg	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
WA:Olympia	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	NS	
WI:Madison	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.2

Note:  $\sigma$  = Counting Error. NS = No Sample.

## **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.

Concentrations 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 60,000 to 250,000 cubic meters.

Plutonium and uranium results are published when they become available.

## Krypton-85

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 NAREL, 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*.

## 2. 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 tritium concentration data for July–September 1993.

**Table 9**  
**Tritium in Surface Water**  
**July–September 1993**

Location	Source	Date Collected	<sup>3</sup> H	
			nCi/L	±2σ
AL:Decatur	Tennessee River	07/07/93	0.1	0.2
AL:Dothan	Chattahoochee River	07/12/93	0.1	0.2
AL:Scottsboro	Tennessee River	07/07/93	0.1	0.2
AR:Little Rock	Arkansas River	07/19/93	0.1	0.2
CA:Clay Station	Folsom S. Canal	08/03/93	0.1	0.1
CA:Diablo Canyon	Pacific Ocean	09/21/93	0.1	0.2
CA:Eureka	Humboldt Bay	07/08/93	0.2	0.2
CA:San Onofre	Pacific Ocean	09/01/93	0.1	0.1
CO:Platteville	South Platte River	07/08/93	0.2	0.2
CT:East Haddam	Connecticut River	07/21/93	0.2	0.2
CT:Waterford	Long Island Sound	07/21/93	0.2	0.1
FL:Crystal River	Gulf Of Mexico	07/06/93	0.3	0.2
FL:Ft. Pierce	Atlantic Ocean	07/06/93	0.3	0.2
FL:Homestead	Biscayne Bay	07/14/93	0.2	0.2
GA:Baxley	Altamaha River	07/08/93	0.2	0.2
IA:Cedar Rapids	Cedar River	07/13/93	0.1	0.3
ID:Buhl	Snake River	07/15/93	0.1	0.2
IL:E. Moline	Mississippi River	07/13/93	0.2	0.2
IL:Morris	Illinois River	07/26/93	0.1	0.2
KS:Leroy	Neosho River	09/30/93	0.1	0.1
LA:New Orleans	Mississippi River	07/16/93	0.1	0.2
MA:Plymouth	Cape Cod Bay	07/12/93	0.1	0.2
MD:Conowingo	Susquehanna River	07/20/93	0.1	0.1
MD:Lusby	Chesapeake Bay	07/13/93	0.1	0.2
ME:Wiscasset	Montseway Bay	07/07/93	0.1	0.2
MI:Bridgman	Lake Michigan	07/12/93	0.1	0.2
MI:Charlevoix	Lake Michigan	07/08/93	0.1	0.2
MI:Monroe	Lake Erie	07/19/93	0.3	0.2
MI:South Haven	Lake Michigan	07/12/93	2.5	0.2
MN:Monticello	Mississippi River	07/21/93	0.1	0.1
MN:Red Wing	Mississippi River	08/18/93	0.1	0.1
MS:Port Gibson	Mississippi River	07/06/93	0.3	0.2
NC:Charlotte	Catawba River	07/15/93	0.3	0.1
NC:Southport	Atlantic Ocean	07/07/93	0.2	0.2
NE:Rulo	Missouri River	08/10/93	0.2	0.2
NJ:Bayside	Delaware River	07/12/93	0.1	0.2
NJ:Oyster Creek	Oyster Creek	07/14/93	0.1	0.2

**Table 9 (continued)**  
**Tritium in Surface Water**  
**July–September 1993**

Location	Source	Date Collected	<sup>3</sup> H	
			nCi/L	±2σ
NV:Boulder City	Colorado River	08/06/93	0.1	0.2
NY:Chelsea	Hudson River	07/19/93	0.1	0.1
NY:Ossining	Hudson River	07/30/93	0.2	0.1
OH:Toledo	Lake Erie	07/07/93	0.1	0.1
OR:Bradwood	Columbia River	07/08/93	0.1	0.1
PA:Danville	Susquehanna River	07/21/93	0.1	0.1
PA:Philadelphia	Delaware River	07/22/93	0.1	0.2
PA:Philadelphia	Schuylkill R.-Belmont	07/22/93	0.1	0.2
PA:Philadelphia	Schuylkill R.-Queen	07/22/93	0.1	0.1
SC:Allendale	Savannah River	07/02/93	1.4	0.2
SC:Broad River	Broad River	07/02/93	0.2	0.1
SC:Hartsville	Lake Robinson	07/12/93	5.7	0.3
TN:Daisy	Tennessee River	07/13/93	0.2	0.2
TN:Kingston	Clinch River	07/13/93	0.3	0.2
TN:Oak Ridge	Clinch River	09/20/93	0.1	0.1
TX:El Paso	Rio Grande	07/29/93	0.3	0.2
TX:Matagorda	Colorado River	07/07/93	0.6	0.2
VA:Doswell	North Anna River	07/01/93	1.9	0.2
VA:Newport News	James River	07/09/93	0.1	0.2
VT:Vernon	Connecticut River	07/07/93	0.1	0.1
WA:Northport	Columbia River	07/27/93	0.1	0.1
WI:Two Creeks	Lake Michigan	07/19/93	0.1	0.1
WI:Victory	Mississippi River	07/12/93	0.1	0.2
WV:Wheeling	Ohio River	07/01/93	0.1	0.1

Note:  $\sigma$  = 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 from drinking water samples for July–September 1993.

**Table 10**  
**Tritium in Drinking Water**

July–September 1993

Location	Date Collected	$^3\text{H}$	
		nCi/L	$\pm 2\sigma$
AK:Fairbanks	07/08/93	0.1	0.2
AL:Dothan	07/12/93	0.1	0.1
AL:Montgomery	07/08/93	0.2	0.2
AL:Muscle Shoals	07/07/93	0.1	0.2
AL:Scottsboro	07/07/93	0.2	0.2
AR:Little Rock	07/19/93	0.2	0.2
CA:Berkeley	09/30/93	0.2	0.2
CA:Los Angeles	07/02/93	0.1	0.2
CO:Denver	07/09/93	0.1	0.1
CO:Platteville	07/08/93	0.1	0.2
CT:Hartford	07/01/93	0.1	0.2
DC:Washington	07/02/93	0.1	0.2
DE:Dover	07/15/93	0.1	0.2
FL:Miami	07/04/93	0.1	0.2
FL:Tampa	08/18/93	0.1	0.2
GA:Baxley	07/08/93	0.1	0.1
GA:Savannah	09/17/93	0.1	0.2
HI:Honolulu	07/01/93	0.1	0.2
IA:Cedar Rapids	07/13/93	0.1	0.3
ID:Boise	07/01/93	0.1	0.2
ID:Idaho Falls	07/22/93	0.2	0.1
IL:Morris	09/30/93	0.1	0.2
IL:W. Chicago	07/02/93	0.1	0.2
KS:Topeka	07/02/93	0.1	0.1
LA:New Orleans	07/02/93	0.1	0.2
MA:Lawrence	07/26/93	0.1	0.1
MD:Baltimore	07/01/93	0.1	0.1
MD:Conowingo	07/22/93	0.2	0.2
ME:Augusta	07/21/93	0.1	0.1
MI:Detroit	07/13/93	0.1	0.1
MI:Grand Rapids	07/23/93	0.2	0.1
MN:Minneapolis	07/29/93	0.1	0.1
MN:Red Wing	08/18/93	0.1	0.1
MS:Jackson	07/08/93	0.1	0.2
MS:Port Gibson	07/06/93	0.3	0.2
MT:Helena	07/02/93	0.1	0.1
NC:Charlotte	07/15/93	0.4	0.2
NC:Wilmington	07/07/93	0.1	0.1
ND:Bismarck	07/01/93	0.1	0.2
NE:Lincoln	08/16/93	0.1	0.2
NJ:Trenton	07/13/93	0.2	0.1

**Table 10 (continued)**  
**Tritium in Drinking Water**  
**July–September 1993**

Location	Date Collected	<sup>3</sup> H	
		nCi/L	±2σ
NJ:Waretown	07/14/93	0.1	0.1
NM:Santa Fe	07/08/93	0.1	0.2
NV:Las Vegas	07/06/93	0.1	0.2
NY:Albany	07/12/93	0.2	0.2
NY:New York City	07/15/93	0.1	0.1
NY:Niagara Falls	08/06/93	0.1	0.2
NY:Syracuse	09/28/93	0.1	0.2
OH:Cincinnati	09/30/93	0.1	0.2
OH:Columbus	08/15/93	0.2	0.2
OH:East Liverpool	07/23/93	0.1	0.2
OH:Painesville	07/06/93	0.3	0.2
OH:Toledo	07/09/93	0.1	0.2
OK:Oklahoma City	08/12/93	0.1	0.2
PA:Columbia	07/22/93	0.2	0.2
PA:Harrisburg	07/22/93	0.2	0.2
PA:Philadelphia	07/22/93	0.1	0.2
PA:Philadelphia-Baxter	07/22/93	0.1	0.2
PA:Philadelphia-Queen	07/22/93	0.2	0.1
PA:Pittsburgh	07/23/93	0.1	0.1
PC:Corozal	07/07/93	0.1	0.2
SC:Barnwell	07/22/93	0.1	0.2
SC:Columbia	07/01/93	0.1	0.2
SC:Hartsville	07/12/93	0.1	0.1
SC:Jenkinsville	07/16/93	0.1	0.1
SC:Seneca	07/19/93	0.1	0.1
TN:Chattanooga	07/16/93	0.1	0.1
TN:Knoxville	07/07/93	0.2	0.2
TX:Austin	07/01/93	0.2	0.2
VA:Doswell	07/02/93	0.2	0.2
VA:Lynchburg	07/07/93	0.2	0.1
VA:Virginia Beach	08/30/93	0.1	0.1
WA:Seattle	07/02/93	0.1	0.2
WI:Genoa City	07/16/93	0.3	0.2
WI:Madison	07/06/93	0.3	0.2

Note:  $\sigma$  = Counting Error.

### 3. External Gamma Ambient Monitoring Program

The External Gamma Monitoring Program (EGAMP), 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 EGAMP program utilizes  $\text{CaF}_2:\text{Mn}$  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 NAREL 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.

Publication of EGAMP data has been suspended until problems with the data are resolved.

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† Since some of these sites may not return dosimeters each period, the number of sites listed may vary slightly.

## 4. 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 at least one 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, including iodine-131, barium-140, cesium-137, and potassium. All samples collected in July are analyzed for 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-90.

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

Tables 11–13 contain the concentrations of radionuclides in pasteurized milk for July–September 1993. Table 14 contains the concentrations of strontium-90 in pasteurized milk for July 1993.

**Table 11**  
**Radionuclides in Pasteurized Milk**  
**July 1993**

Location	Date Collected	K		<sup>137</sup> Cs		<sup>140</sup> Ba		<sup>131</sup> I	
		g/L	±2σ	pCi/L	±2σ	pCi/L	±2σ	pCi/L	±2σ
AL:Montgomery	07/09/93	1.57	0.08	ND		ND		ND	
AR:Little Rock	07/12/93	1.66	0.06	ND		ND		ND	
AZ:Phoenix	07/21/93	1.64	0.06	ND		ND		ND	
CA:Los Angeles	07/08/93	1.58	0.08	ND		ND		ND	
CA:Sacramento	07/06/93	1.64	0.07	ND		ND		ND	
CA:San Francisco	07/01/93	1.66	0.08	ND		ND		ND	
FL:Tampa	07/06/93	1.58	0.08	2	2	ND		ND	
GA:Atlanta	07/13/93	1.44	0.08	ND		ND		ND	
HI:Honolulu	07/26/93	1.67	0.07	ND		ND		ND	
IA:Des Moines	07/13/93	1.60	0.08	ND		ND		ND	
IL:Chicago	07/01/93	1.62	0.07	ND		ND		ND	
IN:Indianapolis	07/06/93	1.56	0.08	ND		ND		ND	
KY:Louisville	07/06/93	1.58	0.08	ND		ND		ND	
LA:New Orleans	07/20/93	1.58	0.10	ND		ND		ND	
MA:Boston	07/07/93	1.57	0.08	ND		ND		ND	
MD:Baltimore	07/01/93	1.75	0.07	ND		ND		ND	
MI:Detroit	07/15/93	1.68	0.08	ND		ND		ND	
MI:Grand Rapids	07/06/93	1.67	0.07	ND		ND		ND	
MN:St. Paul	07/07/93	1.54	0.09	ND		ND		ND	
MO:Kansas City	07/21/93	1.58	0.08	ND		ND		ND	
MS:Jackson	07/06/93	1.53	0.10	ND		ND		ND	
MT:Helena	07/13/93	1.51	0.08	ND		ND		ND	
NC:Charlotte	07/21/93	1.59	0.08	ND		ND		ND	
ND:Minot	07/29/93	1.57	0.12	ND		ND		ND	
NJ:Trenton	07/08/93	1.56	0.06	ND		ND		ND	
NM:Albuquerque	07/19/93	1.61	0.08	ND		ND		ND	
NV:Las Vegas	07/12/93	1.59	0.04	4	1	ND		ND	
NY:Buffalo	07/27/93	1.68	0.06	ND		ND		ND	
NY:Syracuse	07/12/93	1.69	0.08	ND		ND		ND	
OH:Cincinnati	07/28/93	1.65	0.05	ND		ND		ND	
OH:Cleveland	07/21/93	1.64	0.08	ND		ND		ND	
OR:Portland	07/12/93	1.54	0.10	ND		ND		ND	
PA:Philadelphia	07/06/93	1.57	0.09	ND		ND		ND	
PA:Pittsburgh	07/06/93	1.57	0.08	ND		ND		ND	
PC:Cristobal	07/15/93	1.57	0.09	9	3	ND		ND	
PR:San Juan	07/12/93	1.60	0.09	ND		ND		ND	
SC:Charleston	07/15/93	1.49	0.08	ND		ND		ND	

**Table 11 (continued)**  
**Radionuclides in Pasteurized Milk**  
**July 1993**

Location	Date Collected	K		<sup>137</sup> Cs		<sup>140</sup> Ba		<sup>131</sup> I	
		g/L	$\pm 2\sigma$	pCi/L	$\pm 2\sigma$	pCi/L	$\pm 2\sigma$	pCi/L	$\pm 2\sigma$
SD:Rapid City	07/06/93	1.58	0.08	ND		ND		ND	
TN:Chattanooga	07/26/93	1.57	0.09	ND		ND		ND	
TN:Knoxville	07/06/93	1.56	0.08	ND		ND		ND	
TN:Memphis	07/21/93	1.58	0.08	ND		ND		ND	
TX:Ft. Worth	07/07/93	1.55	0.10	ND		ND		ND	
VA:Norfolk	07/29/93	1.54	0.08	ND		ND		ND	
VT:Burlington	07/13/93	1.50	0.09	ND		ND		ND	
WA:Seattle	07/02/93	1.50	0.08	ND		ND		ND	
WA:Spokane	07/12/93	1.48	0.14	ND		ND		ND	
WV:Charleston	07/19/93	1.56	0.08	ND		ND		ND	

Note:  $\sigma$  = Counting Error. ND = Not Detectable.

**Table 12**  
**Radionuclides in Pasteurized Milk**  
 August 1993

Location	Date Collected	K		<sup>137</sup> Cs		<sup>140</sup> Ba		<sup>131</sup> I	
		g/L	$\pm 2\sigma$	pCi/L	$\pm 2\sigma$	pCi/L	$\pm 2\sigma$	pCi/L	$\pm 2\sigma$
AR:Little Rock	08/04/93	1.63	0.06	ND		ND		ND	
AR:Phoenix	08/12/93	1.58	0.08	ND		ND		ND	
CA:Los Angeles	08/17/93	1.60	0.08	ND		ND		ND	
CA:Sacramento	08/11/93	1.58	0.08	ND		ND		ND	
CA:San Francisco	08/05/93	1.61	0.08	ND		ND		ND	
CO:Denver	08/19/93	1.68	0.06	ND		ND		ND	
CT:Hartford	08/02/93	1.62	0.08	ND		ND		ND	
DE:Dover	08/18/93	1.62	0.06	ND		ND		ND	
FL:Tampa	08/23/93	1.56	0.12	ND		ND		ND	
GA:Atlanta	08/09/93	1.55	0.08	ND		ND		ND	
HI:Honolulu	08/17/93	1.61	0.10	ND		ND		ND	
IA:Des Moines	08/09/93	1.56	0.07	ND		ND		ND	
IL:Chicago	08/05/93	1.62	0.07	ND		ND		ND	
IN:Indianapolis	08/09/93	1.62	0.08	ND		ND		ND	
KS:Wichita	08/26/93	1.57	0.05	ND		ND		ND	
KY:Louisville	08/02/93	1.55	0.08	ND		ND		ND	
LA:New Orleans	08/24/93	1.62	0.06	ND		ND		ND	
MA:Boston	08/06/93	1.58	0.08	ND		ND		ND	
MD:Baltimore	08/06/93	1.62	0.09	ND		ND		ND	
MI:Detroit	08/11/93	1.78	0.14	ND		ND		ND	
MI:Grand Rapids	08/09/93	1.57	0.08	ND		ND		ND	
MN:St. Paul	08/04/93	1.48	0.10	ND		ND		ND	
MO:Kansas City	08/19/93	1.56	0.06	ND		ND		ND	
MS:Jackson	08/04/93	1.53	0.14	ND		ND		ND	
MT:Helena	08/23/93	1.56	0.09	ND		ND		ND	
ND:Minot	08/25/93	1.60	0.09	ND		ND		ND	
NJ:Trenton	08/04/93	1.63	0.09	ND		ND		ND	
NM:Albuquerque	08/17/93	1.62	0.07	ND		ND		ND	
NV:Las Vegas	08/10/93	1.64	0.07	ND		ND		ND	
NY:Syracuse	08/09/93	1.64	0.08	ND		ND		ND	
OH:Cleveland	08/17/93	1.69	0.06	ND		ND		ND	
OK:Oklahoma City	08/25/93	1.60	0.08	ND		ND		ND	
OR:Portland	08/17/93	1.59	0.05	ND		ND		ND	
PA:Philadelphia	08/02/93	1.61	0.08	ND		ND		ND	
PA:Pittsburgh	08/02/93	1.49	0.10	ND		ND		ND	
PC:Cristobal	08/25/93	1.75	0.08	3	2	ND		ND	
PR:San Juan	08/09/93	1.55	0.08	ND		ND		ND	

**Table 12 (continued)**  
**Radionuclides in Pasteurized Milk**  
**August 1993**

Location	Date Collected	K		<sup>137</sup> Cs		<sup>140</sup> Ba		<sup>131</sup> I	
		g/L	$\pm 2\sigma$	pCi/L	$\pm 2\sigma$	pCi/L	$\pm 2\sigma$	pCi/L	$\pm 2\sigma$
SC:Charleston	08/18/93	1.54	0.08	ND		ND		ND	
SD:Rapid City	08/03/93	1.54	0.08	ND		ND		ND	
TN:Chattanooga	08/09/93	1.58	0.08	ND		ND		ND	
TN:Knoxville	08/11/93	1.51	0.10	ND		ND		ND	
TX:Ft. Worth	08/23/93	1.65	0.05	ND		ND		ND	
VA:Norfolk	08/31/93	1.62	0.09	ND		ND		ND	
VT:Montpelier	08/12/93	1.60	0.08	ND		ND		ND	
WA:Seattle	08/09/93	1.47	0.08	ND		ND		ND	
WA:Spokane	08/11/93	1.61	0.09	ND		ND		ND	
WV:Charleston	08/16/93	1.57	0.08	ND		ND		ND	

Note:  $\sigma$  = Counting Error. ND = Not Detectable.

**Table 13**  
**Radionuclides in Pasteurized Milk**  
 September 1993

Location	Date Collected	K		<sup>137</sup> Cs		<sup>140</sup> Ba		<sup>131</sup> I	
		g/L	±2σ	pCi/L	±2σ	pCi/L	±2σ	pCi/L	±2σ
AL:Montgomery	09/16/93	1.56	0.09	ND		ND		ND	
AZ:Phoenix	09/13/93	1.72	0.07	ND		ND		ND	
CA:Los Angeles	09/10/93	1.64	0.10	ND		ND		ND	
CA:Sacramento	09/01/93	1.60	0.08	ND		ND		ND	
CA:San Francisco	09/02/93	1.64	0.08	ND		ND		ND	
CT:Hartford	09/13/93	1.63	0.10	ND		ND		ND	
DE:Wilmington	09/24/93	1.53	0.14	ND		ND		ND	
FL:Tampa	09/07/93	1.56	0.08	ND		ND		ND	
GA:Atlanta	09/01/93	1.48	0.06	ND		ND		ND	
HI:Honolulu	09/27/93	1.41	0.08	ND		ND		ND	
IA:Des Moines	09/07/93	1.49	0.14	ND		ND		ND	
IL:Chicago	09/02/93	1.61	0.07	ND		ND		ND	
IN:Indianapolis	09/07/93	1.63	0.10	ND		ND		ND	
KS:Wichita	09/29/93	1.53	0.09	ND		ND		ND	
KY:Louisville	09/07/93	1.58	0.10	ND		ND		ND	
LA:New Orleans	09/14/93	1.56	0.08	ND		ND		ND	
MA:Boston	09/10/93	1.61	0.09	ND		ND		ND	
MD:Baltimore	09/30/93	1.59	0.06	ND		ND		ND	
ME:Portland	09/07/93	1.57	0.08	ND		ND		ND	
MI:Detroit	09/09/93	1.78	0.10	ND		ND		ND	
MI:Grand Rapids	09/07/93	1.64	0.08	ND		ND		ND	
MN:St. Paul	09/08/93	1.63	0.06	ND		ND		ND	
MO:Kansas City	09/28/93	1.45	0.09	ND		ND		ND	
MS:Jackson	09/07/93	1.61	0.08	ND		ND		ND	
MT:Helena	09/23/93	1.49	0.08	ND		ND		ND	
NC:Charlotte	09/23/93	1.58	0.08	ND		ND		ND	
ND:Minot	09/28/93	1.53	0.08	ND		ND		ND	
NJ:Trenton	09/08/93	1.62	0.14	ND		ND		ND	
NM:Albuquerque	09/20/93	1.44	0.06	ND		ND		ND	
NV:Las Vegas	09/14/93	1.58	0.08	ND		ND		ND	
NY:Buffalo	09/27/93	1.55	0.09	ND		ND		ND	
NY:Syracuse	09/08/93	1.54	0.12	ND		ND		ND	
OH:Cincinnati	09/30/93	1.61	0.09	ND		ND		ND	
OH:Cleveland	09/21/93	1.33	0.08	ND		ND		ND	
OR:Portland	09/03/93	1.64	0.08	ND		ND		ND	
PA:Philadelphia	09/06/93	1.69	0.10	ND		ND		ND	
PA:Pittsburgh	09/08/93	1.53	0.09	ND		ND		ND	

**Table 13 (continued)**  
**Radionuclides in Pasteurized Milk**  
**September 1993**

Location	Date Collected	K		<sup>137</sup> Cs		<sup>140</sup> Ba		<sup>131</sup> I	
		g/L	$\pm 2\sigma$	pCi/L	$\pm 2\sigma$	pCi/L	$\pm 2\sigma$	pCi/L	$\pm 2\sigma$
PC:Cristobal	09/07/93	1.56	0.09	3	3	ND		ND	
PR:San Juan	09/10/93	1.58	0.14	ND		ND		ND	
SC:Charleston	09/14/93	1.70	0.08	3	2	ND		ND	
SD:Rapid City	09/02/93	1.55	0.08	ND		ND		ND	
TX:Austin	09/14/93	1.54	0.12	ND		ND		ND	
TX:Ft. Worth	09/24/93	1.53	0.09	ND		ND		ND	
VT:Montpelier	09/10/93	1.60	0.10	ND		ND		ND	
WA:Seattle	09/02/93	1.59	0.06	ND		ND		ND	
WA:Spokane	09/15/93	1.57	0.06	ND		ND		ND	

Note:  $\sigma$  = Counting Error. ND = Not Detectable.

**Table 14**  
**Strontium-90 in Pasteurized Milk**  
**July 1993**

EPA Location	Collection Date	<sup>90</sup> Sr	
		pCi/L	±2σ
AL:Montgomery	07/09/93	1.4	0.5
AR:Little Rock	07/12/93	2.8	0.7
AZ:Phoenix	07/21/93	0.4	0.4
CA:Los Angeles	07/08/93	0.3	0.4
CA:Sacramento	07/06/93	0.3	0.4
CA:San Francisco	07/01/93	0.1	0.4
FL:Tampa	07/06/93	0.7	0.5
GA:Atlanta	07/13/93	0.8	0.4
HI:Honolulu	07/26/93	0.6	0.5
IA:Des Moines	07/13/93	1.3	0.5
IL:Chicago	07/01/93	1.7	0.5
IN:Indianapolis	07/06/93	1.2	0.5
KY:Louisville	07/06/93	1.2	0.6
LA:New Orleans	07/20/93	1.4	0.6
MA:Boston	07/07/93	1.8	0.5
MD:Baltimore	07/01/93	1.0	0.5
MI:Detroit	07/15/93	0.9	0.5
MI:Grand Rapids	07/06/93	1.7	0.6
MN:St. Paul	07/07/93	1.9	0.6
MO:Kansas City	07/21/93	2.3	0.6
MS:Jackson	07/06/93	1.7	0.5
MT:Helena	07/13/93	0.7	0.4
NC:Charlotte	07/21/93	1.6	0.6
ND:Minot	07/29/93	0.6	0.5
NJ:Trenton	07/08/93	1.2	0.6
NM:Albuquerque	07/19/93	0.5	0.4
NV:Las Vegas	07/12/93	0.3	0.4
NY:Buffalo	07/27/93	1.0	0.6
NY:Syracuse	07/12/93	1.5	0.4
OH:Cincinnati	07/28/93	1.8	0.6
OH:Cleveland	07/21/93	1.3	0.5
OR:Portland	07/12/93	0.7	0.5
PA:Philadelphia	07/06/93	1.5	0.5
PA:Pittsburgh	07/06/93	1.9	0.6
PC:Cristobal	08/25/93	0.3	0.4
PR:San Juan	07/12/93	0.6	0.4
SC:Charleston	07/15/93	1.3	0.5

**Table 14 (continued)**  
**Strontium-90 in Pasteurized Milk**  
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EPA Location	Collection Date	<sup>90</sup> Sr	
		pCi/L	$\pm 2\sigma$
SD:Rapid City	07/06/93	1.4	0.5
TN:Chattanooga	07/26/93	2.3	0.6
TN:Knoxville	07/06/93	1.7	0.5
TN:Memphis	07/21/93	2.4	0.6
TX:Ft. Worth	07/07/93	0.8	0.5
VA:Norfolk	07/01/93	1.1	0.4
VT:Burlington	07/13/93	1.0	0.5
WA:Seattle	07/02/93	0.8	0.5
WA:Spokane	07/12/93	1.7	0.5
WV:Charleston	07/19/93	1.8	0.6

Note:  $\sigma$  = Counting Error.

## 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, which is then assayed for carbon-14 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 acetylene to benzene. The last carbon-14 results were for samples collected during April–May 1982, 1983–1986, and March–May 1987. They were published in *Environmental Radiation Data: Report 54* and *Environmental Radiation Data: Report 59*.

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