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ABSTRACT

A computer program SHARDA (Sample Heat, Activity, Reactivity and Dose Analysis) has been developed for safety evaluation of Pile Irradiation Request (PIR) for various nonfissile materials in the research reactor CIRUS. The code can also be used, with minor modifications, for PIR safety evaluations for the research reactor DHRUVA, now being commissioned. Most of the data needed for such analysis like isotopic abundances, their various nuclear cross-sections, gamma radiation and shielding data have been built in the code for all nonfissile naturally occurring elements. The PIR safety evaluations can be readily carried out using this code for any sample in elemental, compound or mixture form irradiated in any location of the reactor.

This report describes the calculational model and the input/ output details of the code. Some earlier irradiations carried out in CIRUS have been analysed using this code and the results have been compared with available operational measurements.

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1 INTRODUCTION

Irradiation of different materials for various purposes like isotope production, material testing etc. is one of the main activities of a research reactor. Samples(nonfissile materials), when put inside a reactor, lead to a loss of reactivity of the reactor due to the parasitic absorption of neutrons in them. This causes a LOAD on the available excess reactivity of the reactor. The samples under irradiation generate HEAT by absorbing gamma rays produced in the reactor as well as in the sample itself as capture gammas. The irradiated sample is radioactive and emits its characteristic gammas causing biological damage to tissues of persons handling it which is assessed by the DOSE RATE due to all the gammas of the sample. It is, therefore, imperative to evaluate all these entities, viz, Reactivity Load, Sample Heating and Dose Rate from the irradiated sample for the safe operation of the reactor as well as for the safety of the personnel before permitting the sample to be introduced in the reactor. These evaluations were carried out on desk calculator on a routine basis to approve the Pile Irradiation Requests(PIR) for various materials by the users of CIRUS. To get rid of the monotonous routine desk calculations and also the possible human errors while collecting the various input data or elsewhere, a computer program SHARDA has been developed to carryout these evaluations.

The relevant basic data for all the elements of interest have been built in the code and only a bare minimum input like sample mass, its chemical formula, density, irradiation and cooling times, location in the reactor and its geometry are to be supplied by the evaluator. The program has been written such that with few minor changes it can be used for such evaluations for the reactor DHRUVA after its commissioning.

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The entities of interest, viz, sample reactivity load and its heating rate during irradiation and its radioactivity (curies) as well as the unshielded dose rate after irradiation are calculated in the code. The code also calculates the lead shielding requirements for the dose rate to be within permissible range. If the shielding requirements are large the code calculates whether cooling of the sample for some more time can help reducing the shielding requirement and to what extent.

The formalism of these calculations is described in the following paragraphs. All the calculations are carried out in one group model of neutron energy.

2.1 Flux Depression Factor

When a sample is introduced in a tray rod position, the flux inside it, strictly speaking, varies from point to point. It is maximum at the surface and decreases as one moves to the interior. If ϕ_0 is the flux at surface of the sample and ϕ_A that averaged over the sample, the ratio ϕ_A/ϕ_0 is called the Flux Depression Factor. The flux depression factor can be calculated by solving the neutron diffusion equation inside the sample for the given geometry with appropriate boundary conditions. The symbols in the following discussion have their usual meanings.

2.1.1 Spherical Geometry

In the spherical geometry the neutron diffusion equation for a nonfissile material is

$$D \Delta^2 \phi - \Sigma_A \phi = 0$$
$$d^2 \phi / dr^2 + (2/r) d\phi / dr - k^2 \phi = 0$$

where: $k^2 = (\Sigma_A / D)$

which gives a general solution as

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$$\phi(r) = \frac{Ae^{kr} + Be^{-kr}}{r} \quad (1)$$

using the boundary conditions

(a) At $r = 0$, $r^2 d\phi/dr = 0$ and

(b) At $r = R$, $\phi = \phi_0$

we will obtain

$$A = -B = \frac{R \phi_0}{kR (e^{kR} - e^{-kR})} \quad (2)$$

using these values of the constants A and B in the solution for $\phi(r)$ given by eqn (1) we get the flux depression factor, f, as

$$f = \phi_A / \phi_0 = \frac{\int_0^R 4 \pi r^2 \phi(r) dr}{\phi_0 \int_0^R 4 \pi r^2 dr}$$

$$f = \frac{3}{2kR} (kR \text{Coth}(kR) - 1) \quad (3)$$

2.1.2 Cylindrical Geometry

Many times the samples to be irradiated are in the pencil form (right circular cylinder). For a long cylinder, the axial variation of neutron flux may be neglected and only the radial variation is accounted. In the present code the axial variation of neutron flux in the sample has been ignored which is not quite accurate for the estimation of the flux depression factor in cylinders of finite height.

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However, it appears to be satisfactory from operational point of view.

The flux variation is, then, given by

$$\phi(r) = A I_0(kr) \quad (4)$$

Using the boundary condition

$$\phi = \phi_0 \quad \text{at } r = R \quad \text{we get,}$$

$$\phi_0 = A I_0(kR)$$

$$\text{or } A = \phi_0 / I_0(kR) \quad (5)$$

which on substitution in (4) gives:

$$\phi(r) = \phi_0 I_0(kr) / I_0(kR) \quad (6)$$

The Flux Depression Factor f is given by

$$f = \frac{\int_0^R 2\pi r \phi(r) dr}{\phi_0 \int_0^R 2\pi r dr}$$

$$= \frac{2 \int_0^R I_0(kr) r dr}{R^2 I_0(kR)}$$

$$= \frac{2I_1(kR)}{k R I_0(kR)} \quad (7)$$

2.2 Reactivity Load

The neutron balance equation in a reactor can be written in the operator form as :

$$H \phi = \lambda_0 F \phi \quad (8)$$

where:

$$H = (\Sigma_A - D \Delta^2)$$

$$F = \nu \Sigma_f$$

$$\lambda_0 = 1/k_0$$

Now consider a very small perturbation has taken place in the system, as would be the case by inserting a small sample in tray rod. The new equation would be:

$$(H + \delta H)\phi_1 = (\lambda_0 + \delta\lambda)(F + \delta F)\phi_1 \quad (9)$$

By writing the adjoint equation and with some algebra, the equations (8) and (9) can be solved [1] as :

$$\delta k/k = -\delta\lambda/\lambda_0 = \frac{-\langle \phi^+, (\delta H - \lambda_0 \delta F) \phi_1 \rangle}{\lambda_0 \langle \phi^+, (F + \delta F) \phi_1 \rangle} \quad (10)$$

Since we are considering only nonfissile samples, $\delta F=0$ and hence

$$\delta k/k = \frac{-\langle \phi^+, \delta H \phi_1 \rangle}{\lambda_0 \langle \phi^+, F \phi_1 \rangle}$$

In one group model, the adjoint neutron flux is the same as the real neutron flux. Thus in one group model this can be written in the integral form as :

$$\delta k/k = \frac{-\int_V \phi \delta \Sigma_A \phi_1 dv - \int_V \Delta \phi \cdot \delta D \cdot \Delta \phi_1 dv}{\lambda_0 \int_{V_r} \phi \nu \Sigma_f \phi_1 dv} \quad (11)$$

Where V_s is the volume of sample and V_r that of

reactor. The first term in the numerator represents the absorption effect while the second the leakage effect of the sample. The numerator covers the integration over the volume of the sample only because elsewhere the perturbation is zero (ie, $\delta \Sigma_A - \delta D = 0$). It may be seen that the second term contains the product of $\Delta \phi$ and $\Delta \phi_1$, and is much smaller than the first one containing the product of ϕ and ϕ_1 , and, hence, can be neglected for the evaluation of reactivity load of sample absorber materials.

The reactivity load of the sample would, therefore, be given by:

$$\delta k/k = \frac{-k_0 \int_{V_S} \phi \delta \Sigma_A \phi_1 dv}{\int_{V_R} \phi v \Sigma_f \phi_1 dv}$$

Since the denominator is the integration over the whole reactor and the flux is assumed not to be perturbed elsewhere except in the small region of the sample itself, the term ϕ_1 can be replaced by ϕ in the denominator without any loss of accuracy.

The numerator covers integration over the sample only, the perturbed flux ϕ_1 can be replaced by the average flux $f\phi$ in the sample (f being the flux depression factor). Thus

$$\delta k/k = \frac{-k_0 f \int_{V_S} \phi \delta \Sigma_A \phi^2 dv}{\int_{V_R} \phi v \Sigma_f \phi dv}$$

Suppose in the tray rod, the sample is installed at a position having unperturbed flux ϕ_h . Then the reactivity change due to its introduction will be

$$\delta k/k = \frac{-f \delta \Sigma_A k_0 \phi_m^2 V_s}{\int_{V_r} \phi_m^2 v \Sigma_f dv} \quad (12)$$

In Cirus reactor the reactivity change due to introduction of a white absorber ($f = 1.0$) in the tray rod at an elevation of maximum flux (say ϕ_m) has been experimentally evaluated as .0299 mk for a total absorption cross section of 1sq.cm (ie, $\delta \Sigma_A V_s = 1 \text{sq.cm}$). Therefore,

$$.0299 \times 10^{-3} = -k_0 \phi_m^2 / \int_{V_r} \phi_m^2 v \Sigma_f dv \quad (13)$$

from equation (12) and (13) we get

$$\delta k/k = .0299 f V_s \delta \Sigma_A (\phi_m^2 / \phi_m^2) \times 10^{-3} \quad (14)$$

2.3 Heating Rate in the Sample

The sample inside the reactor absorbs neutrons and emits the capture gammas. These gammas deposit part of their energy within the sample before escaping it. Apart from these, the gammas and fast neutrons produced elsewhere in the reactor also interact with the sample and deposit a part of their energy during the process. The energy imparted to the sample due to alpha, beta and gamma rays of radioactivity produced in the sample is relatively very small and has been ignored in this code.

All these interactions lead to the heating of the sample which should be within limits for safety considerations. The precise evaluations of these interactions require involved calculations and that too would have some uncertainties. However, an effort is made to have rough estimates of the heating in the sample by making some simplifying assumptions.

2.3.1 Capture Gamma Heating

We assume that Sv photons of energy $E_0(\text{MeV})$ are produced per cc of the sample, uniformly. The energy deposition buildup factor of these photons can be given by a linear formula

$$\text{B.F.} = 1 + a_1 \mu R$$

The average rate of energy deposition per cc of the sample of spherical geometry of radius R is then given [2] by:

$$H = \frac{C_0 E_0 \mu_A \text{Sv} [\Psi_0 + a_1 \Psi_1]}{\mu} \quad (15)$$

where :

- C_0 = Conversion factor 1.6×10^{-13} (WS/MeV)
- μ_A = Energy deposition coefficient for energy E_0 (cm^{-1})
- μ = Total linear attenuation coefficient (cm^{-1})

$$\Psi_0 = 1 - \frac{[6\mu^2 R^2 - 3 + (3 + 6\mu R) e^{-2\mu R}]}{8\mu^3 R^3}$$

$$\Psi_1 = 1 - \frac{[3\mu^2 R^2 - 3 + (3 + 6\mu R + 3\mu^2 R^2) e^{-2\mu R}]}{2\mu^3 R^3}$$

The expression for the energy deposition in the case of an infinitely long solid cylinder of radius R is the same as given by equation (15) but with a changed expression for Ψ_0 and Ψ_1 . In this case

$$\Psi_0 = 1 - (2/3)\mu R [2\mu R \{k_1(\mu R) I_1(\mu R) + k_0(\mu R) I_0(\mu R)\} - 2 + (1/\mu R) k_1(\mu R) I_1(\mu R) - k_0(\mu R) I_1(\mu R) + k_1(\mu R) I_0(\mu R)]$$

$$\Psi_1 = 1 - 2I_1(\mu R) \cdot k_1(\mu R)$$

In the case of annular cylinder we have approximated it to a solid cylinder of effective radius R_{eff} which conserves the sectional area of the material, i.e.

$$R_{eff}^2 = R_0^2 - R_1^2$$

where R_0 and R_1 are outer and inner radii, respectively. The total energy deposition rate in the sample of volume V will be

$$\begin{aligned} H &= V \bar{H} \\ &= V C_0 E_0 \mu_A S v [\psi_0 + a_1 \psi_1] / \mu \\ &= C_0 S v E_0 (\mu_A / \mu) (M/\rho) [\psi_0 + a_1 \psi_1] \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

where M and ρ are the mass and density of the sample, respectively. It may be seen that the parameters of this equation are, strictly speaking, dependent on the material and the energies of the photons emitted by them. We have made some approximations to arrive at some global (average) values which may approximately fit to all the elements. The approximations are

$$\begin{aligned} E_0 S v &= 8 \text{ Ia } \phi f && \text{MeV/cm}^3 \\ (\mu_A / \rho) &= 0.025 && \text{cm}^2 / \text{gm} \\ (\mu / \rho) &= 0.042 && \text{cm}^2 / \text{gm} \\ a_1 &= 0.65 \end{aligned}$$

These approximations are based on the assumption that a neutron capture results in the production of 8 MeV of energy in the form of gammas, irrespective of the element in which they are absorbed. The values of (μ_A / ρ) and (μ / ρ) adopted here are representative of medium atomic weight elements for a photon energy of about 2 Mev. These parameters are slowly varying functions of photon energy and interacting material

and, hence, their global use is expected to give reasonable estimates, though not very accurate, of heating rates for operational purposes.

2.3.2 Core Gamma Heating

The energy deposition rate due to the core gammas in various structural materials was estimated [3] to be around 400 mw/gm in case of maximum slow neutron flux of $1.5 \text{ E}+14$ n/sqcm/sec of the reactor DHRUVA. The same has been scaled down by a factor of 2.5 for CIRUS where the maximum slow neutron flux is $6.5 \text{ E}+13$. In any case this forms a very small fraction of that due to the capture gammas of the sample.

2.4 Sample Radioactivity

Consider a sample with a chemical formula $X_i Y_j \dots$ (where X, Y, are the natural elements) is to be irradiated in the reactor for t_i seconds. These natural elements constituting the sample produce radioactive isotopes with their characteristic decay properties. We are interested in calculating the various species of gamma activities induced in the sample during its irradiation.

The identification of the radioactivities produced along with their strengths is needed for the evaluation of lead shielding required for the sample to keep the dose rate within safe limits.

2.4.1 First Order Effects

Suppose element X has one of the isotopes X_1 , which by absorbing a neutron becomes radioactive isotope X_2 . The isotope X_2 in turn may be lost by decay or absorbing another neutron in the reactor. Here, we limit our consideration that the decay or absorption in X_2 does not lead to any activity.

Suppose σ_{A1} is the microscopic absorption cross section of the isotope X_1 and σ_{C2} is its activation cross section to form X_2 . λ_2 and σ_{A2} are the decay constant and absorption cross section respectively for isotope X_2 .

The number of nuclei N_1 and N_2 of isotopes X1 and X2 respectively at any time during irradiation will be governed by the following equations.

$$dN_1/dt = -\sigma_{A1} \phi N_1 \quad (17)$$

$$dN_2/dt = \sigma_{C2} \phi N_1 - (\lambda_2 + \sigma_{A2} \phi) N_2 \quad (18)$$

The solution of equation (17) with the initial condition

$N_1 = N_1^0$ at $t=0$ would be

$$N_1 = N_1^0 e^{-\sigma_{A1} \phi t}$$

Putting this solution in equation (18) we get

$$dN_2/dt + (\lambda_2 + \sigma_{A2} \phi) N_2 = \sigma_{C2} \phi N_1^0 e^{-\sigma_{A1} \phi t}$$

This can be solved, with the initial condition $N_2 = 0$ at $t=0$ to give

$$N_2 = \frac{N_1^0 \sigma_{C2} \phi \left[e^{-\sigma_{A1} \phi t} - e^{-(\lambda_2 + \sigma_{A2} \phi) t} \right]}{\lambda_2 + (\sigma_{A2} - \sigma_{A1}) \phi} \quad (19)$$

The radioactivity (disintegrations/sec) A_2 due to this isotope would, therefore, be

$$A_2 = \lambda_2 N_2 = \frac{\lambda_2 N_1^0 \sigma_{C2} \phi \left[e^{-\sigma_{A1} \phi t} - e^{-(\lambda_2 + \sigma_{A2} \phi) t} \right]}{\lambda_2 + (\sigma_{A2} - \sigma_{A1}) \phi} \quad (20)$$

If the following approximations are made

$$(\sigma_{A2} - \sigma_{A1}) \phi \ll \lambda_2$$

$$\sigma_{A2} \phi \ll \lambda_2$$

$$e^{-\sigma_{A1} \phi t} \approx 1.0$$

then the expression for activity given by equation (20) reduces to the well known relation

$$A_2 = N_1^0 \sigma_{C2} \phi [1 - e^{-\lambda_2 t}] \quad (21)$$

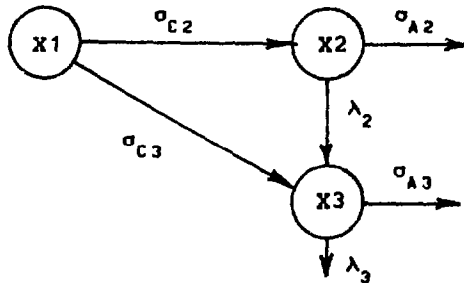
Effectively, this equation does not account for the depletion of target as well as that of the produced radioactive nuclei by the absorption of neutrons. These effects may be considerable for long or high flux irradiations. The present code accounts for these effects by using equation (20) rather than the usual approximate expression given by (21).

2.4.2 Threshold Reactions

The radioactivities produced by (n, γ) reactions in different isotopes have, in general, been accounted in this code. However, some isotopes produce radioactivities of considerable importance due to some threshold reactions, like (n, α) , due to presence of fast neutrons. For example, irradiation of Al-27 produces Na-24 by (n, α) reaction. For shielding considerations, the radioactivity of Al-28 produced by the capture of thermal neutrons in the reactor is of little concern (except for extremely short cooling times) as compared to that of Na-24 produced by (n, α) reactions with fast neutrons in the reactor. This is because Na-24 has a relatively long half life (15 hrs) as compared to that of Al-28 (2.3 mnts) and also because Na-24 emits very hard gammas as compared to those of Al-28. Since all the samples are contained in aluminium capsules, we have included (n, α) reaction for the irradiation of aluminium. The fast flux has been estimated to be about 11% of the thermal flux and the (n, α) cross-section for Al-27 was taken to be 0.6 mb, corresponding to the fission spectrum of neutrons.

2.4.3 Second Order Effects

Let us now consider the case where the isotope X2 may decay to another isotope X3 (or may be another isomeric state of the same isotope X2) which is also radioactive with different characteristics. We further consider that the isotope X1 can also be directly activated to the isotope X3 with an activation cross section of σ_{c3} . This is really the case with many isotopes (e.g. Co-59) which are activated to two isomeric states of the same isotope (Co-60) having different decay characteristics and also one of them decays to the other. In such cases at any time there would exist two species of radioactivities. Pictorially they can be represented as:



Suppose isotope X1 has activation cross sections σ_{c2} and σ_{c3} to form radioactive species X2 and X3, respectively. Further X2 decays to X3 with a decay constant of λ_2 . If N_1 represents the initial no. of nuclei of X1 and N_1, N_2, N_3 those of X1, X2 and X3 respectively at any instant then they are governed by the equations

$$dN_1/dt = -\sigma_{A1} \phi N_1 \quad (22)$$

$$dN_2/dt = \sigma_{c2} \phi N_1 - (\lambda_2 + \sigma_{A2} \phi) N_2 \quad (23)$$

$$dN_3/dt = \sigma_{c3} \phi N_1 - (\lambda_3 + \sigma_{A3} \phi) N_3 + \lambda_2 N_2 \quad (24)$$

The solution of equation (22) is

$$N_1 = N_1^0 e^{-\sigma_{A1} \phi t} \quad (25)$$

Substituting this in (23) and solving with the initial condition $N_2=0$ at $t=0$, we get

$$N_2 = \frac{N_1^0 \sigma_{C2} \phi [e^{-\sigma_{A1} \phi t} - e^{-(\lambda_2 + \sigma_{A2} \phi) t}]}{\lambda_2 + (\sigma_{A2} - \sigma_{A1}) \phi} \quad (26)$$

Substituting these solutions for N_1 and N_2 in equation (24) and solving it for N_3 with the initial condition $N_3 = 0$ at $t=0$ we get,

$$N_3 = \frac{B [e^{-\sigma_{A1} \phi t} - e^{-(\lambda_3 + \sigma_{A3} \phi) t}]}{\lambda_3 + (\sigma_{A3} - \sigma_{A1}) \phi} + \frac{D [e^{-(\sigma_{A2} \phi + \lambda_2) t} - e^{-(\lambda_3 + \sigma_{A3} \phi) t}]}{\lambda_3 + \lambda_2 + (\sigma_{A3} - \sigma_{A2}) \phi} \quad (27)$$

where B and D are constants given as

$$B = \phi N_1^0 [\sigma_{C3} + \frac{\lambda_2 \sigma_{C2}}{\lambda_2 + (\sigma_{A2} - \sigma_{A1}) \phi}]$$

$$D = \frac{\phi N_1^0 \sigma_{C2} \lambda_2}{\lambda_2 + (\sigma_{A2} - \sigma_{A1}) \phi}$$

Using the expressions for N_2 and N_3 as given by equation (26) and (27) we calculate the radioactivities due to these species by multiplying by their respective decay constants.

It may be mentioned that this formalism becomes necessary for the cases in which an isotope is activated to another with two isomeric states (with different activation cross sections) one of which decays to the other with

certain half life. For example, Sc-81 gets activated to two isomers of comparable half lives, one of which decays to the other. The code calculates the radioactivities due to both the species separately. The cases like formation of Po-210 by the irradiation of Bi-209 and subsequent decay of Bi-210 are also simulated in the code by assigning σ_{c3} as zero in this formalism.

2.4.4 Effect of Cooling

The radioactivity produced during irradiation is reduced by an exponential law, if the sample is allowed to cool for sometime. The net activity $A_2(t_c)$ remaining of a source having initial activity $A_2(0)$ and cooled for t_c seconds, is given by

$$A_2(t_c) = A_2(0) e^{-\lambda_2 t_c}$$

2.5 Dose Rates of Induced Radioactivities

Various radioactivities are induced in the sample during its irradiation in the reactor. We are interested in evaluating the lead shield requirements for the sample so that the dose rate at 1 foot does not exceed the permissible limit of 200 mR/hr. Alpha and Beta radiations would be easily stopped by a relatively thin layer but it is the gammas which penetrate and require sufficient shielding to reduce the dose rate to permissible limits. The unshielded dose rate D_0 at 1 foot from a gamma source of strength 'C' curies is given by [4]

$$D_0 = 6 C \sum_v E_v f_v$$

where f_v refers to the average no. of gammas emitted with energy E_v for each disintegration of the source.

2.5.1 Dose Buildup Factors

The introduction of lead shield around a gamma source reduces the dose rate because some of the radiated photons are lost while colliding with the shielding material. The dose rate at 1 foot due to uncollided photons having traversed a shield thickness of x cm is given by the well known attenuation formula.

$$D_x = D_0 e^{-\mu x}$$

$$= 6 C \int \frac{E_v f_v}{v} e^{-\mu x}$$

where D_0 is the unshielded dose rate and D_x that with a shielding of x cm. μ is the total gamma attenuation cross section for the energy of gamma under consideration. However, all the photons that collide with material are not lost and some of them do come out with some reduced energy after making a few scatterings in the material. These photons add to dose rate due to the uncollided photons. This is accounted by defining a term "Buildup Factor" which is the ratio of the actual dose to the uncollided dose at a point. Evidently this would depend on the energy of photons (as μ depends on energy) and the thickness of shield. Their precise estimation requires involved calculations which is really not needed for such analysis. The total attenuation cross section is also a function of photon energy. Both, the total attenuation cross section and the buildup factors are available [4] in a tabular form as a function of energy and thickness. The same have been used to interpolate the μ and B values for the desired energy and shield thickness.

2.5.2 Shielded Dose Rate due to Sample

The shielded dose rate at 1 foot from a gamma source of strength C curies emitting photons of various energies E_v with their fractional yields f_v , and having shield of x cm would, therefore, be given by

$$D = 6 C \int \frac{E_v f_v}{v} e^{-\mu x} B(E_v, \mu x)$$

where $B(E_v, \mu x)$ is the build up factor for photons of energy E_v with a lead shield thickness of x cm. The dose rates at 1 foot due to the various activities produced in the sample elements are calculated using the above relation.

2.5.3 Shielded Dose Rates due to the Capsule Activity

As discussed earlier, the contribution of the Na-24 formed by the (n, α) reaction with the aluminium of the capsule containing the sample is significant and at times dominant (in case of low dose rates from sample materials) in the total dose rate due to sample alongwith the capsule. This has been accounted in the code by building in the dose rate at 1 foot due to the saturation activity of Na-24 produced in the capsule at a reference flux value (maximum of circle # 4) for various shield thicknesses, to avoid repetitive calculations. Its dose rate at 1 foot with a desired shield thickness for a particular sample irradiation is derived from the corresponding tabulated saturation dose rate at 1 foot using the proportionality relationship given below.

$$D = D_0 \left(\phi / \phi_0 \right) \left(1 - e^{-\lambda t_i} \right) e^{-\lambda t_c}$$

where:

D_0 = Dose rate at 1 foot due to saturation activity in flux position ϕ_0

λ = Decay constant of Na-24 (per hours)

t_i = Irradiation time in hours

t_c = Cooling time in hours

The dose rate due to the capsule is added to the sample dose rate to arrive at the total dose rate at 1 foot due to sample alongwith the capsule.

3 CODE DESCRIPTION

The basic formalism of the code has already been discussed in the previous sections. The flow chart of the code is given in Figure 1 which gives the birds-eye view of the code. Although the flow chart is self explanatory, a brief description of the code is given below.

A large number of input data are required for various constituent isotopes of a sample and the radioactive isotopes formed during their irradiation. Various data for different elements like their natural isotopic composition, atomic weights, radioactive isotopes formed and their half lives, the energies and the yield of photons radiated by the induced radioactivities, the activation and absorption cross sections of different isotopes etc. remain unchanged irrespective of the sample in which they exist. Such data have been built in the code, once for all, for all the isotopes of interest so that they can internally be picked up for the elements constituting the sample under analysis. These data have been taken from references (2) and (5). The samples are irradiated in fixed locations of the reactor, hence, the neutron fluxes at these locations have also been built in the code. The neutron flux in various irradiating locations (different tiers of tray rods or self-serve), strictly speaking, depends on the core loading and operating heavy water height. However, we have incorporated the flux corresponding to a representative core loading with an operating heavy water height of 295 cms. Effort has been made to reduce the input to be supplied by the user to a bare minimum, i.e., the ones which are sample dependent.

3.1 Code Operation

The code reads the inputs like chemical formula of the material, its mass, density, irradiation required, cooling time after irradiation, its location in the reactor (tray rod tier number, circle number of tray rod or self-serve position) geometry of the sample and its details (for cylinders). Before starting any calculation the code checks for the correctness of the input, i.e, the tier number, self-serve position or the symbols of the elements of the sample are not beyond the actual range. In case of any

error, the code stops after printing the error message to avoid the erroneous output produced inadvertently. The code starts with the calculation of nuclear concentration of various constituent isotopes in the sample. It calculates the flux depression factor for the given sample which is used to calculate the reactivity load and heating rate of the the sample. It subsequently recognises the radioactive isotopes produced and calculates their strengths after irradiation. It proceeds by calculating the strength of various activities after a given cooling time and the dose rate at 1 foot due to the characteristic gammas emitted by the different radioactive isotopes with a uniform shield of 2 inches of lead around it. The dose rate due to Na-24 formed by (n,α) reaction with the aluminium of the capsule is added to that due to the sample material. If the total dose rate at 1 foot is found to be more than the permissible limit of 200 mR/hr, it increases the shield by 1 inch and recalculates the dose rate. It keeps on incrementing the shield thickness until the dose rate at 1 foot is found to be less than 200 mR/hr. If the required lead shield is found to be more than 2 inches and no cooling has been provided, it looks for the reduction of shield thickness to 2 inches by allowing cooling of the sample for 1,2,4,8,24,72,120,240,720 hours respectively for the dose rate at 1 foot to be within the permissible limit. It stops the calculations when either the shield requirement is equal to 2 inches or the total cooling time exceeds 30 days.

3.2 Input Specifications

The inputs required for the code are given in the free format except the chemical formula of the sample. In free format, various parameters are supplied sequentially, separated by a blank, according to the type(Real or Integer) of the variable. A file of input data is prepared and given a name(say INPT) which is assigned Logical Unit # 5 and is processed by the code to produce an output file(say OTPT) assigned Logical Unit # 6 which gives the relevant summary of the given PIR. The details of the input file are given on next page.

Variable	Description
----- Card No. 1 FORMAT (15(A2,I1)) -----	
(X(I),M(I), I=1,N)	Identification of the element (left justified) followed by its atomic multiplicity in the compound for all (say N) elements constituting the sample. (for mixtures atomic multiplicity has no meaning, any value can be given)
----- Card No. 2 (Free Format) -----	
NPIR	PIR Number
SMA	Mass of sample (gms) (+ X for compound as given on Card 1) (- X for mixture of elements on Card 1)
DEN	Density of sample (gms/cc) (not used in cylindrical geometry)
TIR	Irradiation required (+ X for X hours of irradiation) (- X for X MWD of irradiation)
TIC	Cooling time (hrs)
NL	Sample location (+ N for T.R. tier no. N from bottom) (- N for S-N position in self serve)
NC	Circle no. for tray rod (for J rod annulus NC = 23) (not used for self serve location)
NG	Geometry of the sample (0=spherical; 1= cylindrical)
PF	Plant Factor

Card No. 3 (Free Format)

 (required only for cylindrical geometry)

RO Outer radius (cm) of the cylinder
 RI Inner radius (cm) of the cylinder
 (RI=0.0 for solid cylinders)
 H Height (cms) of the cylinder

Card No. 4 (Free Format)

 (required only for mixture of elements)

(WP(I), I=1, N) Weight percentages of constituent
 elements of the mixture in the order
 given on Card 1

The input file may contain the inputs for more than one sample (one after the other) all of which will be processed sequentially in a single run. A sample input is given in Appendix- A.

3.3 Output

 The output of the code appears in two parts. The first part consists of summary of results which appears on Logical Unit # 6 (with a file name, say OTPT). This is a one page output and can be filed for records. It contains the input data of the sample, its reactivity load and heating rate. It also contains the strength of various radioactivities produced after irradiation and cooling and their dose rates at 1 foot. Finally, it gives the shielding requirements for the given cooling time or, if no cooling is provided at various cooling times, to bring down the dose rate at 1 foot within the permissible limits.

The second part of the output appears on the terminal and can be stored and printed if a COMO file (command output file) is assigned. It contains all the information of the summary file as well as some additional information like the flux depression factor, the dose rates at various stages of

shielding thicknesses, the details (energy and % yield) of various radioactive gammas etc. This part of output may be of interest for the detailed analysis of the PIR.

A sample output is given in Appendix-B.

4. ANALYSIS OF SOME MEASURED IRRADIATIONS

We have analysed some irradiations carried out in CIRUS reactor using this code to check for its efficacy in predicting various entities.

4.1 Irradiation of Cobalt Sample in an Adjuster Tray Rod

Cobalt pellets packed in the form of an annular cylinder in CIRUS capsules were irradiated in all the 30 positions of the adjuster tray rod for isotope production.

Each capsule contained 25 gms of cobalt and they were irradiated for 30509 MWD from 17.1.1980 to 12.9.1983 in Cirus reactor. Their activity was measured on 21.11.1983.

4.1.1 Radioactivities

The Co-60 activities of these capsules predicted by the code in the samples in different positions of the tray rod are given in Table-1. They are compared with the measured activities in the same table.

The reactor power and so also the neutron flux levels in different capsules can not remain constant over such a long period. The variations of the neutron flux can not be accounted exactly in the code; however a uniform average flux over the entire period is calculated based on the actual reactor power developed during the period. The intercomparison of the calculated and measured values of radioactivities in different capsules shows that the predictions are satisfactory, keeping in mind the uncertainties of the measurements. The activity of 1750 curies predicted by the code in the maximum flux position compares well with the measured 1700 curies. The total radioactivity predicted in the whole adjuster tray rod is 36219 curies which compares reasonably well with the measured value of 32984 curies.

4.1.2 Reactivity Load and Heating Rate

The reactivity load and heating rate predictions for cobalt capsules in different positions of the tray rod are given in Table 2. Although no measurements for heating in the individual capsules have been made, it is accepted [6] that a capsule of 30 gms of cobalt produces around 50 watts of power in the maximum flux position in tray rods in this reactor. The 25 gms cobalt should produce around 42 watts. The code predicts around 39 watts of power in the maximum flux position which is quite satisfactory in view of the complexity of its calculation.

The total reactivity load of the whole adjuster tray rod is predicted to be about 2.57 mk which is reasonably good from the operational experience of the reactor.

4.2 Irradiation of Antimony Samples

Activity produced in small samples of antimony powder irradiated in CIRUS was analysed [7] earlier in connection with the production of Sb-124 gamma sources for the start-up of Tarapur reactor. Antimony powder of mass 20 mg was sealed alongwith cobalt monitors of 13 mg in a normal aluminium capsule. Ten such capsules were irradiated in different tiers of an isotope tray rod of CIRUS reactor for 48 hours with an average power rating of 30 MW. Average flux seen by each capsule was estimated by measuring the Co-60 activity produced in cobalt monitors. These fluxes, in turn, were used to estimate the Sb-124 activity and compared with the measured values.

We have also analysed these measurements using the present code. The predicted Sb-124 activities in different capsules are compared with the measurement values in Table-3. It may be mentioned that the effect of variations in reactor power, operating heavy water height and adjuster rod manipulations during irradiations is not accounted in the code. The actual fluxes seen by the sample are, therefore somewhat different from their representative values built in the code. The actual fluxes have, however, been evaluated by intercomparing the measured Co-60 activities of the

monitors with those predicted by the code using the representative flux values. It can be seen from Table-3 that the calculated values of Sb-124 activity in various capsules agree reasonably well with the measured values.

4.3 Analysis of Miscellaneous Irradiations

Some of the samples irradiated in CIRUS tray rod and Self-Serve positions have been analysed [3] to check for the shielding requirement and dose rate predictions of the code. The samples were assumed to be spherical in geometry and the actual plant factor during irradiations and the cooling times (time elapsed between end of irradiation and dose rate measurement) were used in this analysis. The shielding requirements predicted by the code and the actual shielding used are given in Table 4. It may be seen that the predicted shield thicknesses to reduce the dose rate at 1 foot within the permissible limit of 200 mR/hr are the same as actually used for the purpose in all the cases. The dose rates at 1 foot calculated by the code for these samples with the lead shield provided are also compared with the measured values in the same table. It is seen that there are some differences between the dose rates calculated at 1 foot and the measured values. These discrepancies may, partly, be due to the approximations used in the calculations, the uncertainties in the radiation data or due to the presence of some trace elements in the samples. It may be mentioned that the dose rates are strongly (inverse square) dependent on the distance between the source and the point of measurement. The predicted dose rates are at a point exactly at 1 foot from the source whereas these operational measurements are made just to ensure that the dose rates do not exceed the permissible limits. It is quite likely that the operational measurements of dose rates may not be exactly at 1 foot (the measured value could be indicative). The intercomparison of the calculated and measured radioactivity productions in other samples, as given in tables 1 and 3, is found to be quite satisfactory. In view of the uncertainties involved in the operational measurements of the dose rates at 1 foot, the dose rate predictions by the code appear to be satisfactory. The shielding requirements, however, are correctly predicted in all the cases.

5. CONCLUSION

A program SHARDA has been developed for Sample Heat, Activity, Reactivity and Dose Analysis of Pile Irradiation Request (PIR) in CIRUS reactor. The code will enable to get rid of the monotony in routine desk calculations performed hitherto for such evaluations. The evaluation by the code will eliminate the possible human errors in collecting various input data required for the purpose, such as isotopic compositions of various isotopes in the constituent elements of the sample, their various nuclear cross-sections, their radiation characteristics (half life, energy and percentage of the emanating gammas) of different activities produced during irradiation and the irradiating flux values assigned to various irradiating locations in the reactor. All these data for different elements and the representative neutron fluxes in all possible irradiating positions have been built in the code and only a bare minimum input (required to specify the sample details) is needed to carry out these evaluations. Evaluations using the code will further eliminate the calculational errors possible with a desk calculator. A summary of output alongwith input for a PIR is printed on a single page output which can be filed with ease for records.

The code takes into account the target and product depletion effects during irradiation which are normally ignored in hand calculations. These effects could be significant for long or high flux irradiations. The efficacy of the code in estimating the parameters of interest for a PIR evaluation has been tested against a variety of measurements.

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TABLE NO: 1

**CO-60 ACTIVITIES IN CAPSULES IRRADIATED IN DIFFERENT
TIERS OF ADJUSTER TRAY ROD IN CIRUS REACTOR**

POSITION IN TRAY ROD (FROM BOTTOM)	MEASURED ACTIVITY (CURIES)	CALCULATED ACTIVITY (CURIES)
1	530	611
2	595	736
3	850	914
4	935	1030
5	1115	1180
6	1230	1280
7	1305	1400
8	1445	1480
9	1455	1570
10	1500	1620
11	1625	1690
12	1700	1710
13	1700	1740
14	1700	1750
15	1700	1740
16	1615	1720
17	1570	1670
18	1465	1630
19	1400	1550
20	1380	1480
21	1220	1370
22	1115	1280
23	956	1140
24	870	1030
25	670	865
26	510	746
27	340	557
28	235	425
29	148	222
30	105	83
TOTAL:	32984	36219

TABLE NO: 2

REACTIVITY LOAD AND HEATING RATE PREDICTIONS FOR CORAL T
CAPSULES IRRADIATED IN DIFFERENT TIERS OF ADJUSTER
TRAY ROD IN CIRUS REACTOR

POSITION IN TRAY ROD (FROM BOTTOM)	REACTIVITY LOAD (MK)	HEATING RATE (W)
1	0.018	16.1
2	0.026	18.5
3	0.041	22.0
4	0.052	24.2
5	0.069	27.3
6	0.081	29.2
7	0.099	31.8
8	0.110	33.3
9	0.126	35.3
10	0.135	36.4
11	0.146	37.7
12	0.151	38.3
13	0.156	38.8
14	0.157	38.9
15	0.155	38.7
16	0.151	38.3
17	0.143	37.4
18	0.135	36.5
19	0.122	34.8
20	0.111	33.4
21	0.094	31.1
22	0.082	29.4
23	0.064	26.5
24	0.053	24.4
25	0.037	21.0
26	0.027	18.7
27	0.015	15.0
28	0.0086	12.4
29	0.0023	8.5
30	0.0003	5.9
TOTAL:	2.5672	839.8

TABLE NO: 3

COMPARISON OF CALCULATED AND MEASURED SB-124 ACTIVITIES
FOR 20 MG ANTIMONY SAMPLES IRRADIATED IN DIFFERENT TIERS
OF A TRAY ROD IN CIRUS

PIR NO.	CO-60 MONITOR ACTIVITY(MC)		FLUX CORRECTION FACTOR	SB-124 SAMPLE ACTIVITY(MC)	
	CAL.	MEAS.		*CAL.	MEAS.
3342	3.80	4.65	1.22	5.5	6.1
3343	4.01	4.90	1.22	5.7	5.9
3344	4.17	4.97	1.19	5.8	5.8
3345	4.24	4.97	1.17	5.8	5.9
3346	3.63	4.45	1.22	5.2	5.4
3347	4.33	4.92	1.14	5.7	6.0
3348	4.30	4.60	1.07	5.3	5.6
3349	4.25	4.57	1.07	5.3	5.1
3350	4.13	4.15	1.00	4.8	5.1
3351	3.81	3.45	0.90	4.0	4.1

*CALCULATED VALUES INCLUDE THE FLUX CORRECTION FACTORS DETERMINED BY COBALT MONITORS.

TABLE NO: 4

COMPARISON OF CALCULATED AND MEASURED DOSE RATES AND SHIELD REQUIREMENTS

FOR MISCELLANEOUS SAMPLES IRRADIATED IN CIRUS

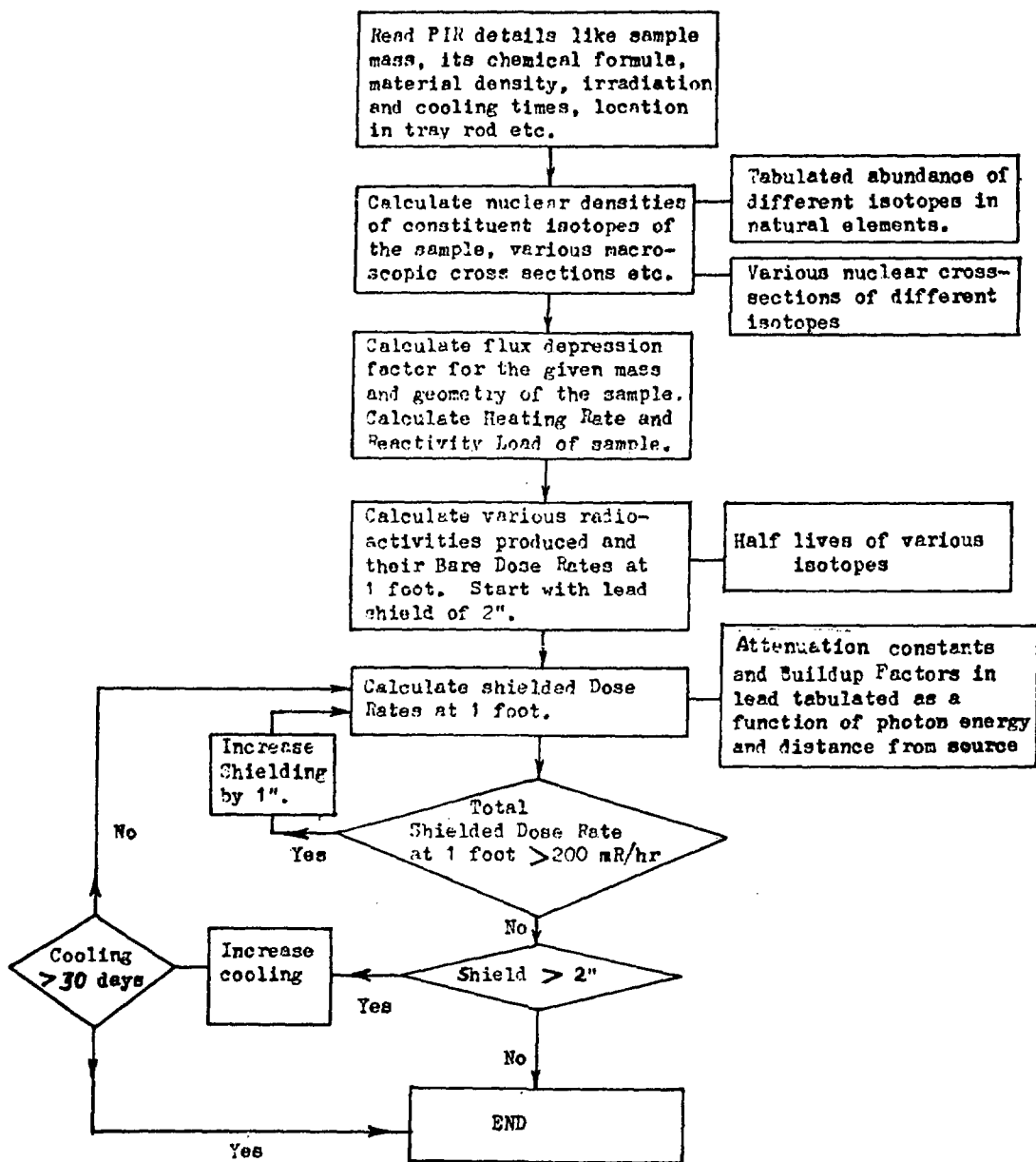
PIR NO.	MATERIAL	MASS (GM)	FLUX ($\times 10^{13}$)	IRRADIATION (MND)	COOLING (HRS)	LEAD SHIELD (INCHES)		SHIELDED DOSE RATE AT 1 FOOT (MR/HR)	
						CAL.	MEAS.	CAL.	MEAS.
8332	BACO ₃	7.0	4.69 (TR)	15144.0	1.0	3	3	140	100
9343	NI	10.0	5.55 (TR)	4918.0	0.8	3	3	99	170
9687	ND ₂ O ₃	0.125	4.90 (TR)	642.0	24.0	2	2	33	40
9717	HGO	4.4	1.4 (SS)	75.2	2.0	2	2	25	100
9748	NH ₄ BR	0.05	1.01 (SS)	45.5	5.0	2	2	42	180
9805	MNSO ₄	0.01	0.30 (SS)	7.5	0.8	2	2	18	100

TR = TRAY ROD

SS = SELF SERVE

FIGURE - 1

LOGICAL FLOW DIAGRAM



APPENDIX - A

INPUT FILE

C01

999 25.0 8.9 32016.0 1680.0 14 4 1 0.572

0.54 0.60 4.0

8A1C 10 3

8332 7.0 4.43 -15144.0 0.0 20 8 0 0.56

APPENDIX - B

OUTPUT FILES

9.) SUMMARY FILE

		PIR NO= 999		C01						
WGT(GM)	DENS(GM/CC)	IRRADIATION	COOL(HR)	P.F.	LOCATION	CIRCLE	GEOM	ROUT(CM)	RIN(CM)	HEIGHT(CM)
(+CAP/-MIX)		(+HR/-HWD)			(+TR/-SS)					
25.00000	0.900	0.3200 05	0.1680 04	0.572	14	4	1	0.94	0.60	4.00

FLUX DEPRESSION FACTOR= 0.552

TOTAL HEATING RATE(WATTS)= 30.581

SAMPLE REACTIVITY LOAD(MK) = 0.1591

FOR BARE IRRADIATED SAMPLE

ISOTOPE	HALFLIFE(HRS)	CURIES	DOSE RATE(MR/MR)AT 1 FOOT
CO- 60	0.1740 00	0.1020-98	0.3480-96
CC- 60	0.4620 05	0.1750 04	0.2620 00

TOTAL(SAMPLE+CAPSULE) BARE DOSE RATE(MR/MR)AT 1 FT= 0.26200 00

SHIELDING REQUIREMENTS ARE

COOLING TIME(HRS)	SHIELD(INCH)	D.R.(MR/MH) AT 1 FOOT	D.R. FOR MAX4
1680.00	9.00	54.3	54.3

PIR NO=8332

BA1C 10 3

MASS(GM) (+COM/-MIX)	DEN(GM/CC)	IRRADIATION (+HR/-MWD)	COOL(HR)	P.F.	LOCATION (+TR/-SS)	CIRCLE	GEOM
7.00000	4.430	-0.151D 05	0.000D 00	0.580	20	8	0

FLUX DEPRESSION FACTOR= 0.998

TOTAL HEATING RATE(WATTS)= 4.161

SAMPLE REACTIVITY LOAD(MK) = 0.0528

FOR BARE IRRADIATED SAMPLE

ISOTOPE	HALFLIFE(HRS)	CURIES	DOSE RATE(MR/HR) AT 1 FOOT
BA-131	0.250D 00	0.401D-01	0.261D 02
BA-131	0.281D 03	0.217D 00	0.666D 03
BA-139	0.138D 01	0.426D 01	0.105D 05
C - 14	0.502D 08	0.177D-07	0.000D 00
O - 19	0.750D-02	0.146D-04	0.119D 00

TOTAL(SAMPLE+CAPSULE) BARE DOSE RATE(MR/HR) AT 1 FT= 0.1184D 05

SHIELDING REQUIREMENTS ARE

COOLING TIME(HRS)	SHIELD(INCH)	D.R.(MR/HR) AT 1 FOOT	D.R. FOR MAX4
0.00	4.00	56.1	77.2
1.00	3.00	140.0	192.6
2.00	3.00	55.1	130.8
4.00	2.00	167.4	230.3

B.2 DETAILED FILE (APPEARS ON TERMINAL, CAN ALSO BE STORED)

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                PIR NO= 999                THE SAMPLE IS COI
MASS IN GRAMS      = 0.25000 02
DENSITY (GMS/CC)   = 0.99000 01
IRRADIATION TIME(+HRS/-MWD) = 0.32020 05
COOLING TIME(HRS)  = 0.16800 04
PLANT FACTOR       = 0.57200 00
T.R. TIER NO.(+)/S.S.NO.(-) = 14
CIRCLE NUMBER (FOR T.R.) = 4
GEOMETRY (0/1 SPH/CYL) = 1
MOLECULAR WEIGHT    = 0.58900 02
CYLINDRICAL GEOMETRY
                OUTER RADIUS(CM) = 0.9400 00.
                INNER RADIUS(CM) = 0.6000 00.
                HEIGHT (CM)      = 0.4000 01
                VOL OF SAMPLE(CC)= 0.6500 01
                FLUX DEPRESSION FACTOR(CYL)= 0.5520 00
                *****CORE GAMMA HEAT(WATTS) = 6.933
                *****CAPTURE GAMMA HEAT(WATTS)= 31.647
                ***** TOTAL HEAT(WATTS) = 38.581
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                ***** SHIELD= 2.0 INCH *****

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FOR THE ELEMENT CO

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ISOTOPE CO= 60 (HALF LIFE(HRS)=3.1740 00)
ACTIVITY IN CURIES = 0.1000 98
GAMMA(MEV)=0.658,% YIELD=100.00,BARE DOSE RATE=3.3480-96,SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.1000-98
BARE DOSE RATE(MR/HR) AT 1 FOOT = 3.3480-96
SHIELDED DOSE RATE(MR/HR) AT 1 FOOT= 0.1000-98

ISOTOPE CO= 60 (HALF LIFE(HRS)=3.4620 05)
ACTIVITY IN CURIES = 0.1750 04
GAMMA(MEV)=1.170,% YIELD=100.00,BARE DOSE RATE=0.1230 08,SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.7970 06
GAMMA(MEV)=1.330,% YIELD=100.00,BARE DOSE RATE=0.1390 08,SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.1200 07
BARE DOSE RATE(MR/HR) AT 1 FOOT = 3.2620 08
SHIELDED DOSE RATE(MR/HR) AT 1 FOOT= 0.1990 07

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FOR CAPSULE

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NA=24 ACTIVITY (CURIES) = 0.5210-34
NA=24 BARE DOSE RATE (MR/HR) AT 1 FOOT= 0.1770-30
NA=24 SHIELDED DOSE RATE (MR/HR) AT 1 FOOT= 0.2410-31

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                *****TOTAL SAMPLE REACTIVITY LOAD(MK)= 0.1591
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                SHIELDED (SAMPLE+CAPSULE) DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.1990 07
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***** SHIELD= 3.0 INCH *****

FOR THE ELEMENT CO

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GAMMA(MEV)=0.058,3 YIELD=100.00,BARE DOSE RATE=0.3480-96,SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.1000-98
CO- 60 SHIELDED DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.1000-98
GAMMA(MEV)=1.170,2 YIELD=100.00,BARE DOSE RATE=0.1230 08,SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.1710 06
GAMMA(MEV)=1.330,2 YIELD=100.00,BARE DOSE RATE=0.1390 08,SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.3040 06
CO- 60 SHIELDED DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.4750 06
SHIELDED (SAMPLE+CAPSULE) DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.4750 06
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***** SHIELD= 4.0 INCH *****

FOR THE ELEMENT CO

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GAMMA(MEV)=0.058,3 YIELD=100.00,BARE DOSE RATE=0.3480-96,SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.1000-98
CO- 60 SHIELDED DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.1000-98
GAMMA(MEV)=1.170,2 YIELD=100.00,BARE DOSE RATE=0.1230 08,SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.3500 05
GAMMA(MEV)=1.330,2 YIELD=100.00,BARE DOSE RATE=0.1390 08,SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.7210 05
CO- 60 SHIELDED DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.1070 06
SHIELDED (SAMPLE+CAPSULE) DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.1070 06
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***** SHIELD= 5.0 INCH *****

FOR THE ELEMENT CO

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GAMMA(MEV)=0.058,3 YIELD=100.00,BARE DOSE RATE=0.3480-96,SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.1000-98
CO- 60 SHIELDED DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.1000-98
GAMMA(MEV)=1.170,2 YIELD=100.00,BARE DOSE RATE=0.1230 08,SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.7090 04
GAMMA(MEV)=1.330,2 YIELD=100.00,BARE DOSE RATE=0.1390 08,SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.1740 05
CO- 60 SHIELDED DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.2450 05
SHIELDED (SAMPLE+CAPSULE) DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.2450 05
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***** SHIELD= 6.0 INCH *****

FOR THE ELEMENT CO

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GAMMA(MEV)=0.058,3 YIELD=100.00,BARE DOSE RATE=0.3480-96,SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.1000-98
CO- 60 SHIELDED DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.1000-98
GAMMA(MEV)=1.170,2 YIELD=100.00,BARE DOSE RATE=0.1230 08,SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.1410 04
GAMMA(MEV)=1.330,2 YIELD=100.00,BARE DOSE RATE=0.1390 08,SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.1950 04
CO- 60 SHIELDED DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.5360 04
SHIELDED (SAMPLE+CAPSULE) DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.5360 04
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***** SHIELD= 7.0 INCH *****

FOR THE ELEMENT CO

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GAMMA(MEV)=0.058,3 YIELD=100.00,BARE DOSE RATE=0.3480-96,SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.1000-98
CO- 60 SHIELDED DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.1000-98
GAMMA(MEV)=1.170,2 YIELD=100.00,BARE DOSE RATE=0.1230 08,SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.2690 03
GAMMA(MEV)=1.330,2 YIELD=100.00,BARE DOSE RATE=0.1390 08,SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.9150 03
CO- 60 SHIELDED DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.1180 04
SHIELDED (SAMPLE+CAPSULE) DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.1180 04
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***** SHIELD= 6.0 INCH *****

FOR THE ELEMENT CO

 CO- 60 SHIELDED GAMMA(MEV)=0.058,% YIELD=100.00,BARE DOSE RATE=0.3480-96,SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.1000-98
 DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.1000-98
 GAMMA(MEV)=1.170,% YIELD=100.00,BARE DOSE RATE=0.1230 08,SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.5110 02
 CO- 60 SHIELDED GAMMA(MEV)=1.330,% YIELD=100.00,BARE DOSE RATE=0.1390 08,SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.2020 03
 DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.2530 03
 SHIELDED (SAMPLE+CAPSULE) DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.2530 03

***** SHIELD= 9.0 INCH *****

FOR THE ELEMENT CO

 CO- 60 SHIELDED GAMMA(MEV)=0.058,% YIELD=100.00,BARE DOSE RATE=0.3480-96,SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.1000-98
 DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.1000-98
 GAMMA(MEV)=1.170,% YIELD=100.00,BARE DOSE RATE=0.1230 08,SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.9930 01
 CO- 60 SHIELDED GAMMA(MEV)=1.330,% YIELD=100.00,BARE DOSE RATE=0.1390 08,SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.4440 02
 DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.5430 02
 SHIELDED (SAMPLE+CAPSULE) DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.5430 02

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MASS IN GRAMS = 0.70000 01
 DENSITY (GMS/CC) = 0.44300 01
 IRRADIATION TIME(HRS/MWD) = -0.15140 05
 COOLING TIME(HRS) = 0.00600 00
 PLANT FACTOR = 0.58600 00
 T.R.TIER NO.(+)/S.S.NO.(=) = 20
 CIRCLF NUMBER (FOR T.R.) = 8
 GEOMETRY (0/1 SPH/CYL) = 0
 MOLECULAR WEIGHT = 0.19730 03
 FLUX DEPRESSION FACTOR(SPHERICAL) = 0.998

*****CORE GAMMA HEAT(WATTS) = 3.813
 *****CAPTURE GAMMA HEAT(WATTS)= 0.348
 ***** TOTAL HEAT(WATTS) = 4.161

***** SHIELD= 2.0 INCH *****

FOR THE ELEMENT BA

 ISOTOPE BA=131(HALF LIFE(HRS)=0.2560 00)
 ACTIVITY IN CURIES = 0.4010-01
 GAMMA(MEV)=0.108,% YIELD=100.00,BARE DOSE RATE=0.2610 02,SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.1000-98
 BARE DOSE RATE(MR/HR) AT 1 FOOT = 0.2610 02
 SHIELDED DOSE RATE(MR/HR) AT 1 FOOT= 0.1000-98

GAMMA(MEV)=1.357% YIELD=10.0% BARE DOSE RATE=0.1190 (0.5 SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.2720-02
 SHIELDED DOSE RATE(MR/HR) AT 1 FOOT=0.2720-02

 FOR THE ELEMENT D
 C - 14 SHIELDED DOSE RATE(MR/HR) AT 1 FOOT= 0.0000 00

 FOR THE ELEMENT C
 BA-139 SHIELDED DOSE RATE(MR/HR) AT 1 FOOT= 0.1830 03
 GAMMA(MEV)=0.163% YIELD= 85.0% BARE DOSE RATE=0.3540 (4.5 SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.2310-55
 BA-131 SHIELDED DOSE RATE(MR/HR) AT 1 FOOT= 0.4580 00
 GAMMA(MEV)=1.430% YIELD= 19.0% BARE DOSE RATE=0.6950 (4.5 SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.1830 03
 GAMMA(MEV)=0.245% YIELD= 17.2% BARE DOSE RATE=0.5480 (2.5 SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.5820-22
 BA-131 SHIELDED DOSE RATE(MR/HR) AT 1 FOOT= 0.1000-98
 GAMMA(MEV)=1.030% YIELD= 2.9% BARE DOSE RATE=0.3880 (2.5 SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.3240 00
 GAMMA(MEV)=0.820% YIELD= 5.6% BARE DOSE RATE=0.5970 (2.5 SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.1300 00
 GAMMA(MEV)=0.455% YIELD= 79.7% BARE DOSE RATE=0.5130 (3.5 SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.3610-02
 GAMMA(MEV)=0.245% YIELD= 17.2% BARE DOSE RATE=0.5480 (2.5 SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.5820-22

***** SHIELD= 3.0 INCH *****

 FOR THE ELEMENT BA

 *****TOTAL SAMPLE REACTIVITY LOAD(MK)= 0.0028
 SHIELDED (SAMPLE+CAPSULE) DOSE RATE(MR/HR) AT 1 FOOT= 0.1630 03

NA-24 ACTIVITY IN CURIES = 0.1930 00
 NA-24 BARE DOSE RATE (MR/HR) AT 1 FOOT= 0.6560 03
 NA-24 SHIELDED DOSE RATE (MR/HR) AT 1 FOOT= 0.8940 02

 FOR CAPSULE
 ISOTOPE 0 - 19(HALF LIFE(MRS))=0.7560-022
 ACTIVITY IN CURIES = 0.1460-04
 GAMMA(MEV)=1.357% YIELD=10.0% BARE DOSE RATE=0.1190 00
 SHIELDED DOSE RATE(MR/HR) AT 1 FOOT= 0.1050-02
 BARE DOSE RATE(MR/HR) AT 1 FOOT = 0.1190 00

 FOR THE ELEMENT D
 ISOTOPE C - 14(HALF LIFE(MRS))=0.5020 (8)
 ACTIVITY IN CURIES = 0.1770-07
 BARE DOSE RATE(MR/HR) AT 1 FOOT = 0.0000 00
 SHIELDED DOSE RATE(MR/HR) AT 1 FOOT= 0.0000 00

 FOR THE ELEMENT C
 ISOTOPE BA-139(HALF LIFE(MRS))=0.1380 (1)
 ACTIVITY IN CURIES = 0.4260 01
 GAMMA(MEV)=1.630% YIELD= 19.0% BARE DOSE RATE=0.6950 (4.5 SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.6710 (3
 GAMMA(MEV)=0.163% YIELD= 85.0% BARE DOSE RATE=0.3540 (4.5 SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.1730-35
 BARE DOSE RATE(MR/HR) AT 1 FOOT = 0.1050 05
 SHIELDED DOSE RATE(MR/HR) AT 1 FOOT= 0.6710 03
 ISOTOPE BA-131(HALF LIFE(MRS))=0.2810 (3)
 ACTIVITY IN CURIES = 0.2170 00
 GAMMA(MEV)=1.030% YIELD= 2.9% BARE DOSE RATE=0.3880 (2.5 SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.1820 01
 GAMMA(MEV)=0.820% YIELD= 5.6% BARE DOSE RATE=0.5970 (2.5 SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.1110 01
 GAMMA(MEV)=0.455% YIELD= 79.7% BARE DOSE RATE=0.5130 (3.5 SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.2200 00
 GAMMA(MEV)=0.245% YIELD= 17.2% BARE DOSE RATE=0.5480 (2.5 SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.7730-14
 SHIELDED DOSE RATE(MR/HR) AT 1 FOOT= 0.6660 03
 BARE DOSE RATE(MR/HR) AT 1 FOOT = 0.3160 01

***** SHIELD= 4.0 INCH *****

FOR THE ELEMENT BA

 BA-131 SHIELDED GAMMA(MEV)=0.178,1 YIELD=100.00,BARE DOSE RATE=0.2610 02,SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.1000-98
 DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.1000-98
 GAMMA(MEV)=1.030,4 YIELD= 2.90,BARE DOSE RATE=0.3880 02,SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.5560-01
 GAMMA(MEV)=0.820,2 YIELD= 5.60,BARE DOSE RATE=0.5970 02,SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.1320-01
 GAMMA(MEV)=0.495,2 YIELD= 79.70,BARE DOSE RATE=0.5130 03,SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.5540-04
 GAMMA(MEV)=0.245,1 YIELD= 17.20,BARE DOSE RATE=0.5460 02,SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.4340-30
 BA-131 SHIELDED DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.6880-01
 GAMMA(MEV)=1.430,2 YIELD= 19.00,BARE DOSE RATE=0.6950 04,SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.4610 02
 GAMMA(MEV)=0.163,2 YIELD= 85.00,BARE DOSE RATE=0.3540 04,SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.3000-75
 PA-139 SHIELDED DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.4610 02

FOR THE ELEMENT C

 C = 14 SHIELDED DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.0000 01
 FOR THE ELEMENT Q

 GAMMA(MEV)=1.357,2 YIELD=100.00,BARE DOSE RATE=0.1190 00,SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.6560-03
 Q = 19 SHIELDED DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 1.6560-03
 SHIELDED (SAMPLE+CAPSULE) DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.5610 02

***** COOLING TIME (HRS) = 1.0 *****

***** SHIELD= 2.0 INCH *****

FOR THE ELEMENT BA

 BA-131 SHIELDED GAMMA(MEV)=0.178,1 YIELD=100.00,BARE DOSE RATE=0.1630 01,SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.1000-98
 DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.1000-98
 GAMMA(MEV)=1.030,2 YIELD= 2.90,BARE DOSE RATE=0.3870 02,SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.1820 01
 GAMMA(MEV)=0.820,2 YIELD= 5.60,BARE DOSE RATE=0.5950 02,SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.1110 01
 GAMMA(MEV)=0.495,1 YIELD= 79.70,BARE DOSE RATE=0.5110 03,SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.2190 00
 GAMMA(MEV)=0.245,2 YIELD= 17.20,BARE DOSE RATE=0.5460 02,SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.7710-14
 BA-131 SHIELDED DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.3150 01
 GAMMA(MEV)=1.430,2 YIELD= 19.00,BARE DOSE RATE=0.4200 04,SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.4060 03
 GAMMA(MEV)=0.163,2 YIELD= 85.00,BARE DOSE RATE=0.2140 04,SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.1750-35
 PA-139 SHIELDED DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.4060 03

FOR THE ELEMENT C

 C = 14 SHIELDED DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.0000 00
 FOR THE ELEMENT Q

 GAMMA(MEV)=1.357,2 YIELD=100.00,BARE DOSE RATE=0.8810-41,SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.7810-42
 Q = 19 SHIELDED DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.7810-42
 SHIELDED (SAMPLE+CAPSULE) DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.4940 03

***** SHIELD= 3.0 INCH *****

FOR THE ELEMENT BA

 BA-131 SHIELDED GAMMA(MEV)=0.178,1 YIELD=100.00,BARE DOSE RATE=0.1630 01,SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.1000-98
 DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.1000-98
 GAMMA(MEV)=1.030,1 YIELD= 2.90,BARE DOSE RATE=0.3870 02,SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.3230 00
 GAMMA(MEV)=0.820,2 YIELD= 5.60,BARE DOSE RATE=0.5950 02,SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.1300 00
 GAMMA(MEV)=0.495,2 YIELD= 79.70,BARE DOSE RATE=0.5110 03,SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.3610-02
 GAMMA(MEV)=0.245,2 YIELD= 17.20,BARE DOSE RATE=0.5460 02,SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.5830-22
 BA-131 SHIELDED DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.4570 00

GAMMA(MEV)=1.430, % YIELD= 19.00, BARE DOSE RATE=0.4200 04, SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.1110 03
 GAMMA(MEV)=0.163, % YIELD= 85.00, BARE DOSE RATE=0.2140 04, SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.1400-55
 RA-139 SHIELDED DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.1110 03

FOR THE ELEMENT C

 C - 14 SHIELDED DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.0000 00
 FOR THE ELEMENT 0

GAMMA(MEV)=1.357, % YIELD=100.00, BARE DOSE RATE=0.8810-41, SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.2020-42
 0 - 19 SHIELDED DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.2020-42
 SHIELDED (SAMPLE+CAPSULE) DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.1400 03

***** COOLING TIME (HRS) = 2.0 *****

***** SHIELD= 2.0 INCH *****

FOR THE ELEMENT BA

 RA-131 SHIELDED GAMMA(MEV)=0.108, % YIELD=100.00, BARE DOSE RATE=0.1020 00, SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.1000-98
 DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.1000-98
 GAMMA(MEV)=1.030, % YIELD= 2.90, BARE DOSE RATE=0.3860 02, SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.1810 01
 GAMMA(MEV)=0.620, % YIELD= 5.60, BARE DOSE RATE=0.5940 02, SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.1110 01
 GAMMA(MEV)=0.495, % YIELD= 79.70, BARE DOSE RATE=0.5100 03, SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.2190 00
 GAMMA(MEV)=0.245, % YIELD= 17.20, BARE DOSE RATE=0.5450 02, SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.7690-14
 RA-131 SHIELDED DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.3140 01
 GAMMA(MEV)=1.430, % YIELD= 19.00, BARE DOSE RATE=0.2540 04, SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.2460 03
 GAMMA(MEV)=0.163, % YIELD= 85.00, BARE DOSE RATE=0.1300 04, SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.6330-36
 RA-139 SHIELDED DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.2460 03
 FOR THE ELEMENT C

 C - 14 SHIELDED DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.0000 00
 FOR THE ELEMENT 0

GAMMA(MEV)=1.357, % YIELD=100.00, BARE DOSE RATE=0.6550-81, SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.5810-82
 0 - 19 SHIELDED DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.5810-82
 SHIELDED (SAMPLE+CAPSULE) DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.3300 03

***** SHIELD= 3.0 INCH *****

FOR THE ELEMENT BA

 BA-131 SHIELDED GAMMA(MEV)=0.108, % YIELD=100.00, BARE DOSE RATE=0.1020 00, SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.1000-98
 DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.1000-98
 GAMMA(MEV)=1.030, % YIELD= 2.90, BARE DOSE RATE=0.3860 02, SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.3220 00
 GAMMA(MEV)=0.820, % YIELD= 5.60, BARE DOSE RATE=0.5940 02, SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.1300 00
 GAMMA(MEV)=0.495, % YIELD= 79.70, BARE DOSE RATE=0.5100 03, SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.3000-02
 GAMMA(MEV)=0.245, % YIELD= 17.20, BARE DOSE RATE=0.5450 02, SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.5790-22
 BA-131 SHIELDED DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.4560 00
 GAMMA(MEV)=1.430, % YIELD= 19.00, BARE DOSE RATE=0.2540 04, SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.6690 02
 GAMMA(MEV)=0.163, % YIELD= 85.00, BARE DOSE RATE=0.1300 04, SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.8450-56
 RA-139 SHIELDED DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.6690 02
 FOR THE ELEMENT C

 C - 14 SHIELDED DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.0000 00
 FOR THE ELEMENT 0

GAMMA(MEV)=1.357, % YIELD=100.00, BARE DOSE RATE=0.6550-81, SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.1500-82
 0 - 19 SHIELDED DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.1500-82
 SHIELDED (SAMPLE+CAPSULE) DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.9510 02

***** COOLING TIME (HRS) = 4.0 *****

***** SHIELD= 2.0 INCH *****

FOR THE ELEMENT BA

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BA-131 SHIELDED GAMMA(MEV)=0.108,2 YIELD=100.00,BARE DOSE RATE=0.0990-03,SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.1000-98
DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.1000-98
GAMMA(MEV)=1.030,2 YIELD= 2.96,BARE DOSE RATE=0.3840 02,SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.1800 01
GAMMA(MEV)=0.820,2 YIELD= 5.60,BARE DOSE RATE=0.5910 02,SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.1100 01
GAMMA(MEV)=0.455,2 YIELD= 79.70,BARE DOSE RATE=0.5080 03,SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.2100 00
GAMMA(MEV)=0.245,4 YIELD= 17.20,BARE DOSE RATE=0.5420 02,SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.7650-14
BA-131 SHIELDED DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.3120 01
GAMMA(MEV)=1.430,2 YIELD= 19.00,BARE DOSE RATE=0.9320 03,SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.9600 02
BA-139 SHIELDED GAMMA(MEV)=0.163,2 YIELD= 85.00,BARE DOSE RATE=0.4750 03,SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.2320-36
DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.9900 02

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FOR THE ELEMENT C

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C - 14 SHIELDED DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.0000 00
FOR THE ELEMENT D
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D - 19 SHIELDED GAMMA(MEV)=1.357,2 YIELD=100.00,BARE DOSE RATE=0.8140-95,SHIELDED DOSE RATE=0.7220-96
DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.7220-96
SHIELDED (SAMPLE+CAPSULE) DOSE RATE(MR/HR)AT 1 FOOT= 0.1670 03
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