

<b>RADIONUCLIDE SAFETY DATA SHEET</b>					
<b>RADIONUCLIDE: Hg-203</b>			<b>FORMS: Soluble</b>		
<b>PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS</b> HALF-LIFE: 46.6 days <b>DECAY EMISSIONS</b>					
Gammas / X-rays		Betas / Positrons (+) / Electrons*		Alphas	
E (keV)	%	E (keV, Ave)	%	E (keV)	%
279	82	58	100		
73	7	193*	14		
71	4	10*	3		
10	2	264*	2		
- Only 4 most probable emissions per decay type included. Emissions below 10 keV or 1% excluded.					
<b>STANFORD HAZARD CATEGORY</b> C – level (low hazard): ≤ 20 mCi B – level (moderate hazard): > 20 mCi, ≤ 1 Ci A – level (high hazard): > 1 Ci					
<b>EXTERNAL RADIATION HAZARDS</b> Gamma dose rate, point source at 1 ft, 1 mCi: <b>1.37 mrem/h</b> Beta dose rate to skin, point source at 1 ft, 1 mCi: <b>15 mrem/h</b> Contamination skin dose, uniform deposit of 1 µCi per cm²: <b>3300 mrem/h</b>			<b>INTERNAL RADIATION HAZARDS</b> Annual Limit on Intake: <b>500 µCi</b> (Ingestion) <b>800 µCi</b> (Inhalation)  The values above indicate the activity taken into the body that would result in either 5 rem to the whole body (CEDE) or 50 rem to an organ or tissue (CDE).		
<b>SHIELDING</b> <b>Gammas/X-rays:</b> <b>4.3 mm</b> of lead will reduce the gamma dose rate by 90%.  <b>Betas/electrons:</b> <b>&lt;1 mm</b> of plastic will absorb all emissions. Bremsstrahlung may be created and require additional shielding.			<b>DOSIMETRY AND BIOASSAY REQS</b> Whole-body and finger-ring dosimeters are required for handling <b>5 mCi</b> or more, or <b>1 mCi amounts weekly</b> . Urine assays may be required after large spills or contaminations.		
<b>SPECIAL PROBLEMS AND PRECAUTIONS:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Recommended survey probe: <b>PGM or NaI</b></li> <li>2. Always wear protective gloves, a lab coat, and safety eyewear to protect the skin and eyes from contamination. Change gloves often.</li> <li>3. Survey work areas before, during, and after work. Work areas may require shielding to keep dose ALARA. Instrument and smear surveys are required.</li> <li>4. Segregate waste to those with half-lives between <b>15 and 120 days</b>. Survey the waste disposal area to ensure exposure rates are less than 2 mR/hr at 1 foot.</li> <li>5. Limit soluble waste to the sewer to less than <b>100 µCi/day</b> per lab.</li> </ol>					

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