

RADIONUCLIDE SAFETY DATA SHEET					
RADIONUCLIDE: Ir-192			FORMS: Soluble		
PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS					
HALF-LIFE: 73.8 days					
DECAY EMISSIONS					
Gammas / X-rays		Betas / Positrons (+) / Electrons*		Alphas	
E (keV)	%	E (keV, Ave)	%	E (keV)	%
317	83	210	48		
468	48	162	41		
308	30	72	6		
296	29	238*	4		
- Only 4 most probable emissions per decay type included. Emissions below 10 keV or 1% excluded.					
STANFORD HAZARD CATEGORY					
C – level (low hazard): ≤ 200 μCi					
B – level (moderate hazard): > 200 μCi, ≤ 10 mCi					
A – level (high hazard): > 10 mCi					
EXTERNAL RADIATION HAZARDS			INTERNAL RADIATION HAZARDS		
Gamma dose rate, point source at 1 ft, 1 mCi: 4.65 mrem/h			Annual Limit on Intake: 900 μCi (Ingestion) 200 μCi (Inhalation)		
Beta dose rate to skin, point source at 1 ft, 1 mCi: 310 mrem/h			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).		
Contamination skin dose, uniform deposit of 1 μCi per cm ² : 6900 mrem/h					
SHIELDING			DOSIMETRY AND BIOASSAY REQS		
Gammas/X-rays: 1.1 cm of lead will reduce the gamma dose rate by 90%.			Whole-body and finger-ring dosimeters are required for handling 5 mCi or more, or 1 mCi amounts weekly . Urine assays may be required after large spills or contaminations.		
Betas/electrons: 2 mm of plastic will absorb all emissions. Bremsstrahlung may be created and require additional shielding.					
SPECIAL PROBLEMS AND PRECAUTIONS:					
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Recommended survey probe: PGM or NaI 2. Always wear protective gloves, a lab coat, and safety eyewear to protect the skin and eyes from contamination. Change gloves often. 3. Survey work areas before, during, and after work. Work areas may require shielding to keep dose ALARA. Instrument and smear surveys are required. 4. Segregate waste to those with half-lives of between 15 and 120 days. Survey the waste disposal area to ensure exposure rates are less than 2 mR/hr at 1 foot. 5. Limit soluble waste to the sewer to less than 1 μCi/day per lab. 					

References:

- Delacroix, D., Guerre, J.P., Leblanc, P., Hickman, C. (2002). Radionuclide and Radiation Protection Data Handbook (2nd ed.). Ashford, Kent: Nuclear Technology Publishing.
- Johnson, T.E., Birky, B.K. (2012). Health Physics and Radiological Health (4th ed.). Baltimore, MD: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins.
- ICRP, 2008. Nuclear Decay Data for Dosimetric Calculations. ICRP Publication 107. Ann. ICRP 38 (3).
- Peplow, D. (2020) Specific Gamma-Ray Dose Constants with Current Emission Data. *Health Physics*, 118(4):402-416; 2020.
- Smith, D., Stabin, M. (2012) Exposure Rate Constants and Lead Shielding Values for Over 1,100 Radionuclides. *Health Physics*, 102(3): 271-291.
- 10.CFR.20 – Standards for Protection Against Radiation (2019). Retrieved from <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/cfr/part020/>