

RADIONUCLIDE SAFETY DATA SHEET

RADIONUCLIDE: Sr-82 / Rb-82 FORMS: Soluble

PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

HALF-LIFE: 25.36 days (Sr), 1.273 minutes (Rb)

DECAY EMISSIONS

Assuming secular equilibrium

Gammas / X-rays		Betas / Positrons (+) / Electrons*		Alphas	
E (keV)	%	E (keV, Ave)	%	E (keV)	%
511	190	1534(+)	82		
13	49	11*	21		
777	15	1167(+)	13		
15	5	13*	7		

⁻ Only 4 most probable emissions per decay type included. Emissions below 10 keV or 1% excluded.

STANFORD HAZARD CATEGORY

C – level (low hazard): ≤ 2 mCi

B – level (moderate hazard): > 2 mCi, ≤ 100 mCi

A – level (high hazard): > 100 mCi

EXTERNAL RADIATION HAZARDS

Gamma dose rate, point source at 1 ft, 1 mCi:

6.27 mrem/h

Beta dose rate to skin, point source at 1 ft, 1 mCi:

~ 300 mrem/h (thumb rule approx.)

Contamination skin dose, uniform deposit of 1 µCi per cm²:

~9000 mrem/h (estimate using Pr-144 data)

SHIELDING

Gammas/X-rays:

1.7 cm of lead will reduce the gamma dose rate by 90%.

Betas/electrons:

6 mm of plastic will absorb all emissions. Bremsstrahlung may be created and require additional shielding.

INTERNAL RADIATION HAZARDS

Annual Limit on Intake: 200 μCi (Ingestion)

90 μCi (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).

DOSIMETRY AND BIOASSAY REQS

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.

SPECIAL PROBLEMS AND PRECAUTIONS:

- 1. Recommended survey probe: PGM
- 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 **10** μ Ci/day per lab.

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