

Prachinburi Cs-137 analysis

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data of Cs-137 source		value	unit
energy	gamma		662 keV
	beta		0.51 keV
branching ratio	gamma		0.85
half-life	physical		30 years
	biological		70 days
nucleus	p		55
	n		82
current activity	A		41.14 mCi [1]
current dose rate	D (at 30 cm, open shutter)		1.29 mSv/hr [1]

conversion factors and constants		value	unit
Ci to Bq		3.70E+10	
Gy to rad		100	
Sv to rem		100	
micro to milli		1.00E-03	
Gy to Sv (gamma)		1.00	
R to rad (gamma, tissue)		0.97	[4]
3-month old	ingestion	0.021	μSv/Bq [3]
adult	ingestion	0.013	μSv/Bq [3]
mass energy absorption coef	tissue, soft at ~700 keV gamma	3.20E-02	cm ² /g [8]

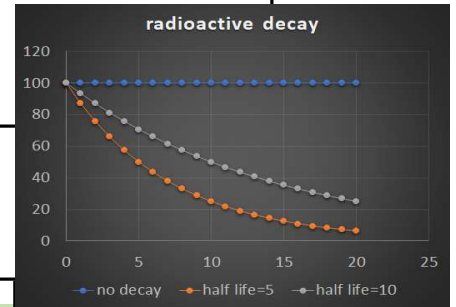
ICRP guideline [2]		value	unit
safe limit	worker (5-year average)		20 mSv/y
	public		1 mSv/y
per working day	worker	0.08	mSv/d
per working hour	worker	0.01	mSv/hr
		9.62	μSv/hr

natural background radiation		value	unit
	per year		3.50 mSv/y
	per hour		0.40 μSv/hr

Formulas			
Eq1: $D [R/hr] = 0.5CEN$	D = exposure rate to gamma point source at 1 m (R/hr) C = Activity (Ci) E = gamma energy (MeV) N = gammas per decay at other distance, dose can be calculated from inverse square law: (dose rate 1)x(distance 1) ² = (dose rate 2)x(distance 2) ²		[6]
Eq2: $D [\mu Sv/hr] = ME/(6*(R^2))$	D = dose rate at distance R (μSv/hr) M = Activity (MBq) E = gamma energy (MeV) R = distance (m)		[7]
Eq3: $X [R/hr] = AG/(R^2)$	X = exposure rate (R/hr) A = Activity (Ci) G = gamma factor = 19.53 E I (μ/rho) (R m ² h ⁻¹ Ci ⁻¹) R = distance (m) E = gamma energy (MeV) I = gammas per decay μ/rho = mass energy absorption coefficient (cm ² /g)		[4]

calculation			
using dose rate:			
	time to receive 20 mSv (annual limit)	15.50	hr
	time to receive 1 Sv (cancer risk)	32.30	days
using activity: (more fundamental than dose rate, which depends on shape and orientation of source)			
A (Bq)		1.52E+09	Bq
ingestion:			
D (3-month old)	ingestion	31.97	Sv
D (adult)	ingestion	19.79	Sv
exposure (Eq1):			
	1-m exposure rate	0.01	R/hr
	1-m dose rate	112.27	μSv/hr
	30-cm dose rate	1,247.50	μSv/hr
exposure (Eq2):			
	1-m dose rate	167.95	μSv/hr

exposure (Eq3):	30-cm dose rate	1,866.08 $\mu\text{Sv/hr}$
	1-m exposure rate	1.45E-02 R/hr
	1-m dose rate	140.33 $\mu\text{Sv/hr}$
	30-cm dose rate	1,559.27 $\mu\text{Sv/hr}$
average (3 Eqs):	30-cm dose rate (average)	1,557.62 $\mu\text{Sv/hr}$
	time to receive 20 mSv (annual limit)	12.84 hr
	time to receive 1 Sv (cancer risk)	26.75 days
diffusion effect:	10-m dose rate	1.40 $\mu\text{Sv/hr}$
	time to receive 1 Sv (cancer risk)	81.43 years
decay effect:	the 81 year is a pessimistic estimate, assuming constant radioactivity.	
	It actually would take much longer, due to decay.	
	$N = N_0 * \exp(-\lambda * t)$	
	$A = A_0 * \exp(-\lambda * t)$	
	dose rate \propto activity (exponentially decreasing) dose = integ(dose rate) dt	



risks of acute radiation [5]	
1 Sv	Risk of cancer later in life (5 in 100)
10 Sv	Risk of death within days or weeks

comparison				
Chernobyl (Apr 1986)	Cs-137	2,297,297.30	Ci	[9]
Samut Prakan (Jan 2000)	Co-60	420.00	Ci	[10]
Prachinburi (Mar 2023)	Cs-137	0.04	Ci	
	smaller than Chernobyl (only considering Cs-137) by:	55,840,964.93	times	
	smaller than Samut Prakan by:	10,209.04	times	

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