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Introduction and Course Overview



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RESRAD-BIOTA Workshop Objective

- For you to leave with a working knowledge of the RESRAD-BIOTA code, for your subsequent use in evaluating and demonstrating radiological protection of biota. We will cover:
 - The technical derivation of DOE's Graded Approach to Biota Dose Evaluation, as it provides the basis for the RESRAD-BIOTA code
 - RESRAD-BIOTA code design, features, and functionality
 - Application of the RESRAD-BIOTA code through implementation of the Graded Approach Framework, highlighting various ways to design your evaluation based on the nature & availability of data
 - Issues when evaluating radiation as a stressor to the environment
 - Instruction, hands-on exercises, and discussion
- Let's also learn from each other

Increasing Interest in Radiation Protection of the Environment

- Revisiting ICRP assumption
- Different exposure pathways
- Site, regulator, and stakeholder interest
- International activity
 - IAEA
 - ICRP
 - Other Countries



ICRP Statements

“...if man is adequately protected then other living things are also **likely** to be sufficiently protected.” (ICRP Pub. 26, 1977)

“The Commission **believes** that the standards of environmental control needed to protect man to the degree currently thought desirable will ensure that **other species are not put at risk.**” (ICRP Pub. 60, 1991)

“Occasionally, **individual** members of non-human species might be harmed, but not to the extent of endangering **whole species** or creating imbalance between species.” (ICRP Pub. 60, 1991)

“...ICRP therefore needs to **revise its current system of protection**, and particularly, develop a comprehensive approach to the study of the effects on, and protection of, all living matter with respect to the effects of ionising radiation...” (ICRP Pub. 91, 2003)



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Overview of the RESRAD-BIOTA Code



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What is RESRAD-BIOTA?

- RESRAD (RESidual RADioactivity) is a suite of computer codes developed at ANL for DOE
- RESRAD was initially developed to derive site-specific soil cleanup criteria
- It was expanded to 9 computer codes
- RESRAD-BIOTA is one of the RESRAD Family of Codes that is being maintained and updated

RESRAD Family of Codes

RESRAD Family of Codes

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The RESRAD family of codes is developed at Argonne National Laboratory to analyze potential human and biota radiation exposures from the environmental contamination of RESidual RADioactive materials. The codes use pathway analysis to evaluate radiation exposure and associated risks, and to derive cleanup criteria or authorized limits for radionuclide concentrations in the contaminated source medium. The RESRAD family of codes is widely used by regulatory agencies, the risk assessment community, and universities in more than 100 countries around the world.



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RESRAD Virtual Training: RESRAD Family of Codes (Five Codes)

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RESRAD-ONSITE

For assessing radiation exposures of a human receptor located on top of soils contaminated with radioactive materials



RESRAD-OFFSITE

For assessing radiation exposures of a human receptor located on top of or at some distance from soils contaminated with radioactive materials



RESRAD-BUILD

For assessing radiation exposures of a human receptor in a contaminated building or a building housing contaminated furniture or equipment



RESRAD-RDD

For evaluating human radiation exposures during the early, intermediate, or late phase of response after a radiological dispersal device (RDD) incident



RESRAD-BIOTA

For evaluating radiation exposures of nonhuman biota, including flora and fauna, in a terrestrial or aquatic ecosystem

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RESRAD Software Quality Assurance

Additional User Quality Assurance Requirements

OTHER RESRAD CODES

[RESRAD-RECYCLE](#)

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[RESRAD-CHEM](#)

[RESRAD-ECORISK](#)

Development of RESRAD-BIOTA

- Code development initiated by DOE in June 2000
- Principally developed and sponsored by DOE since 2000; DOE then formed the ECORAD-Workgroup, an inter-agency group consisting of DOE, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to continue code development in collaboration
- RAD-BCG Calculator successfully converted into beta version of RESRAD-BIOTA in 2001
- Added sensitivity analysis capability in 2002
- Generated dose conversion factors for 8 organisms in 2003
- Designed a new user interface with Organism Editor in 2003
- Added food chain model in 2006
- Added probabilistic analysis capability in 2008
- A total of 46 radionuclides in the current database

Features of RESRAD-BIOTA

- Has a user-friendly input interface with Help files
- Users can view dose conversion factors (DCFs), dose results, Biota Concentration Guides (BCG) results, etc., and select radiological units
- User can modify lumped parameters (Biv transfer factors and Kd distribution coefficients), dose limits, area factors, radiation weighting factors, DCFs, and allometric parameters, etc.
- Includes DCFs for 8 specific geometries covering a wide range of organisms
- Has **Organism Editor and Wizard** allowing users to create a new organism
- Has a **food chain/web model**
- Shows screening results (pass or fail)
- Users can do **sensitivity analysis** on input parameters
- Users can do **probabilistic (uncertainty) analysis** on input parameters
- Has text reports (both interactive and HTML) and graphic report (bar charts)
- Import and export data

RESRAD-BIOTA Main Window

RESRAD-BIOTA 1.8

File View Sensitivity Analysis Uncertainty Analysis Help

BIOTA Case

Title: Default Run

Ecosystem: ☒ Terrestrial ☐ Aquatic

Level: ☒ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3

Units: ☐ Traditional ☒ SI

Nuclides

Potential Contaminants: Ba-140, C-14, Ce-141, Ce-144, Cf-252, Cl-36

Contaminants: Am-241

Concentration:

Sediment: 37 Bq/kg

Water: 37 Bq/m³

Soil: 37 Bq/kg

Organism

Type:

☐ Aquatic Animal

☐ Riparian Animal

☒ Terrestrial Animal

☒ Terrestrial Plant

View

RBE's

Alpha: 20

Beta: 1

Gamma: 1

Cut-off Half-life: 100 Years

Level 1 Windows

Organism-Specific Parameters

Organism Sensitivity Analysis Uncertainty Analysis

Selected Organisms:

Terrestrial Animal
Terrestrial Plant

Organism Name: Terrestrial Animal

DCF / Exposure Input Source Input Reference

DCFs(Gy/y)/(Bq/kg)

Nuclide	External	Internal
Am-241	2.90E-07	5.63E-04

Internal Size: Default

External Size: Default

Dose Limits

Dose Limit: 0.001 Gy/d

Area Factor: 1

External Exposure Geometry Factors

Sediment Water Soil

0 0.5 1

Ingestion: ☐ ☒ ☒

Close

Results

BCG

All concentrations and BCG results in Bq/kg or Bq/m³

Summed Ratios for Limiting Organism

Total: 2.62E-04 Water: 4.95E-06 Soil: 2.57E-04 Sediment: 0.00E+00

Organism: Limiting **Media:** Water **BCG Report**

Nuclide	Concentration	BCG	Ratio	Limiting Organism
Am-241	3.70E+01	7.47E+06	4.95E-06	Terrestrial Animal

* The Summed Ratios for Limiting Organism are the Limiting Ratios for all media and nuclides

Deterministic Graph Close

Level 2 Windows

File View Sensitivity Analysis Uncertainty Analysis Help

BIOTA Case

Title: Default Run

Ecosystem: ☒ Terrestrial ☐ Aquatic

Level: ☐ 1 ☒ 2 ☐ 3

Units: ☐ Traditional ☒ SI

Nuclides

Potential Contaminants: Ba-140, C-14, Ce-141, Ce-144, Cf-252, Cl-36

Contaminants: Am-241

Concentration: Sediment: 37 Bq/kg, Water: 37 Bq/m³, Soil: 37 Bq/kg

Organism Type: ☐ Aquatic Animal, ☐ Riparian Animal, ☒ Terrestrial Animal, ☒ Terrestrial Plant

Edit

RBE's: Alpha: 20, Beta: 1, Gamma: 1

Cut-off Half-life: 100 Years

Organism-Specific Parameters

Organism: Sensitivity Analysis Uncertainty Analysis

Selected Organisms: Terrestrial Animal, Terrestrial Plant

Organism Name: Terrestrial Animal

DCF / Exposure Input Source Input Reference

BIV Tissue Concentrations Allometric

Nuclide	Water	Sediment	Soil
Am-241	8.65E-02	0.00E+00	4.00E-03

Close

Results

BCG Dose Rate

All dose rate results in Gy/d

Summed Doses

Total: 2.61E-07

Medium: Water: 4.95E-09, Soil: 2.56E-07, Sediment: 0.00E+00

Total (Ext/ Int): External: 2.84E-08, Internal: 2.33E-07

Water: 1.42E-11, Soil: 2.84E-08, Sediment: 0.00E+00

Organism: Terrestrial Animal Dose Report

Nuclide	Ext Water Dose	Ext Soil Dose	Internal Dose	Total Dose
Am-241	1.42E-11	2.84E-08	2.33E-07	2.61E-07

Deterministic Graph Close

Level 3 Windows

BIOTA Case

Title:

Ecosystem: ☒ Terrestrial ☐ Aquatic

Level: ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☒ 3

Units: ☒ Traditional ☐ SI

Nuclides

Potential Contaminants: Ba-140, C-14, Ce-141, Ce-144, Cf-252, Cl-36

Contaminants: Am-241

Concentration:

Sediment: ☒ 37 Bq/kg

Water: ☐ 7.4 Bq/m³

Soil: ☐ 37 Bq/kg

☐ Mean ☐ L/kg

Organism

Type:

☐ Aquatic Animal

☐ Riparian Animal

☒ Terrestrial Animal

☒ Terrestrial Plant

RBE's

Alpha:

Beta:

Gamma:

Organism-Specific Parameters

Organism: Sensitivity Analysis: Uncertainty Analysis:

Selected Organisms:

Terrestrial Animal

Terrestrial Plant

Organism Name:

DCF / Exposure **Input Source** **Input** **Reference**

BIV **Tissue Concentrations** **Allometric**

Metabolism **Equations/Parameter** **Intake Rates** **Food Chain**

Food Intake Rate (g/d)

$$r = \frac{a}{dc} 70 M^b$$

m: Body mass, kg

a: Ratio of active to basal metabolic rate

c: Caloric value of food, kcal/g

d: Fraction of energy ingested that is assimilated and oxidized

x: Mass loading factor, g/m³

Soil Intake Rate

$$r_{soil} = f * r$$

f: Fraction of soil in diet

Organism-Specific Parameters

Organism: Sensitivity Analysis: Uncertainty Analysis:

Selected Organisms:

Terrestrial Animal

Terrestrial Plant

Organism Name:

DCF / Exposure **Input Source** **Input** **Reference**

BIV **Tissue Concentrations** **Allometric**

Nuclide	Tissue (Bq/kg)
Am-241	1.00E+00

Results

BCG **Dose Rate**

All dose rate results in Gy/d

Summed Doses

Total

Medium **Water** **Soil** **Sediment**

Total (Ext/Int) **External** **Internal**

Water **Soil** **Sediment**

Organism:

Nuclide	Ext Water Dose	Ext Soil Dose	Ext Sediment Dose	Internal Dose	Total Dose
Am-241	2.94E-12	2.94E-08	0.00E+00	1.44E-08	4.38E-08

Interactive Report (BCG)

Results

BCG Dose Rate

All concentrations and BCG results in Bq/kg or Bq/m³

Summed Ratios for Limiting Organism

Total * 1.34E-03 Water: 2.94E-07 Soil: 1.34E-03 Sediment: 0.00E+00

Organism: Limiting Media: Water BCG Report

	Nuclide	Concentration	BCG	Ratio	Limiting Organism
	Co-60	1.10E+01	4.42E+07	2.49E-07	Terrestrial Animal
	Cs-137	1.00E+00	2.22E+07	4.51E-08	Terrestrial Animal

* The Summed Ratios for Limiting Organism are the Limiting Ratios for all media and nuclides

Deterministic Graph Close

Interactive Report (Dose Rate)

Results

BCG **Dose Rate**

All dose rate results in Gy/d

Summed Doses

Total **1.34E-05**

Medium **Water:** **6.74E-10** **Soil:** **1.34E-05** **Sediment:** **0.00E+00**

Total (Ext/ Int) **External** **4.66E-07** **Internal** **1.29E-05**

Water: **2.33E-10** **Soil:** **4.66E-07** **Sediment:** **0.00E+00**

Organism: Terrestrial Animal

	Nuclide	Ext Water Dose	Ext Soil Dose	Ext Sediment Dose	Internal Dose	Total Dose
	Co-60	1.78E-10	3.56E-07	0.00E+00	2.88E-08	3.85E-07
	Cs-137	5.48E-11	1.10E-07	0.00E+00	1.29E-05	1.30E-05

HTML Report

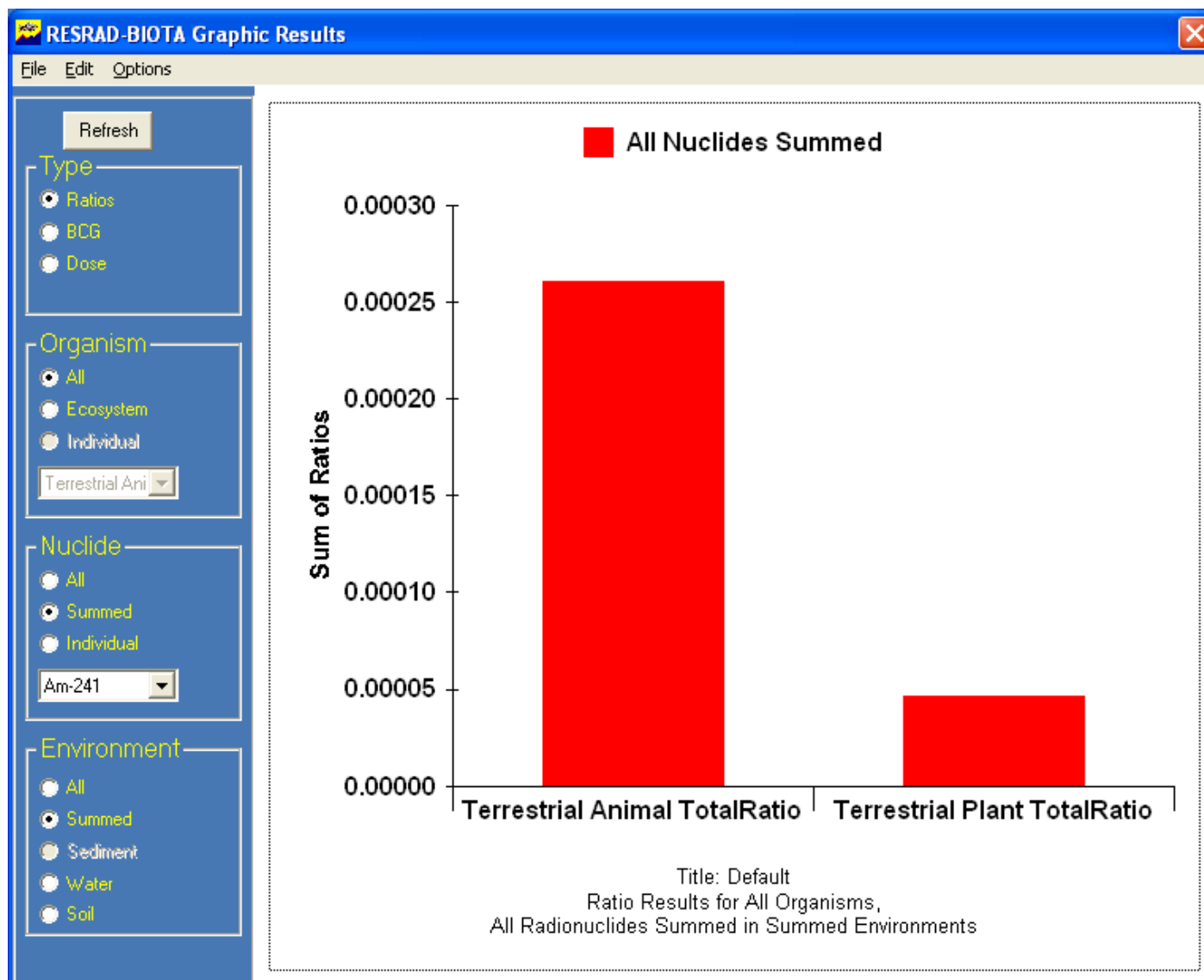
Terrestrial Dose Report for Level 2 in Gy/d

Title: Default

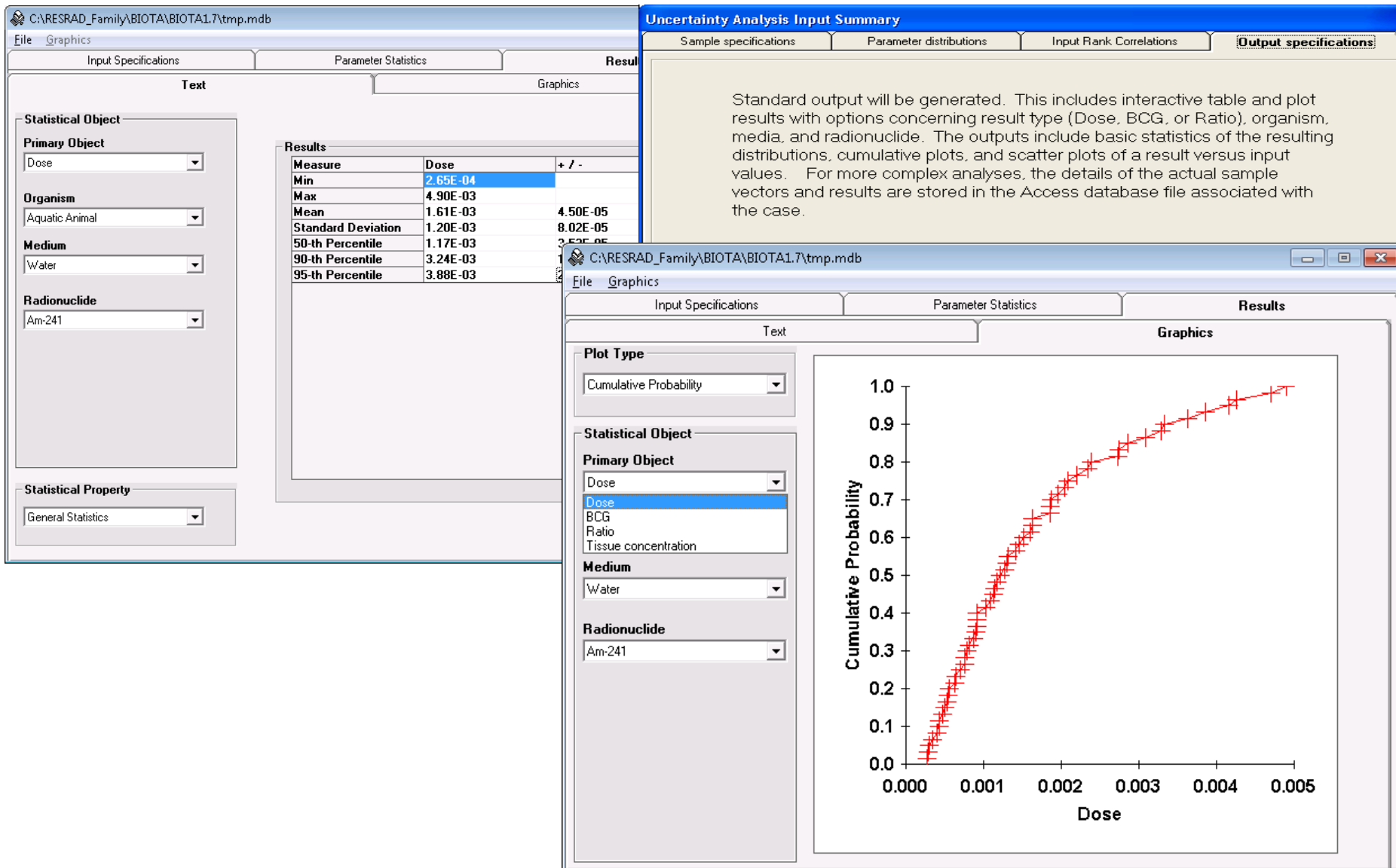
Terrestrial Animal												
Nuclide	External				Internal				Total			
	ext_Wtr	ext_Soil	ext_Sed	ext_Sum	int_Wtr	int_Soil	int_Sed	int_Sum	tot_Wtr	tot_Soil	tot_Sed	tot_Sum
Co-60	1.96E-10	3.56E-08	0.00E+00	3.58E-08	5.30E-11	3.47E-09	0.00E+00	3.53E-09	2.49E-10	3.91E-08	0.00E+00	3.93E-08
Cs-137	5.48E-12	1.10E-08	0.00E+00	1.10E-08	3.96E-11	1.29E-06	0.00E+00	1.29E-06	4.51E-11	1.30E-06	0.00E+00	1.30E-06
Summed	2.01E-10	4.66E-08	0.00E+00	4.68E-08	9.26E-11	1.29E-06	0.00E+00	1.29E-06	2.94E-10	1.34E-06	0.00E+00	1.34E-06

Terrestrial Plant												
Nuclide	External				Internal				Total			
	ext_Wtr	ext_Soil	ext_Sed	ext_Sum	int_Wtr	int_Soil	int_Sed	int_Sum	tot_Wtr	tot_Soil	tot_Sed	tot_Sum
Co-60	1.96E-10	3.56E-08	0.00E+00	3.58E-08	3.32E-12	8.50E-09	0.00E+00	8.50E-09	1.99E-10	4.41E-08	0.00E+00	4.43E-08
Cs-137	5.48E-12	1.10E-08	0.00E+00	1.10E-08	0.00E+00	1.11E-07	0.00E+00	1.11E-07	5.48E-12	1.22E-07	0.00E+00	1.22E-07
Summed	2.01E-10	4.66E-08	0.00E+00	4.68E-08	3.32E-12	1.20E-07	0.00E+00	1.20E-07	2.05E-10	1.66E-07	0.00E+00	1.67E-07

Graphic Results



Probabilistic Analysis Results



Parameter Access vs Level

Parameter	Level		
	1	2	3
Units	x	x	x
Concentration, K_d Option, DL	x	x	x
View BCG results	x	x	x
View dose results		x	x
Sensitivity		x	x
K_d Modification, Mean Conc. setting		x	x
BIV		x	x
CF,T,f			x
DCF options (RBE, T_{cut})			x
Organism selection			x
Organism addition (W, shape,Base)			x
Organism allometric params			x
Allometric option (org,nuc)			x



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Demonstration of the RESRAD-BIOTA Code



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The Technical Basis Behind the RESRAD-BIOTA Code:

Derivation of the DOE Graded Approach Methodology



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Overview

- Historical Context for Radiation Protection of the Environment
- Derivation of the DOE Graded Approach Methodology
- Assumptions,
- Dose Coefficients,
- Parameter Selection,
- Dose Rate Modifiers,
- Allometric Methods,
- Design Features and Flexibility

Evolution of Dose Limits for Biota

- Historical setting:
 - Human limits are dose-based
 - Protection established by examining all exposure pathways
- 1990's DOE considered parallel protection for biota
 - DOE Standard (DOE Order 5400.5):
 - *10 mGy/d (1 rad/d) for aquatic organisms*
 - *Intended to protect natural populations if dose to a representative exposed individual is less than the limit.*

Dose Limits for Biota

- Based on NCRP and IAEA findings
- Other standards proposed
 - 10 CFR 834, Subpart F:
 - $400\ \mu\text{Gy/hr}$ ($1\ \text{rad/d}$) for aquatic animals
 - $400\ \mu\text{Gy/hr}$ ($1\ \text{rad/d}$) for terrestrial plants
 - $40\ \mu\text{Gy/hr}$ ($0.1\ \text{rad/d}$) for terrestrial animals

Requirements for Biota Protection

- **DOE Order 5400.5; (since 1990)**: 400 $\mu\text{Gy/hr}$ (1 rad/d) dose limit for aquatic organisms
- **Proposed 10 CFR 834, Subpart F; (1995-96)**: Proposed limits of 400 $\mu\text{Gy/hr}$ (1 rad/d) for terrestrial plants; 40 $\mu\text{Gy/hr}$ (0.1 rad/d) for terrestrial animals. Not codified but represent DOE's recommended terrestrial dose limits
 - Site and public comments - requests for screening approaches, standardization, flexibility to use site-specific information
- **DOE Order 450.1; (2003)**: Requires biota protection; environmental monitoring program such that resulting data obtained is sufficient to allow for biota dose evaluation
- **DOE O458.1; (2011)**: The dose limits for aquatic animal, riparian animal, terrestrial plant, and terrestrial animal are 1 rad/d, 0.1 rad/d, 1 rad/d, and 0.1 rad/d respectively.
- **Strategic Goal**: Incorporate biota dose evaluation into site environmental monitoring and surveillance programs as a good business practice; communicate evaluation results in the annual site evaluation report

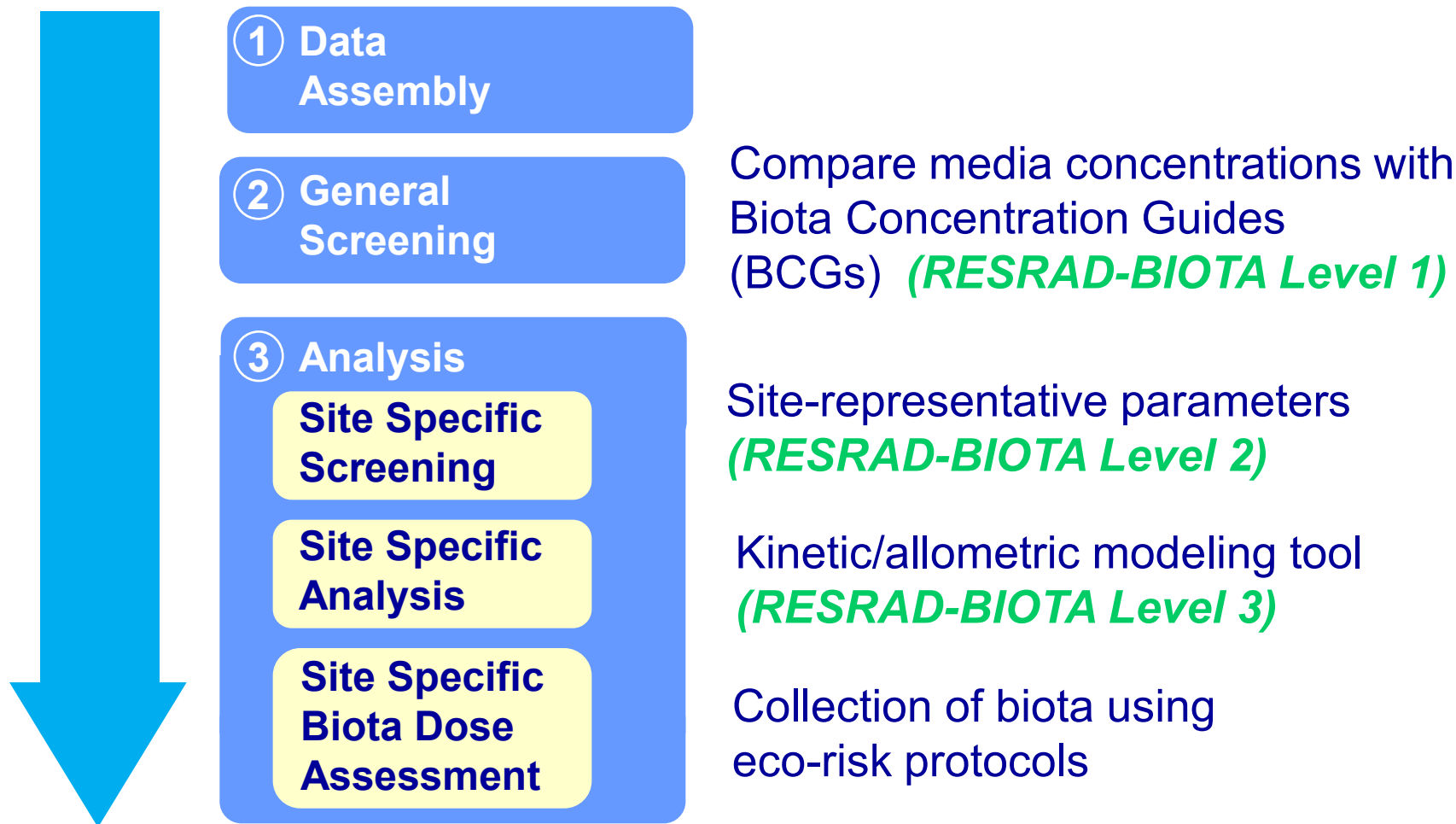
Guiding Principles for Methods Development

- Provide a ***graded approach*** to support multiple needs and users (compliance - to - ecological risk)
- Easy to use and technically sound
- Utilize existing generic and site-specific data
- Applicable to multiple media and biota types
- Draw upon eco-risk concepts and protocols
- Interdisciplinary team approach: involve “users” and “developers”
- Provide leadership in methods development
- **Be Forward Thinking: *Build in flexibility; anticipate regulatory or technical changes***

Demonstrating Protection

- Dose-based biota-protection standards
 - Difficult to demonstrate compliance
- A more practical approach:
 - Derive radionuclide concentration limits for environmental media
 - Protective of all biota
- DOE's biota concentration guides (BCGs)
 - Limiting radionuclide concentrations in soil, sediment, and water

DOE's Graded Approach



DOE Biota Technical Standard

MODULE 1: Principles and Applications (*users guide*)

- Overview of the graded approach & evaluation process
- Application considerations
- Look-up tables; step-by-step guidance; RAD-BCG Calculator
- Examples

MODULE 2: Detailed Guidance (*links to users guide*)

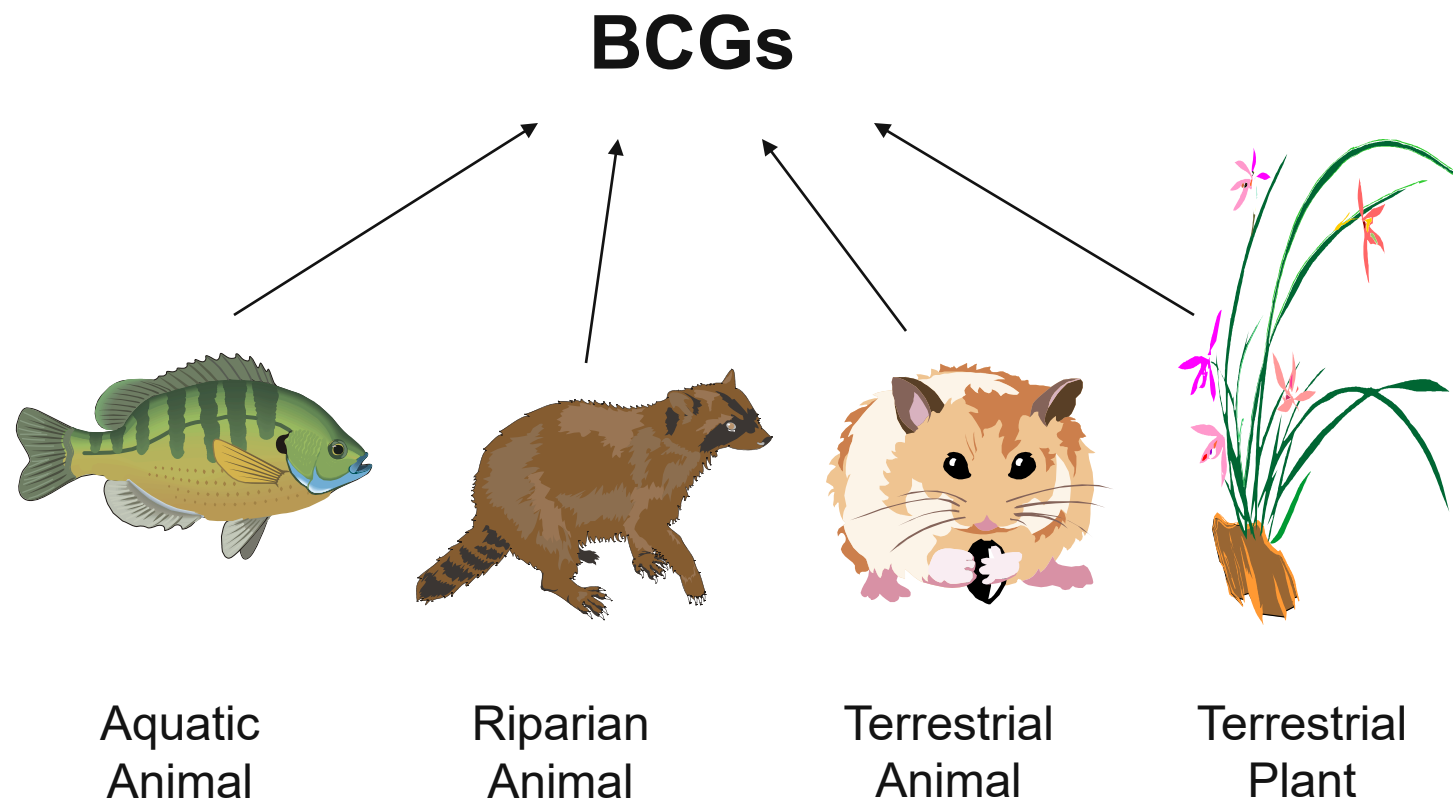
- Radiological ecological risk assessment: tutorial & issues
- Time averaging and spatial variability (contaminants & doses)
- Defining the evaluation area
- Biota sampling design and methods
- Radiation weighting factor for alpha particles
- Evaluation of individuals; special considerations

MODULE 3: Methods Derivation (*links to users guide*)

- Equations and models for deriving BCGs / default parameters

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Receptors Used in Deriving the Screening Methodology



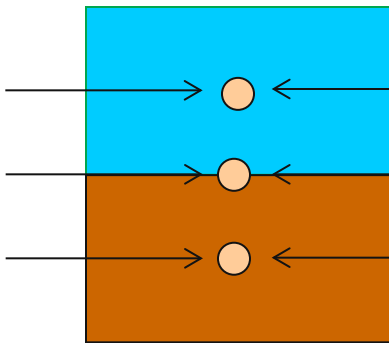
Basic Screening Methodology

$$\text{BCG} = \frac{\text{Dose Limit}}{\text{Internal Dose} + \text{External Dose}}$$

- Evaluate for unit concentration for single media (e.g., soil)
- Use sum of fractions approach for multiple media (e.g., sediment, water) and radionuclides

Assumptions for External Dose

- Source medium is infinite/semi-infinite in extent and contains uniform concentrations of radionuclides
- Extremely small organism
- DCFs are for an infinite source medium (soil, water, or sediment)
- External exposure geometry factor – for use to multiply DCFs

<u>Terrestrial system</u>	<u>Aquatic system</u>	<u>Geometry</u>		<u>Time fraction</u>	<u>External exposure geometry factor</u>
air	water	4π		0.75	Terrestrial system: $0.5 \times 0.25 + 1 \times 0 = 0.125$ for soil
air/soil interface	water/sediment interface	2π for each medium		0.25	
soil	sediment	4π		0	Aquatic system: $1 \times 0.75 + 0.5 \times 0.25 = 0.875$ for water and $0.5 \times 0.25 + 1 \times 0 = 0.125$ for sediment

External Dose Factors

$$\left(1 \frac{\text{MeV}}{\text{Bq} \cdot \text{s}}\right) \cdot \left(1.6 \times 10^{-13} \frac{\text{J}}{\text{MeV}}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{\text{kg Gy}}{\text{J}}\right) \cdot \left(3.156 \times 10^7 \frac{\text{s}}{\text{y}}\right) \\ = 5.05 \times 10^{-6} \frac{\text{Gy/y}}{\text{Bq/kg}}$$

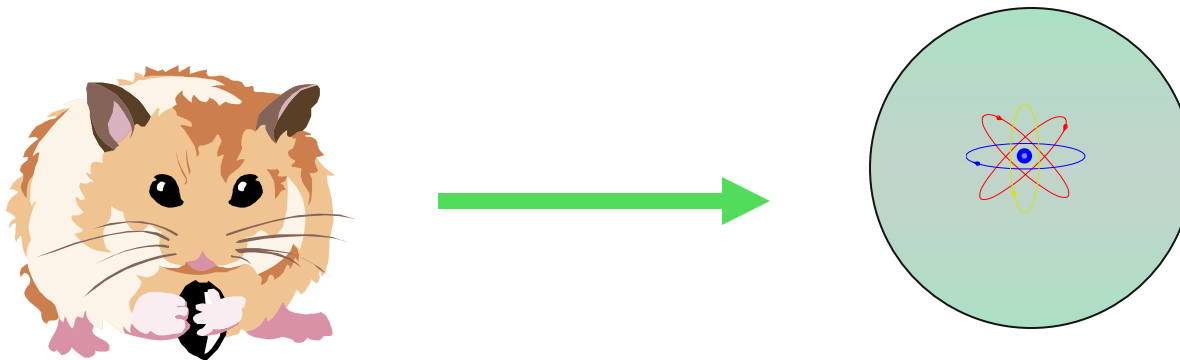
$$(d_{\text{ext}})_{\text{sediment}} \left(\frac{\text{Gy/y}}{\text{Bq/kg}} \right) = (2.52 \times 10^{-6}) E_{\text{photons + electrons}} \left(\frac{\text{MeV}}{\text{dis}} \right)$$

$$(d_{\text{ext}})_{\text{water}} \left(\frac{\text{Gy/y}}{\text{Bq/m}^3} \right) = (2.52 \times 10^{-9}) E_{\text{photons + electrons}} \left(\frac{\text{MeV}}{\text{dis}} \right)$$

$$(d_{\text{ext}})_{\text{soil}} \left(\frac{\text{Gy/y}}{\text{Bq/kg}} \right) = (5.05 \times 10^{-6}) E_{\text{photons + electrons}} \left(\frac{\text{MeV}}{\text{dis}} \right)$$

Assumptions for Internal Dose

- Extremely large organism
- All decay energies retained in tissue
- Chain-decay progeny included
- Radiation weighting factor included (and modifiable)
- Nuclides uniformly distributed



Internal Dose Factors

$DCF_{\text{internal},i} =$

$$\left(\frac{1 \text{ dis} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}}{\text{Bq}}\right) \left(\sum_i \sum_j Y_j E_j Q_j\right) (1.6022 \text{E} - 13 \text{ J MeV}^{-1}) (3.1536 \text{E} 07 \text{ s} \cdot \text{y}^{-1}) \frac{1 \text{ Gy}}{1 \text{ J} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}}$$

■ Where the following terms apply:

- $DCF_{\text{Internal},i}$ = Gy/y per Bq/kg of wet tissue for radionuclide i;
- Y_j = yield (abundance) of radiation j per disintegration of nuclide i;
- E_j = energy (MeV) of radiation j for nuclide i; and
- Q_j is the radiation weighting factor (quality factor) for radiation j of nuclide i.

Deriving Limiting Concentrations

$$\text{BCG} = \frac{\text{DL}}{\text{DCF}_{\text{internal}} \cdot \text{LP} + \text{DCF}_{\text{external}}}$$

$$\text{Bq} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1} = \frac{\text{Gy} \cdot \text{y}^{-1}}{\text{Gy} \cdot \text{y}^{-1} / \text{Bq} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}}$$

- $\text{DCF}_{\text{internal}}$ ($\text{Gy} \cdot \text{y}^{-1} / \text{Bq} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$) is the dose conversion factor for radionuclides in the tissue of the organism;
- LP is a parameter which relates radionuclide concentration in the media external to the organism to its internal tissues;
- $\text{DCF}_{\text{external}}$ ($\text{Gy} \cdot \text{y}^{-1} / \text{Bq} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$) is the dose conversion factor for radionuclides in the media external to the organism;

Lumped Parameters

$$LP = \frac{\text{Bq} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1} \text{ inplant or animal tissues(wet weight)}}{\text{Bq} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1} \text{ insoil or sediment(dry weight)}} = \frac{\text{Bq} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}}{\text{Bq} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}}$$

$$LP = \frac{\text{Bq} \cdot \text{kg}^{-1} \text{ inplant or animal tissues(wet weight)}}{\text{Bq} \cdot \text{m}^{-3} \text{ inwater}} = \text{m}^3 \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$$

- Measures degree of radionuclide transport in an ecosystem
- Sometimes called
 - Concentration ratio
 - Concentration factor
 - Transfer factor, or
 - Wet-weight concentration ratio (**Biv**)

Lumped Parameter Dataset

A Qualitative Assessment of Availability of Lumped Parameters for Vertebrate Animals in the Technical Literature

	Soil	Plant	Herbivore	Omnivore	Carnivore
Plant	R				
Herbivore	L	R			
Omnivore	S	L	S		
Carnivore	S	S	S	S	S

N/A = not applicable

R = Reasonable data set

L = Limited data set

S = Scarce to non-existent data

Addressing Data Gaps

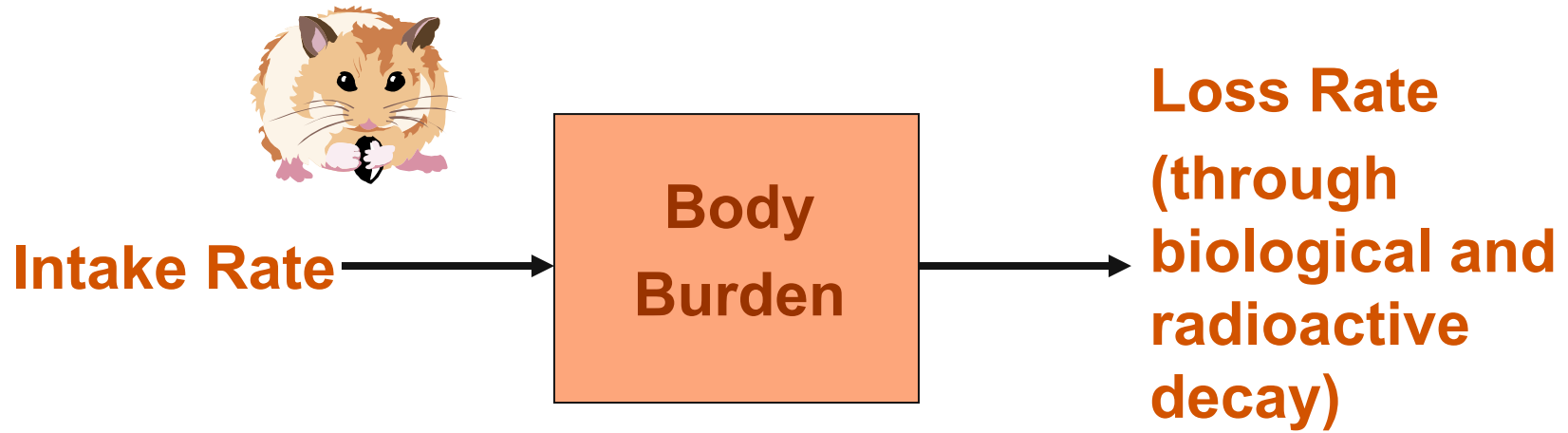
- Lumped Parameters (LPs)

- Empirical data
- Product approach
- Calculational method called “kinetic/allometric”

- Lessons learned in method development:

- Less data available than we originally thought
- Continuously “reality checking” with site applications

Kinetic Approach, Internal Exposure



$$\frac{d(\text{Body Burden})}{dt} = \text{Intake rate} - K_{\text{loss}} \times (\text{Body Burden}),$$

$$\text{Body Burden} = \frac{\text{Intake rate}}{K_{\text{loss}}} (1 - e^{-K_{\text{loss}} \times t}),$$

where K_{loss} = Loss rate constant, and t = exposure time.

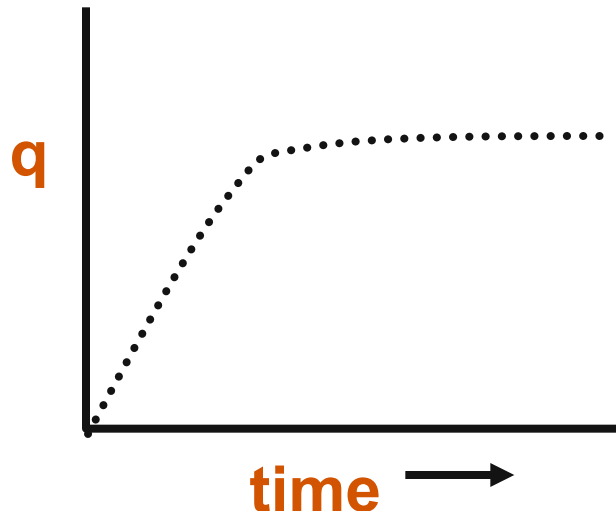
Kinetic Approach, Body Burden Estimates

■ Function of:

- Body mass
- Intake rate
- Loss rate
- Exposure time

■ Need to address:

- varying mass
- intake
- exposure period



Activity concentration in the organism = Body Burden/Mass

Allometric Relationships

■ Cross-species relationships

- $Y = aX^b$
- Empirically obtained
- Derived from energy/nutrient transport limitations

■ Mass and Metabolic Rate

- $M^{3/4}$ (Ingestion, Inhalation)
- $M^{1/4}$ (Life-span)
- aM^x (biological elimination rate)

■ Mass and Home Range

- $M^{3/4}$ (Defining exposure areas)

Combining Kinetic & Allometric

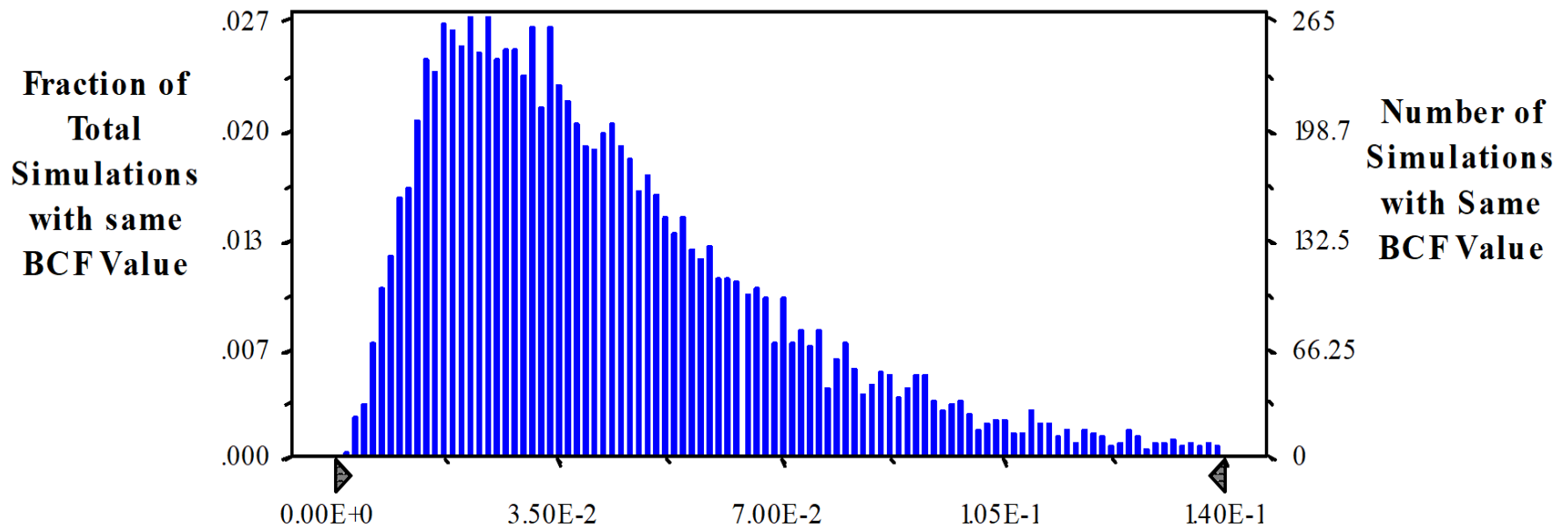
- Allows prediction of body burden
 - for any body mass
 - lifespan
 - loss rate
- Can be tailored to specific species
- Stochastic analysis used to ground truth approach and compare to “lumped” parameters
- Intake is considered to come from four routes
 - Ingestion of food
 - Ingestion of soil/sediment
 - Ingestion of water
 - Inhalation of re-suspended soil

Combining Kinetic & Allometric – cont.

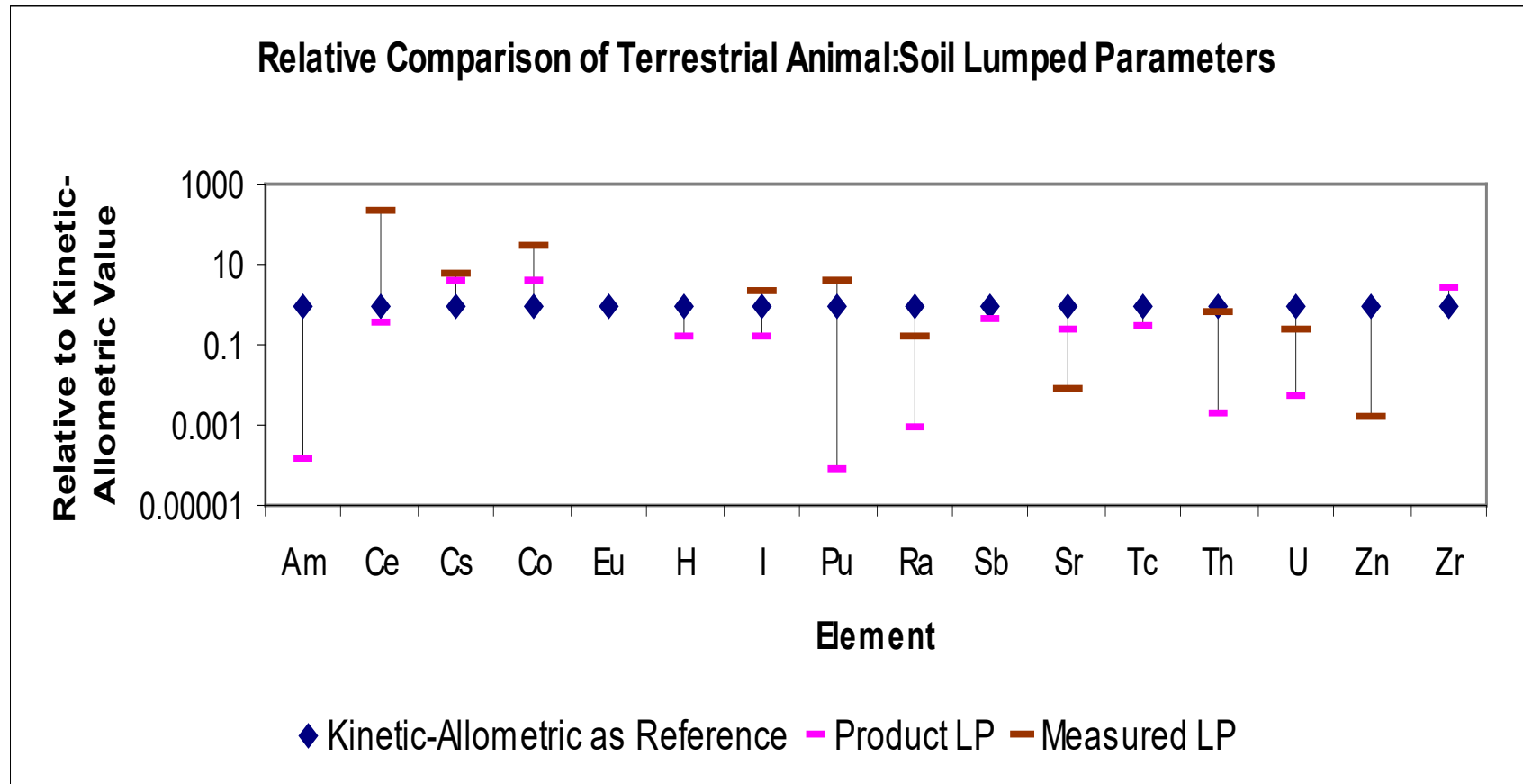
- Lumped parameter calculation using probabilistic analysis
- All parameters were assigned distributions,
- 10,000 trials run,
- 95th percentile value selected

Lumped Parameter (LP) Output Distributions

**Probability Distribution of Calculated
Animal-to-Soil Bioconcentration Factors for
Co-60, 10,000 Trials**



Assessment of LP Values



Internal Tissue Concentration

■ General Screening

- Empirically-derived lumped parameter (LP)
 - *Concentration Ratios (Bivs)*
 - *Natural integrators of mechanisms to internal dose*

■ Site-Specific Screening

- Select LP representative of site receptors

■ Site-Specific Analysis

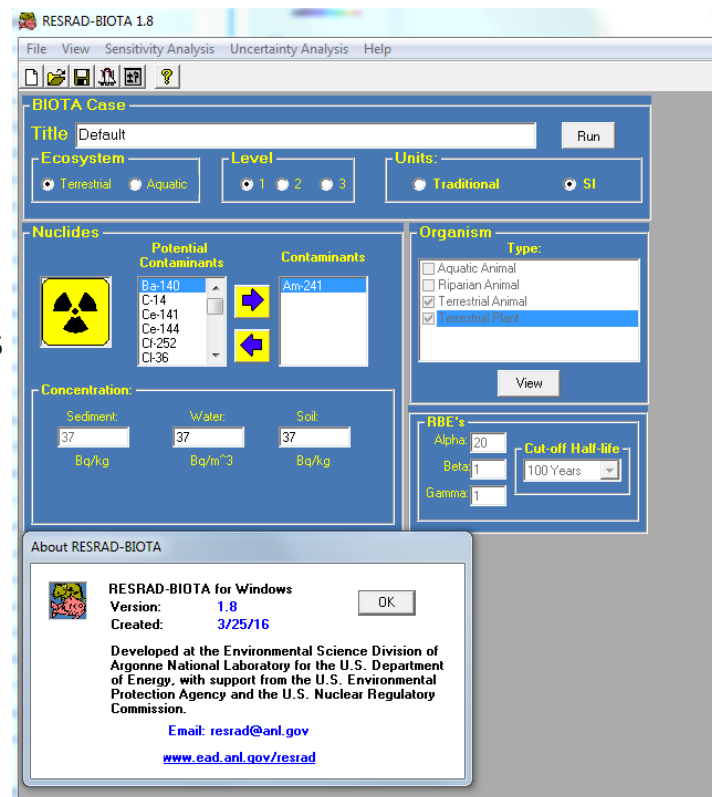
- Kinetic/allometric model
 - *intake rates via ingestion (food/soil/sediment/water) and inhalation*
 - *fraction assimilated and loss rates (decay; bio-elimination.)*

Implementation of Method

- Old Companion Software Tool: RAD-BCG Calculator
- New Companion Software Tool: RESRAD-BIOTA
 - Specifically designed to be totally consistent with the DOE graded approach phases.
 - RESRAD-BIOTA (RRB) level 1 corresponds to general screening;
 - RRB level 2 equals site-specific screening, and
 - RRB level 3 equals site-specific analysis.
 - All references to RAD-BCG Calculator can be mapped to the three levels of the RESRAD-BIOTA code.
 - All chapters and explanation in the Tech. Std.
 - *(e.g., Tech Std Chapter 6 is general screening;*
 - *Chapter 7, Section 7.1 is site-specific screening;*
 - *Section 7.2 is site-specific analysis;*
 - *Module 3 provides detailed discussion of methods derivation*
 - RAD-BCG Calculator will continue to be available for those who are comfortable with that and wish to continue using it.

RESRAD-BIOTA: Key Features

- Duplicates DOE Graded Approach process & BCGs
- Retains flexibility to modify organism exposure profile, parameters, dose limits, allometric relationships
- Like the Graded Approach, the code implements primary and secondary reference organism concepts
- Organism Wizard allows users to configure their own “secondary” organisms
- Includes DCFs for 8 specific geometries covering a wide range of organisms
- Sensitivity and uncertainty analysis
- Simple food chain model
- Import and export data



Conclusions & Recommendations

■ Methodology

- Utilizes available data
- Conservative approach works; with flexibility to incorporate site-specific information
- Good compliance tool
- Equations and framework support its application in eco-risk assessments
- Provides a complete evaluation framework, from general screening employing BCGs to site-specific analysis.

Conclusions & Recommendations (Cont'd)

■ Adaptable

- Can address standards other than 10 mGy per day
- Different weighting factors
- Allows use of site and organism-specific input data

■ Represents a cost-effective technique that is protective but doesn't require exhaustive in-depth assessments

- Screening provides a “place to start and analysis path forward.” Detailed organism-specific dose evaluations can be performed but are not always needed.

■ Applications, potential/intended use, and considerations discussed in DOE-STD-1153-2002

- See Module 1, Section 3, Table 3.1 for additional information.

Conclusions & Recommendations (Cont'd)

APPLICATIONS	INTENDED / POTENTIAL USE	CONSIDERATIONS
Types of Receptors		
Populations of plants and animals	This is the primary intended use.	
Individual plants and animals, including threatened and endangered species, and commercially or culturally valued species	Equations used within the graded approach are technically sound for application to individual organisms. Applying dose limits intended for the protection of populations to evaluations of individuals may require further consideration.	Use of effects endpoints/dose limits appropriate for protection of the individuals being evaluated; and/or application of safety factors, conservative exposure assumptions, and parameter values. Dose evaluations should be performed under the provisions of the applicable Federal and/or state statutes or regulations for rare and endangered species.

Conclusions & Recommendations (Cont'd)

APPLICATIONS	INTENDED / POTENTIAL USE	CONSIDERATIONS
Types of Exposure		
Chronic	The methodology assumes chronic exposure and equilibrium conditions.	
Acute		The methodology is not intended to be used for assessing acute exposures.
Accidents	Could be used to provide an indication of long-term "recovery" or health of the population over time following an accident. Equations and models used within the graded approach are technically sound for this application.	Accidents typically result in short-term, acute exposures for which the methodology is not intended. However, it can be applied for assessing long-term exposures due to accidents.
Types of Environments		
Fresh water, coastal, and marine environments	The methodology is intended to be applied to fresh water environments, and can be applied to coastal and marine environments.	Care must be taken when selecting parameter values (e.g., receptor lumped parameters; K_d values), as fresh water, coastal, and marine equilibrium chemistry differ considerably.
Terrestrial environments	The methodology is intended to be applied to terrestrial environments.	
Compliance / Impact Assessment		
Demonstration that DOE activities are in compliance with biota dose limits	This is a principal DOE application of the graded approach.	

Conclusions & Recommendations (Cont'd)

- Technical Standard provides practical guidance on key application issues
- BCG values have been “groundtruthed” and are reasonable
- Methodology
 - Sensible, flexible, and functional



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Sensitivity Analysis Feature



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Parameter Access vs Level

Parameter	Level		
	1	2	3
Units	x	x	x
Concentration, K_d Option, DL	x	x	x
View BCG results	x	x	x
View dose results		x	x
Sensitivity		x	x
K_d Modification, Mean Conc. setting		x	x
BIV		x	x
CF,T,f			x
DCF options (RBE, T_{cut})			x
Organism selection			x
Organism addition (W, shape,Base)			x
Organism allometric params			x
Allometric option (org,nuc)			x

Design for Sensitivity

- Input: “F9” or “Sensitivity Analysis” Menu
- Calculation:
 - Multiply and divide parameter by factor (default: 2)
 - Save results
 - Calculate $(R_{\text{high}} - R_{\text{low}}) / (2 * R_{\text{base}})$
- Display Results (graphics similar to RESRAD-BUILD)
- Manage Sensitivity
 - Ability to delete
 - Ability to save
- Note:
 - One definition of sensitivity is $S = dR/R / dP/P$
 - With the default factor of 2 the calculation returns $0.75 * S$

Sensitivity Comparison

	RESRAD- ONSITE	RESRAD- BIOTA
Time	Yes	No
Sensitivity Values	No	Yes
Sensitivity Graphs	Yes	Yes
Ability to do >5	No	Yes
User control over factor	Yes	Yes

Sensitivity User Interface

Sensitivity Parameters

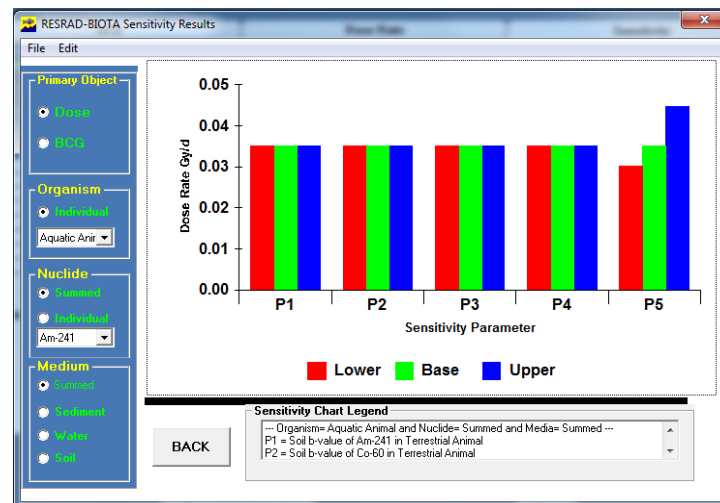
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2	Soil b-value of Am-241 in Terrestrial Animal	2
3	Water b-value of Co-60 in Terrestrial Animal	2
4	Soil b-value of Co-60 in Terrestrial Animal	2
5	Water b-value of Cs-137 in Aquatic Animal	2

ID of Parameter to Remove:

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Remove Parameter Remove All

Run Close



RESRAD-BIOTA

Running Calculations...



Performing sensitivity analysis on
Water b-value of Cs-137 in Aquatic Animal

Results

BCG Dose Rate Sensitivity

Result Type

- Dose
- Conc/BCG
- Tissue Conc

All dose results in Gy/d

Sensitivity Parameter: Soil b-value of Am-241 in Terrestrial Animal

Detailed Sensitivity Report Sensitivity Graph

Dose parameters for Sensitivity Analysis							
	Nuclide	Organism	Water	Sediment	Soil	Tissue	Sum
	Cs-137	Aquatic Animal	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	Cs-137	Terrestrial Animal	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	Co-60	Aquatic Animal	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	Co-60	Terrestrial Animal	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	Am-241	Aquatic Animal	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	Am-241	Terrestrial Animal	0.00%	0.00%	88.58%	0.00%	4.38%

Deterministic Graph Close



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The Technical Basis Behind the RESRAD-BIOTA Code:

Derivation of Dose Conversion Factors for Specific Organism Geometries



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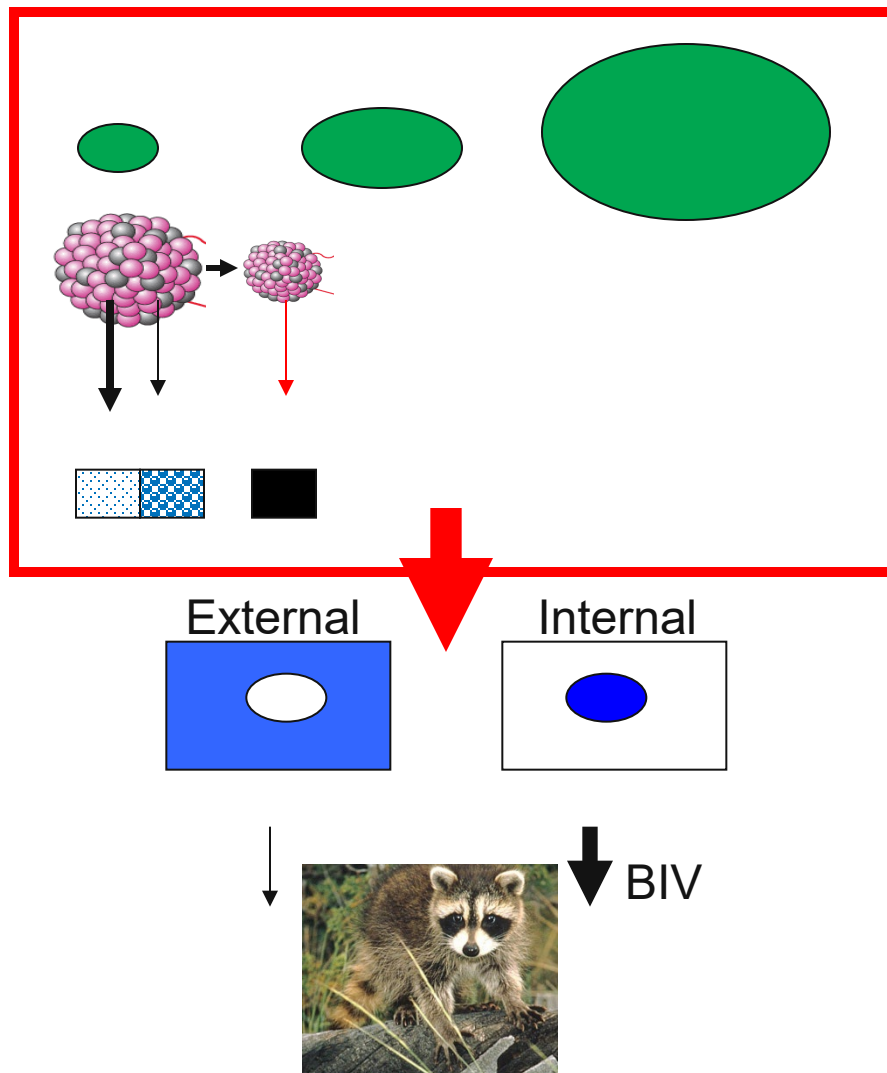
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Objective

- To develop a set of organism geometries that span the expected range of organism sizes that would be of utility in evaluating radiation doses to user-selected receptors
- Develop geometry-specific internal and external DCFs for application in the site-specific analysis phase of the Graded Approach methodology / RESRAD-BIOTA (level 3)
- Geometry size-specific DCFs will generally be less conservative:
 - DCF from external radiation changes the most for beta and low energy gamma emitters (lowest for large animals)
 - DCF from internal radiation changes the most for high energy gamma emitters (lowest for small animals)
 - Doses sensitive to size for
 - *Large Biv organisms with high energy gamma emitters*
 - *Low Biv organisms with beta and low energy gamma emitters*
 - Doses insensitive to size for alpha emitters

Approach

- Select sizes of various organisms (Done through consensus process by the ECORAD-WG to ensure multi-agency agreement)
- Select nuclides from truncated decay chains
- Compile decay energies
- Calculate absorbed fraction as a function of energy and radiation type
- Combine calculations of size, nuclides, and absorption fraction to derive DCF's
- Compare with other's calculations



Organism Geometries in RESRAD-BIOTA

Model Geometry No.	Mass Category (Kg)	Example Receptors	Specific Geometry Dimensions (cm)	Specific Mass (Kg)
1	1E-5	Fish egg*, Fish (larvae), Plant root (meristem), Plant seed, Plant shoot (meristem)	0.2 x 0.2 x 0.2	4.2E-6
2	1E-3	Fish (young-of-year) Molluscs*, Plant seedling, Tadpoles	2.5 x 1.2 x 0.62	1E-3
3	1E-2	Fathead minnow, Frogs, Hispid cotton rat, Sculpins, Shrews, Voles, White-footed Mouse*	10 x 2 x 2	2.1E-2
4	1	Black bass, Large fish* Suckers	45 x 8.7 x 4.9	1
5	1E1	Beaver, Carp, Catfish (Channel and Blue), Coyote, Fox (red or grey), Raccoon*, Striped bass	50 x 26 x 13	8.8
6	1E2	Mule deer, White-tailed deer*	100 x 42 x 33	72.6
7	5E2	Elk*	270 x 66 x 48	447.9
8	1E3	Grizzly bear*	220 x 100 x 100	1150

Assumptions in the Derivation of DCFs

- Uniform concentration in source medium and exposed organism
 - Internal DCFs for BIOTA are not like human DCFs where metabolic characteristics are included
- Source medium infinite in extent
- Exposed organisms of eight sizes
- Absorbed fraction unity for alpha for all geometries (internal dose)
- External and Internal Dose Coefficients include contribution of progeny (cut-off half-life <6 months or <100 years)

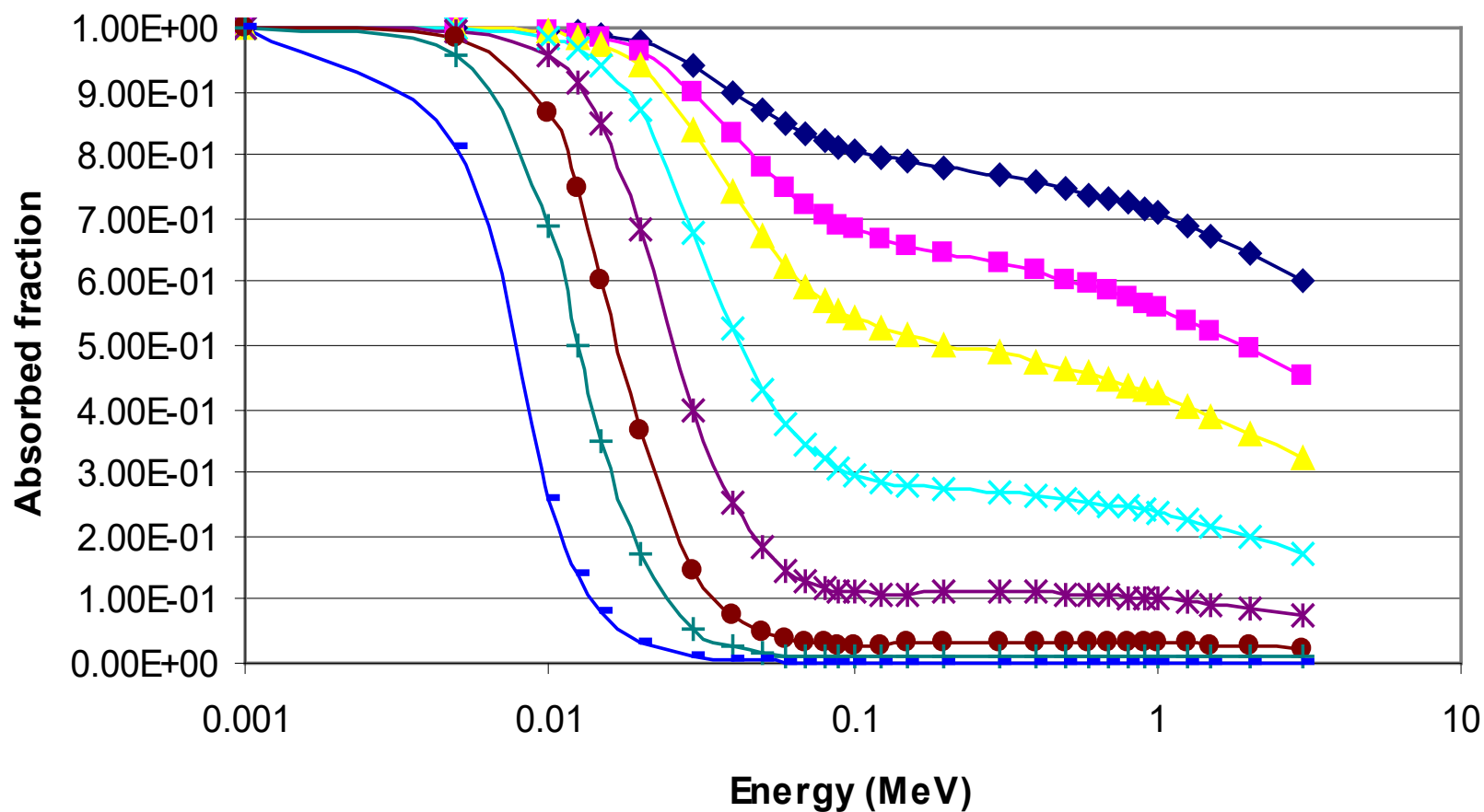
Associated Radionuclides in DCFs

Nuclide	Cut-off Half-life 180 days	Cut-off Half-life 100 years
Ce-144	Pr-144, Pr-144m (1.78%)	Pr-144, Pr-144m (1.78%)
Cs-137	Ba-137m (94.6%)	Ba-137m (94.6%)
Ra-226	Rn-222, Po-218, Pb-214 (99.98%), At-218 (0.02%), Bi-214, Po-214 (99.98%), Tl-210 (0.02%)	Rn-222, Po-218, Pb-214 (99.98%), At-218 (0.02%), Bi-214, Po-214 (99.98%), Tl-210 (0.02%), Pb-210, Bi-210, Po-210
Ra-228	Ac-228	Ac-228, Th-228, Ra-224, Rn-220, Po-216, Pb-212, Bi-212, Po-212 (64.07%), Tl-208 (35.93%)
Sb-125	Te-125m(22.8%)	Te-125m(22.8%)
Sr-90	Y-90	Y-90
Th-232		Ra-228, Ac-228, Th-228, Ra-224, Rn-220, Po-216, Pb-212, Bi-212, Po-212 (64.07%), Tl-208 (35.93%)
U-235	Th-231	Th-231
U-238	Th-234, Pa-234m (99.8%), Pa-234 (0.33%)	Th-234, Pa-234m (99.8%), Pa-234 (0.33%)
Zr-95	Nb-95, Nb-95m (0.7%)	Nb-95, Nb-95m (0.7%)
Ba-140	La-140	La-140
Cm-242		Pu-238

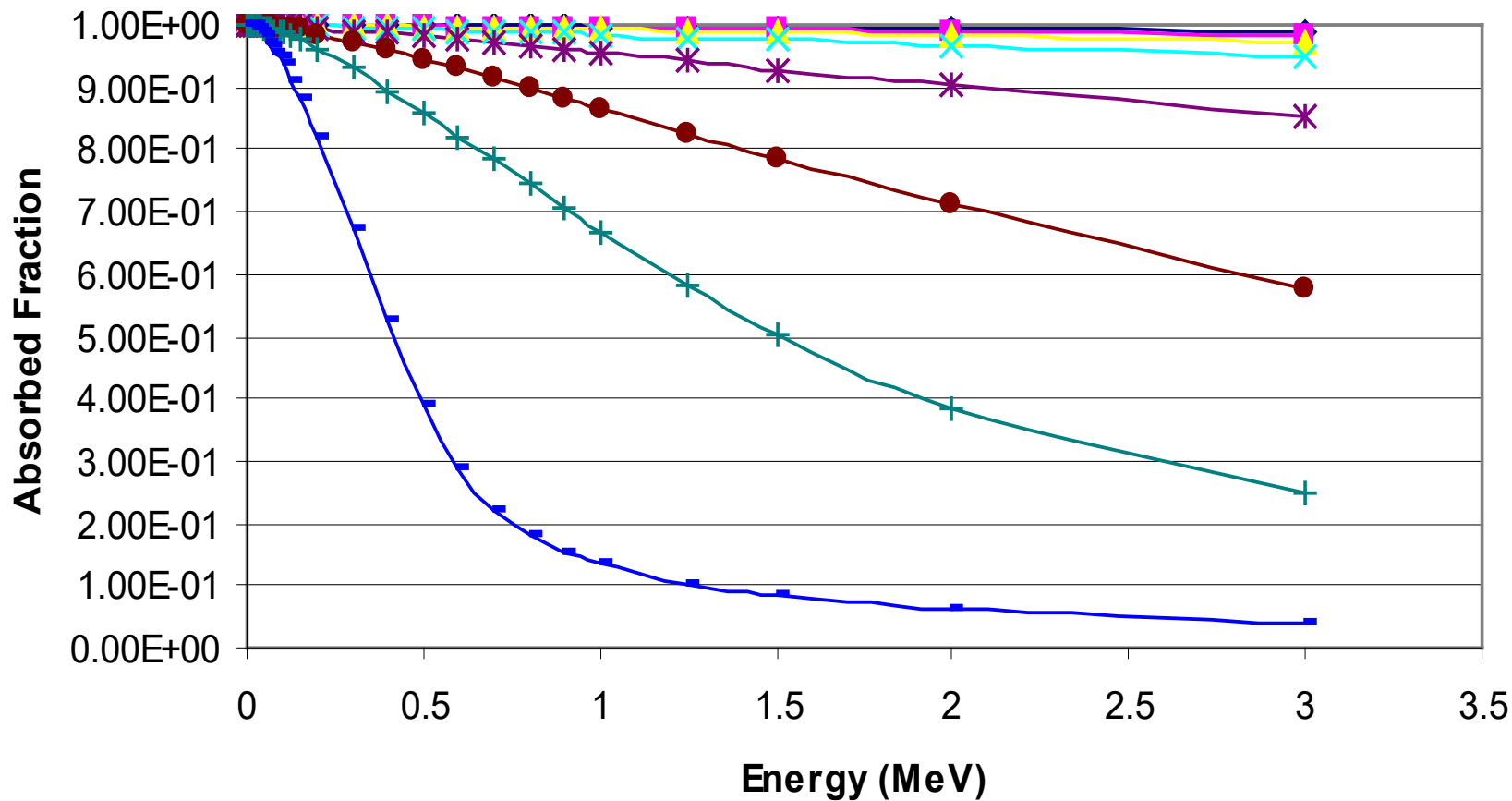
Procedure for Deriving DCFs

- Calculate absorbed fractions for photons and beta particles (electrons) of different energies for different organisms (dimensions) using MCNP
- Calculate effective absorbed beta and photon fraction for each radionuclide
- The absorbed fraction for alpha radiation for all geometries is assumed unity
- Absorbed fractions for default geometry is also calculated. Default geometry is infinitely large for internal DCF and infinitesimally small for external DCF
- Comparison of absorbed fractions with available data
- Calculate internal and external DCFs

Photon Absorbed Fractions for Different Organisms

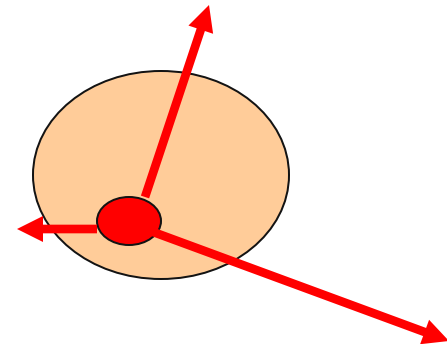
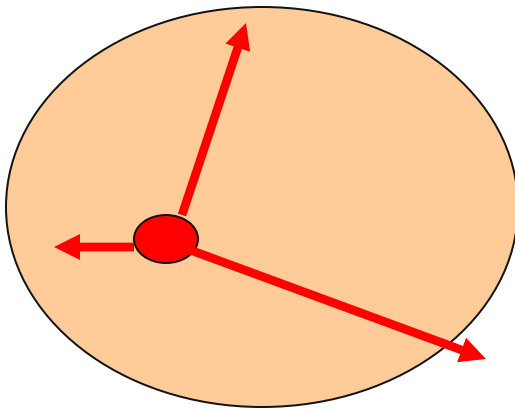


Electron Absorbed Fractions for Different Organisms



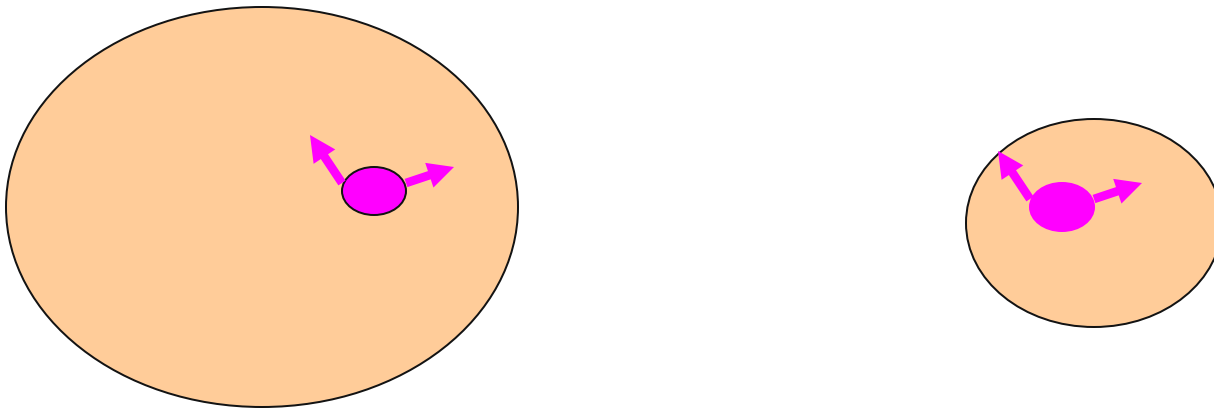
Internal Energy Deposition due to High Energy Gamma Radiation

Large difference in fraction of energy deposited in organism



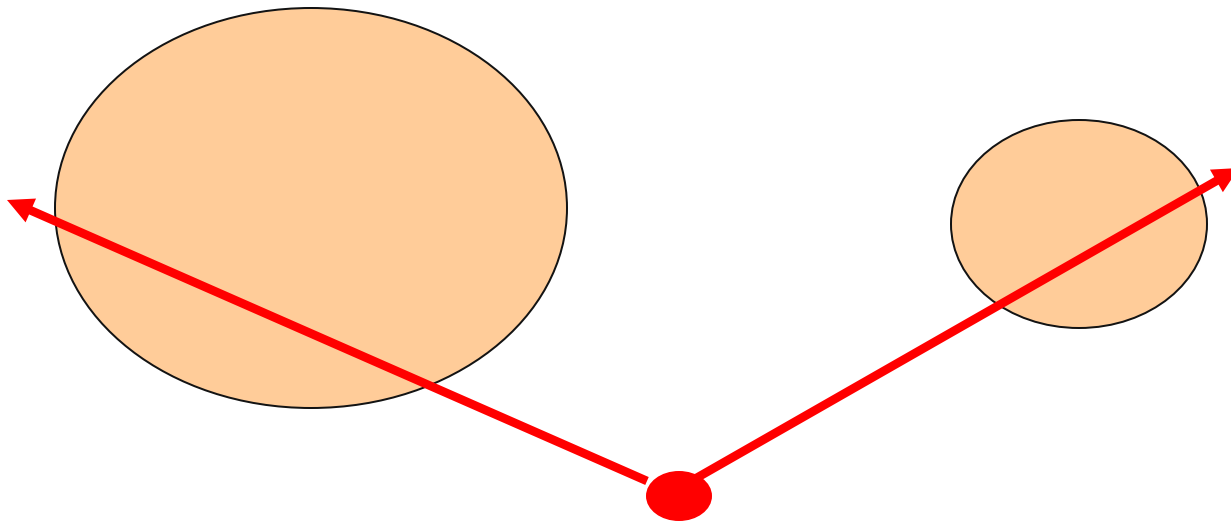
Internal Energy Deposition due to Beta or Low Energy Gamma Radiation

Little difference in fraction of energy deposited in organism



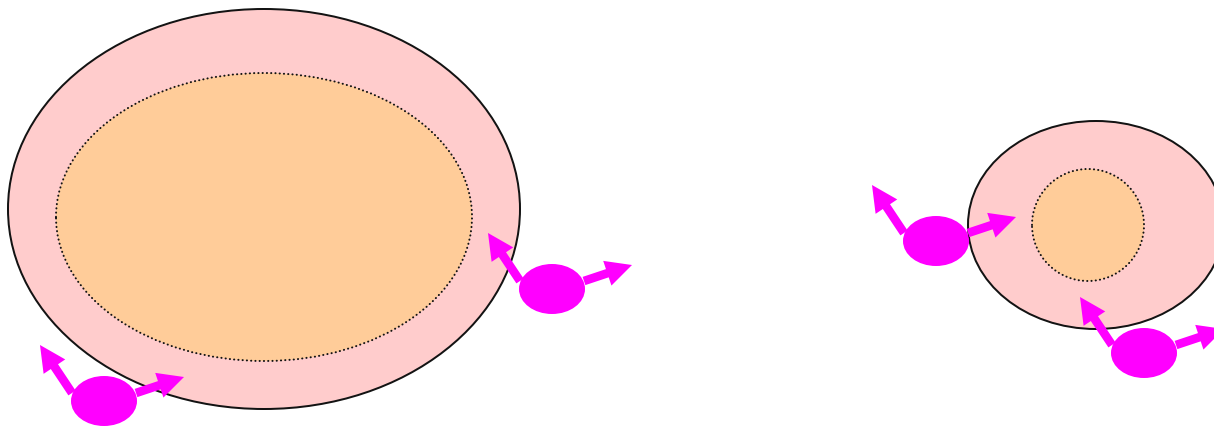
Energy Deposition due to External High Energy Gamma Radiation

Little difference in energy (per mass) deposited in organism



Energy Deposition due to External Beta or Low Energy Radiation

Large difference in energy (per mass) deposited in organism



Comparison of Absorbed Fractions from MIRD Calculations for Uniform Distribution of Activity

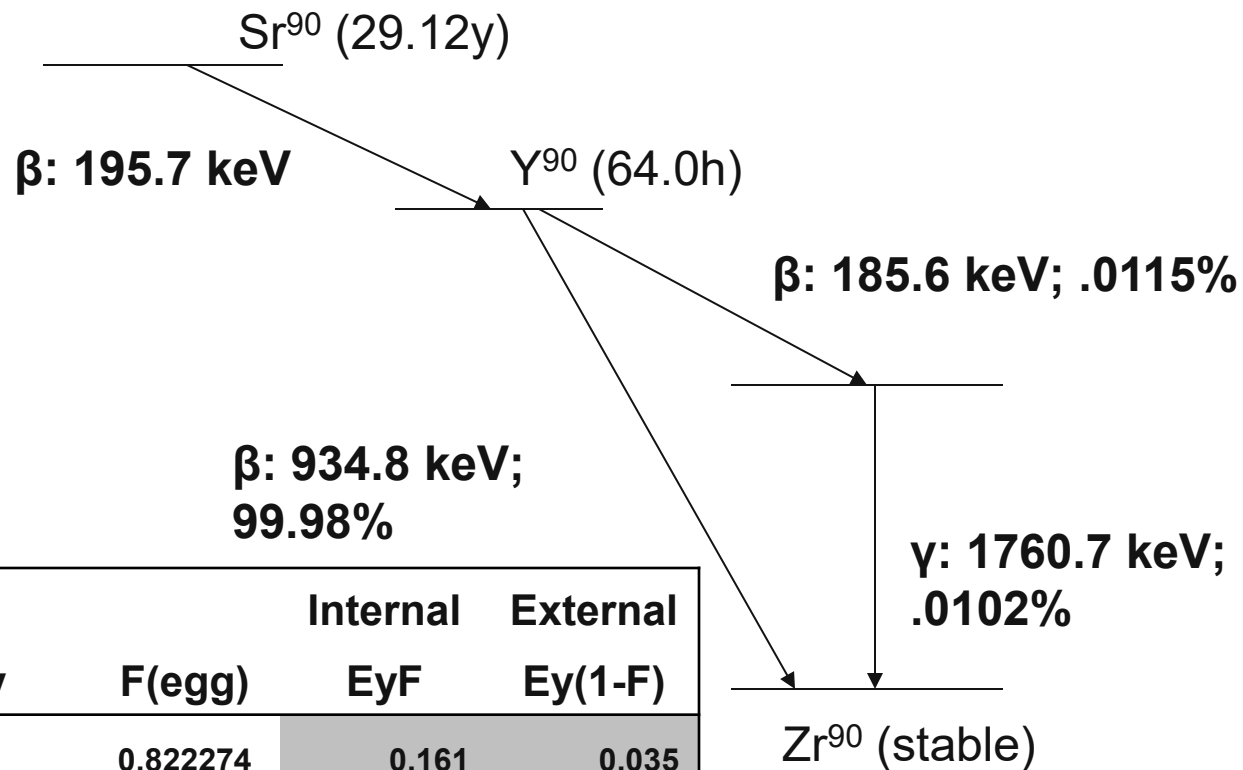
Energy (MeV)	MIRD (8)_0.1 Kg	ANL_0.1 Kg	MIRD(3)_1 Kg	ANL_1 Kg
0.02			7.9E-01	7.9E-01
0.03	3.1E-01	2.9E-01	5.2E-01	5.2E-01
0.04	1.7E-01	1.6E-01	3.4E-01	3.4E-01
0.06	8.7E-02	8.5E-02	2.1E-01	2.1E-01
0.08	7.0E-02	6.9E-02	1.7E-01	1.7E-01
0.1	6.7E-02	6.5E-02	1.6E-01	1.6E-01
0.16	6.6E-02	6.6E-02	1.5E-01	1.5E-01
0.364	7.2E-02	7.0E-02	1.5E-01	1.5E-01
0.662	7.0E-02	6.8E-02	1.5E-01	1.5E-01
1.46	6.1E-02	5.9E-02	1.3E-01	1.2E-01
2.75	5.0E-02	4.9E-02	1.1E-01	1.0E-01

DCF Methodology

$$DCF(org, nuc, type, t_{cut}) = \sum_{\substack{n \in \\ Chain}} Y_{nuc, n, tcut} \bullet \left(\sum_{r \in type, n} k E_r y_r f_{type}(E_r, org) \right)$$

- Y = Nuclide yield
- n = number of nuclides (parent + associated)
- type = electron, photon, alpha
- k = 5.04E-6 (unit conversion factor) (Gy/y per Bq/kg) per (MeV/Bq-s)
- E = energy in MeV
- r = radiation identification
- y = radiation yield
- $f_{type}(E_r, org) =$
 - Fraction absorbed (F) for internal DCF
 - (1-F) for external DCF
 - 1 for both internal and external for default organisms

Example:



Nuclide	E(MeV)	y	F(egg)	Internal EyF	External Ey(1-F)
Sr-90	0.1957	1	0.822274	0.161	0.035
Y-90	0.9348	0.9998	0.14656	0.137	0.797
Y-90	0.1856	0.000115	0.835314	0.000	0.000
Y-90	1.7607	0.000102	0.073066	0.000	0.000
Sum				0.298	0.832
* 5.04E-6				1.5E-06	4.2E-06

Maximum Variation in Internal and External DCFs in Different Organisms

Ratio	Internal (Default/Fish eggs)	External (Default/Grizzly Bear)
1.0-1.1	Am-241, Cm-242, Cm-244, Cs-135, H-3, Pu-239, Ra-226, Ra-228, Tc-99, Th-232, U-233, U-234, U-235, and U-238	none
>1.1-10	Ba-140, Ce-141, Ce-144, Co-58, Cr-51, Cs-137, Eu-152, Eu-154, Eu-155, I-129, I-131, Sb-125, and Sr-90	Ba-140, Co-58, Co-60, Cr-51, Cs-134, Cs-137, Eu-152, Eu-154, Eu-155, I-131, Ra-226, Ra-228, Sb-125, Se-75, Zn-65, and Zr-95
>10-100	Co-60, Cs-134, Se-75, and Zr-95	Am-241, Ce-141, Ce-144, I-129, and U-235
>100-1,000	Zn-65	Pu-239, Sr-90, Th-232, U-233, U-234, U-238, Cm-242, Cm-244,
>1,000	none	Cs-135, H-3, and Tc-99



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Organism Editor & Wizard Feature



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Organism Options

Level 1

Organism
Type:

- ☐ Aquatic Animal
- ☐ Riparian Animal
- ☒ Terrestrial Animal
- ☒ Terrestrial Plant

View

Level 2

Organism
Type:

- ☐ Aquatic Animal
- ☐ Riparian Animal
- ☒ Terrestrial Animal
- ☒ Terrestrial Plant

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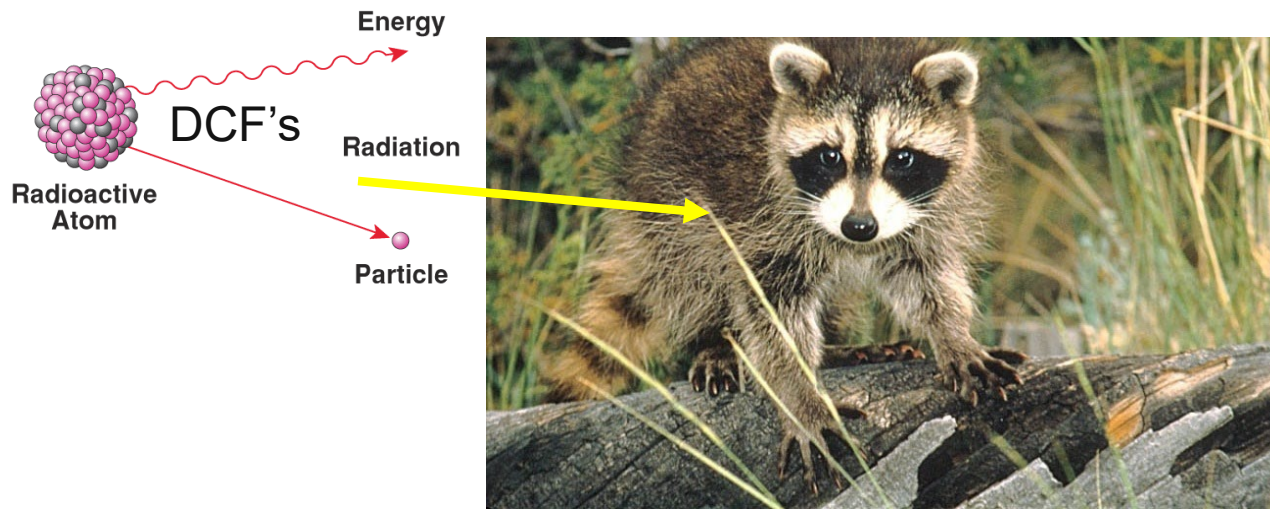
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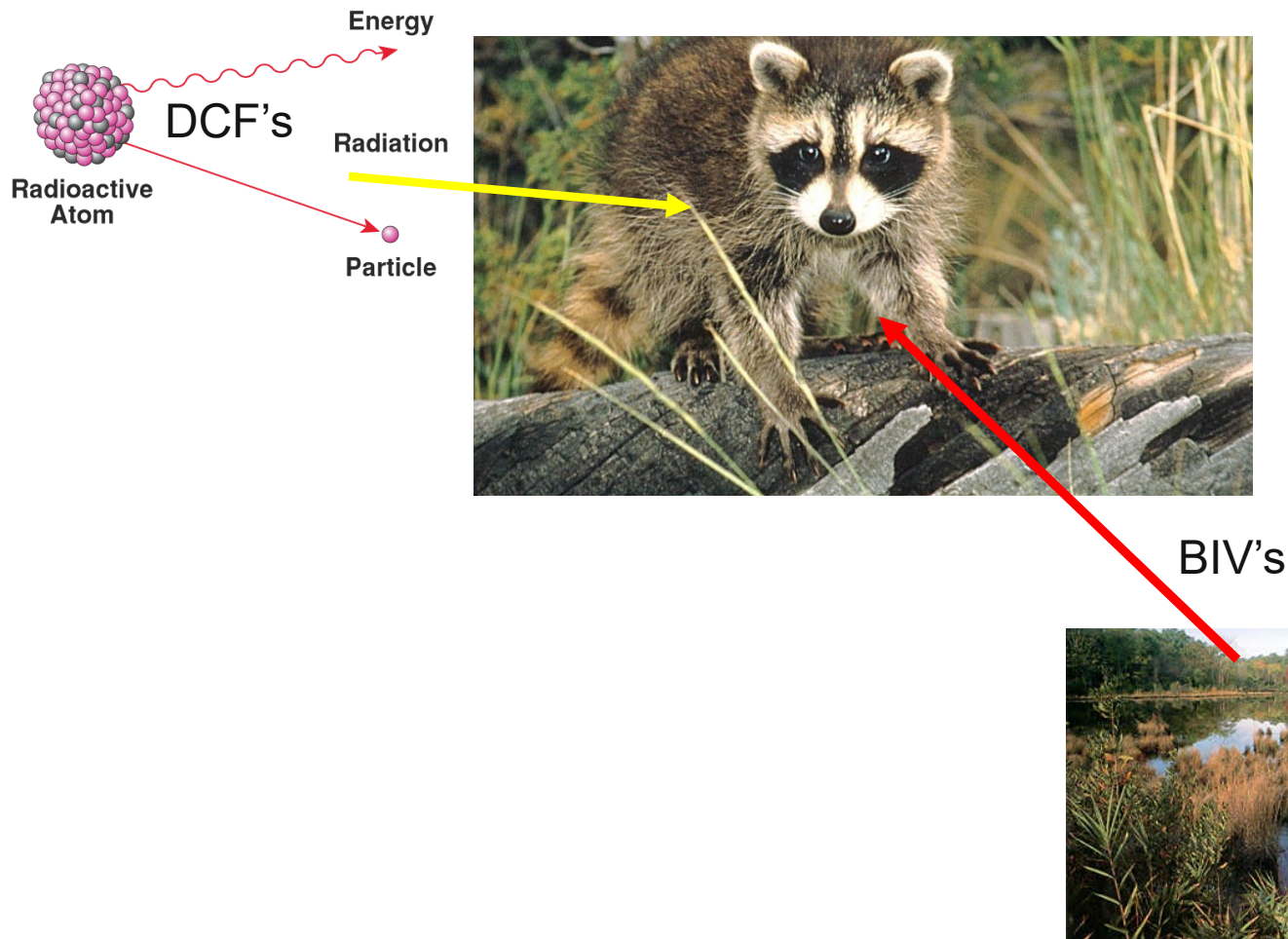
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- ☒ Terrestrial Animal
- ☒ Terrestrial Plant

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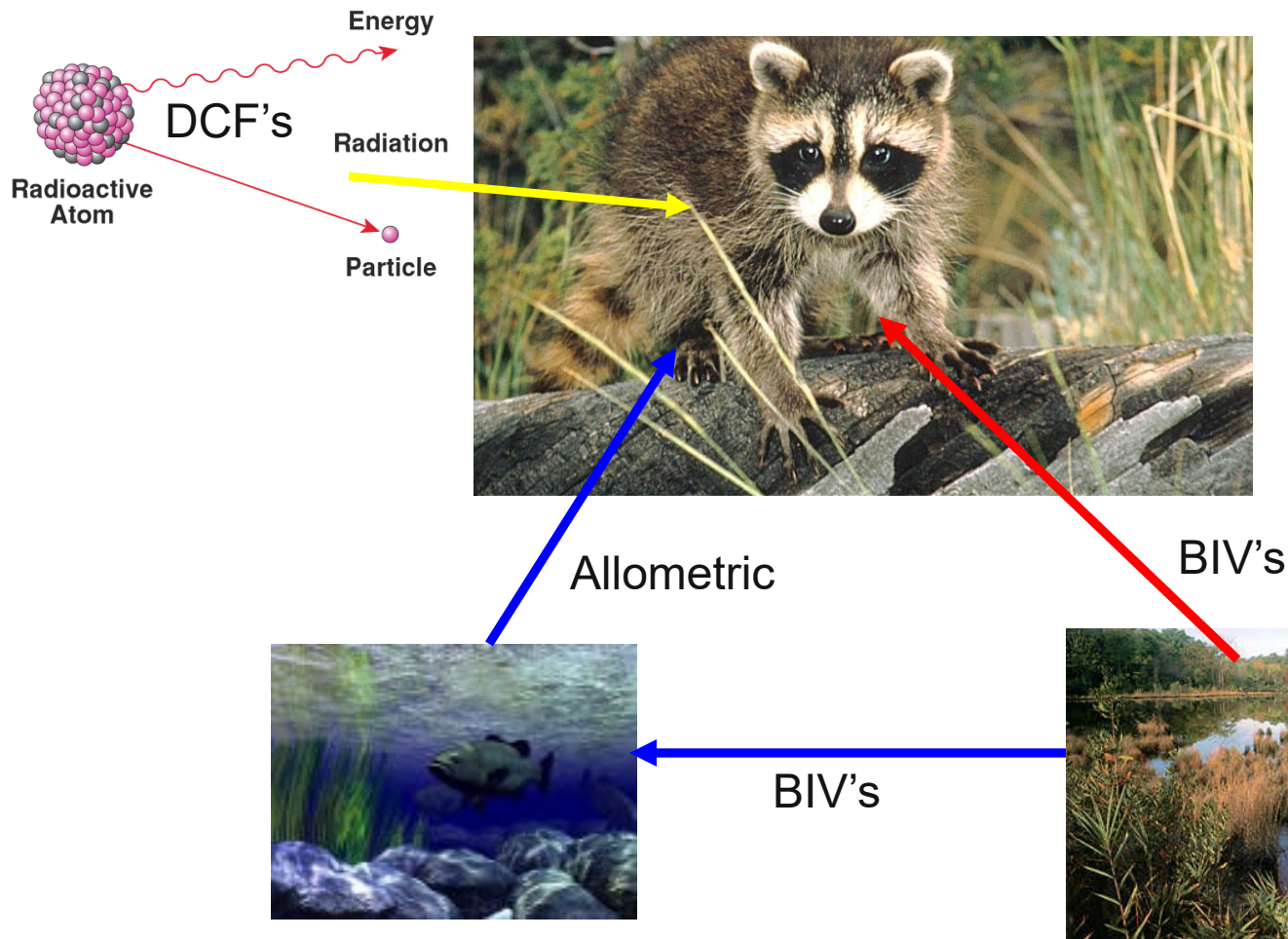
Organism Specification



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Organism Editor

Organism-Specific Parameters

Organism Sensitivity Analysis Uncertainty Analysis

Selected Organisms:

- Terrestrial Animal
- Terrestrial Plant

New
Import
Export
Close

Organism Name: Terrestrial Animal

DCF / Exposure Input Source Input Reference

DCF_s(Gy/y)/(Bq/kg)

	Nuclide	External	Internal
▶	Am-241	2.90E-07	5.63E-04

Internal
Size: Default

External
Size: Default

Dose Limits

Dose Limit: 0.001 Gy/d

Area Factor: 1

External Exposure Geometry Factors

	Sediment	Water	Soil
▶	0	0.5	1

Ingestion:

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Organism – DCF & Exposure

DCF / Exposure	Input Source	Input	Reference												
DCF_s(Gy/y)/(Bq/kg)		Dose Limits													
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Organism- Biv's

Organism-Specific Parameters

Organism Sensitivity Analysis Uncertainty Analysis

Selected Organisms:

- Terrestrial Animal
- Terrestrial Plant

Organism Name: Terrestrial Animal

DCF / Exposure Input Source **Input** Reference

BIV Tissue Concentrations Allometric

	Nuclide	Water	Sediment	Soil
▶	Am-241	8.65E-02	0.00E+00	4.00E-03
	Co-60	1.26E-01	0.00E+00	8.00E-02
	Cs-137	3.38E+00	0.00E+00	1.10E+02
	Pu-239	9.31E-02	0.00E+00	3.00E-03

New

Import

Export

Close

Organism - Allometric

Organism-Specific Parameters

Organism Sensitivity Analysis Uncertainty Analysis

Selected Organisms:

Terrestrial Animal
Terrestrial Plant

Organism Name: Terrestrial Animal

DCF / Exposure Input Source Input Reference

	Nuclide	UseTissue	UseBIV	UseAllom
0	Am-241	No	No	Yes
	Co-60	No	Yes	No
	Cs-137	No	Yes	No
	Pu-239	No	Yes	No

New
Import
Export
Close

Organism-Specific Parameters

Organism Sensitivity Analysis Uncertainty Analysis

Selected Organisms:

Terrestrial Animal
Terrestrial Plant

Organism Name: Terrestrial Animal

DCF / Exposure Input Source Input Reference

BIV Tissue Concentrations Allometric

Metabolism Equations/Parameters Intake Rates Food Chain

	Nuclide	f1	a	b	PT_IT	L_rad (d^-1)
▶	Am-241	0.001	0.8	0.81	250	4.41E-06

New
Import
Export
Close

Organism-Specific Parameters

Organism Sensitivity Analysis Uncertainty Analysis

Selected Organisms:

Terrestrial Animal
Terrestrial Plant

Organism Name: Terrestrial Animal

DCF / Exposure Input Source Input Reference

BIV Tissue Concentrations Allometric

Metabolism Equations/Parameter Intake Rates Food Chain

Food Intake Rate (g/d)

$r = \frac{a}{dc} 70 M^b$

m: Body mass, kg 2.20E-02

a: Ratio of active to basal metabolic rate 2.00E+00

c: Caloric value of food, kcal/g 5.00E+00

d: Fraction of energy ingested that is assimilated and oxidized 4.40E-01

x: Mass loading factor, g/m^3 1.00E-04

Soil Intake Rate

$r_{soil} = f * r$

f: Fraction of soil in diet 1.00E-01

New
Import
Export
Close

Organism-Specific Parameters

Organism Sensitivity Analysis Uncertainty Analysis

Selected Organisms:

Terrestrial Animal
Terrestrial Plant

Organism Name: Terrestrial Animal

DCF / Exposure Input Source Input Reference

BIV Tissue Concentrations Allometric

Metabolism Equations/Parameters Intake Rates Food Chain

Override allometric calculations?

r: Food intake rate, g/d 3.64E+00

r_sed/soil: Sediment/Soil ingestion rate, g/d 3.64E-01

l_w: Water ingestion rate, L/d 3.19E-03

r_inh: Breathing intake rate, g/d 2.64E-06

T: Maximum lifespan, yr 3.25E-01

New
Import
Export
Close

Organism – Allometric - Food Chain

Organism-Specific Parameters

Organism Sensitivity Analysis Uncertainty Analysis

Selected Organisms:

- Terrestrial Animal
- Terrestrial Plant

Organism Name: Terrestrial Animal

DCF / Exposure Input Source **Input** Reference

BIV Tissue Concentrations **Allometric**

Metabolism Equations/Parameters Intake Rates **Food Chain**

Food Chain Characteristics Food Source Characteristics

Add Food Source Delete Food Source

	'Food Source'	'Diet Fraction'
▶	Terrestrial Plant	1

New Import Export Close

Organism-Specific Parameters

Organism Sensitivity Analysis Uncertainty Analysis

Selected Organisms:

- Terrestrial Animal
- Terrestrial Plant

Organism Name: Terrestrial Animal

DCF / Exposure Input Source **Input** Reference

BIV Tissue Concentrations **Allometric**

Metabolism Equations/Parameters Intake Rates **Food Chain**

Food Chain Characteristics **Food Source Characteristics**

Sort by:
☒ Food Source ☐ Nuclide

Food Source BIVs

	'Food Source'	Nuclide	Soil	Water	Sediment
▶	Terrestrial Plant	Am-241	7.64E-03	0.00E+00	0.00E+00

New Import Export Close

Organism - Reference

Organism-Specific Parameters

Organism Sensitivity Analysis Uncertainty Analysis

Selected Organisms:

- Terrestrial Animal
- Terrestrial Plant

New
Import
Export
Close

Organism Name: Terrestrial Animal

DCF / Exposure Input Source Input **Reference**

This is the default terrestrial animal.

The Wizard

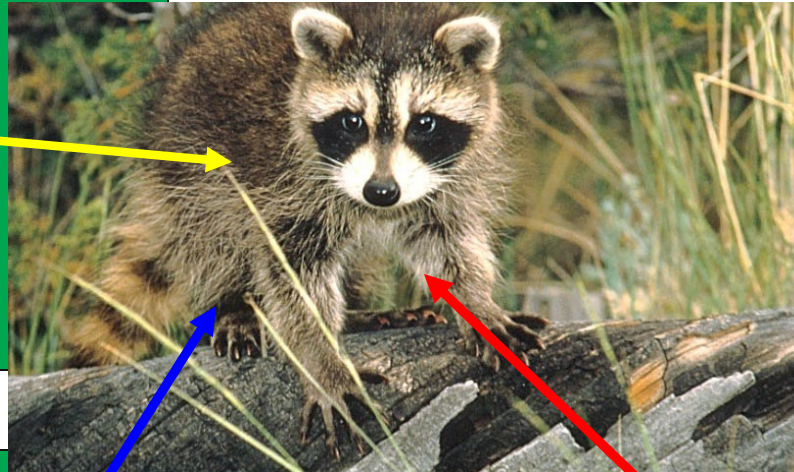
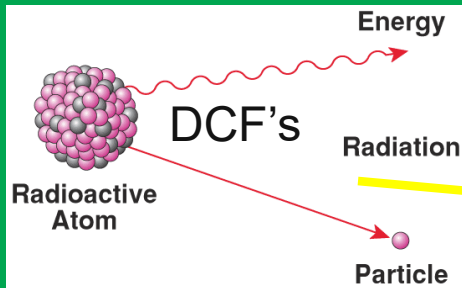


The Chimera was a fire-breathing monster with the head of a lion, body of a goat and tail of a serpent. It killed and ate human beings until it was killed by Bellerophon who was riding the winged horse Pegasus.



Organism Specification

Size



Interaction with Environment

Allometric

Biv's



Biv's



Organism Wizard

New Organism Wizard

This wizard will walk you through the steps necessary to create a new organism for use in RESRAD-BIOTA.

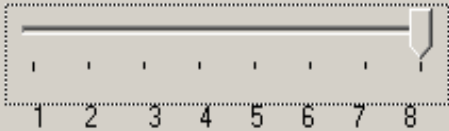
Enter a name for the new organism:

Organism Wizard

New Organism Wizard - Geometry

Select a geometry for this organism. The geometry determines the dose conversion factors that will be used for this organism.

☐ Use default geometry



 not to scale
220 x 100 x 100 cm

* denotes the default dimensions were modeled for this organism

Geometry	Mass (kg)	Example Receptors	References	Dimensions (cm)
8	1000	Grizzly bear*	Wild Mammals of North America, 1982. J.A. Chapman and G.A. Feldhamer, editors. Johns Hopkins University Press, Baltimore.	220 x 100 x 100

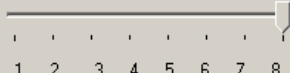
Help **Cancel** **Back** **Next**

Advanced Geometry Settings

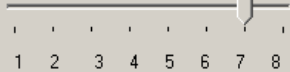
There is an option to use separate geometry sizes for internal and external dose conversion factors. To use this option, check the box below and select which sizes you wish to use for internal and external dose conversion factors.

☒ Use different geometries for internal and external DCFs

Internal



External



Cancel **Ok**

Organism Wizard

New Organism Wizard - Weight and Base Parameters

Weight	Internal Ingestion Parameters
Based on the geometry selection, a suggested weight has been entered. This weight may be changed. The user-defined weight is used only for purposes of allometric modeling. The geometry does not change. 1000 kg	Select which organism you wish to derive the internal ingestion parameters from for this organism. These parameters include bio's and exposure geometries. ☐ Generic Terrestrial Animal ☐ Generic Terrestrial Plant ☐ Generic Riparian Animal ☐ Generic Aquatic Animal

Organism Wizard

New Organism Wizard - Comments

You may use the text box below to enter any comments about this organism.

Help Cancel Back Finish



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Data Import/Export Feature and Graphics & Reports



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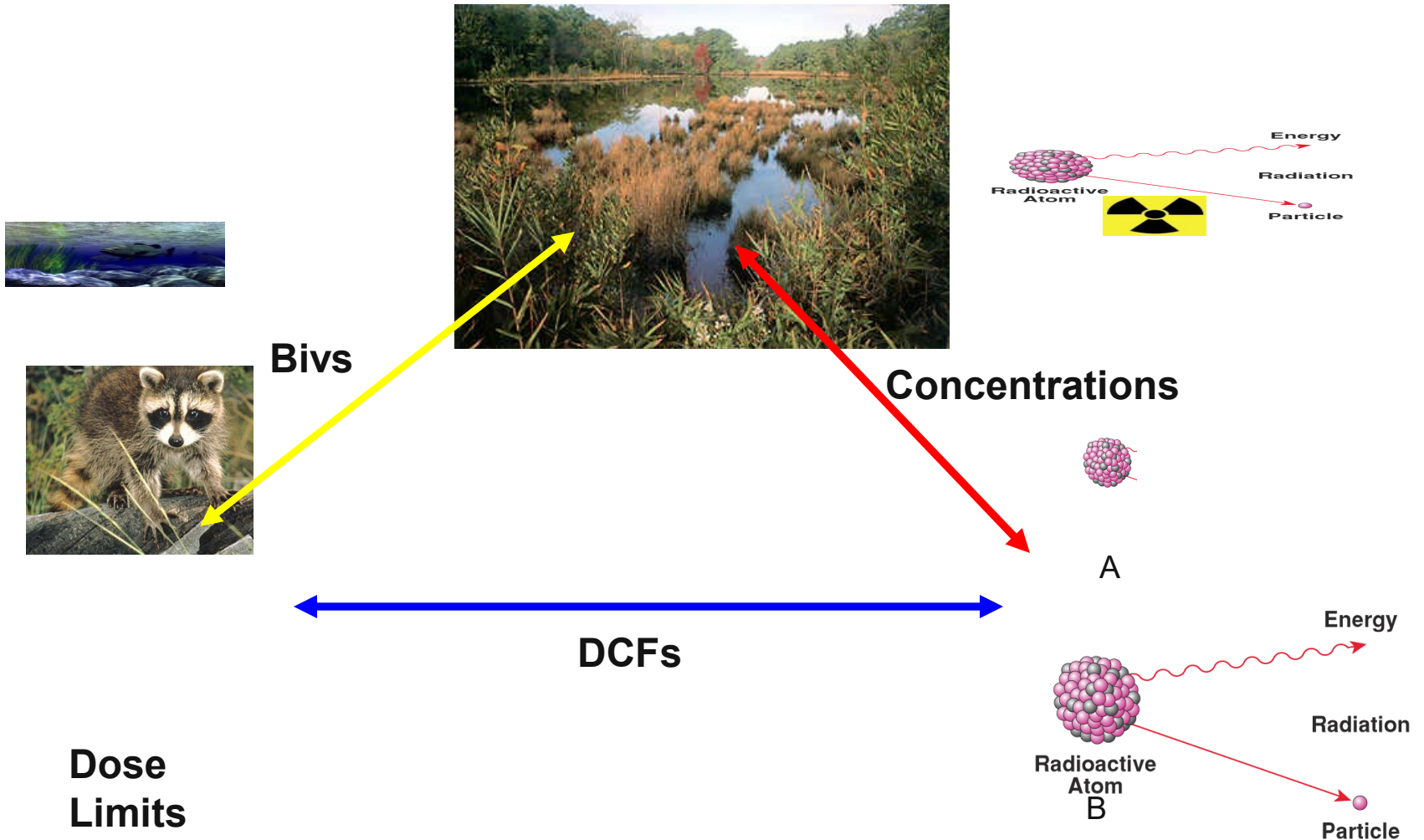
Import & Export

- Organism can be saved (exported) and retrieved (imported) independently of case file.
- Files can be emailed or later posted on the web site (for exchange with other users).
- Please remember to document assumptions and data references

Results

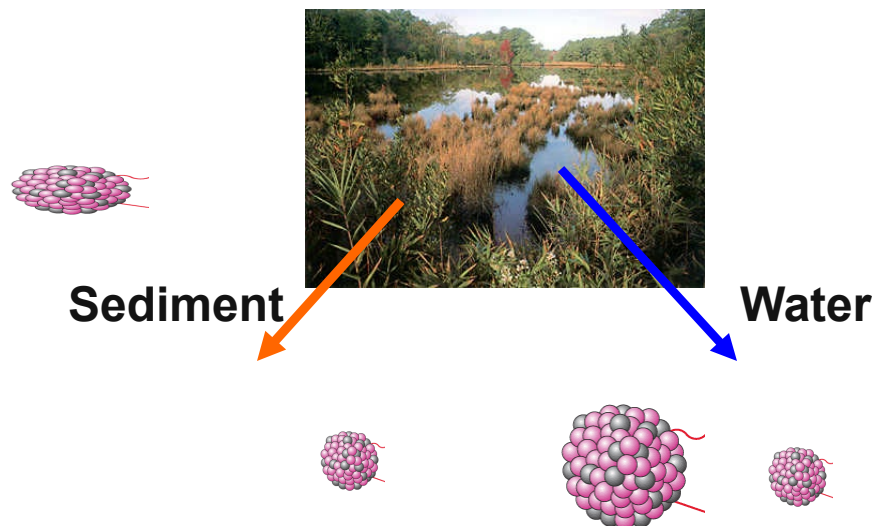
- Interactive Report
- Graphs
- HTML report
- (Database)

Biota Relationships



BCG Results

- For each media:
- For each radionuclide:
- Determine organism with highest Dose to Dose Limit ratio



.4	.2	.9	.1
.1	.3	.8	1.2

Interactive Report

Results

BCG

Dose Rate

All concentrations and BCG results in Bq/kg or Bq/m³

Summed Ratios for Limiting Organism

Total * 1.34E-03 Water: 2.94E-07 Soil: 1.34E-03 Sediment: 0.00E+00

Organism: Limiting Media: Water BCG Report

	Nuclide	Concentration	BCG	Ratio	Limiting Organism
	Co-60	1.10E+01	4.42E+07	2.49E-07	Terrestrial Animal
	Cs-137	1.00E+00	2.22E+07	4.51E-08	Terrestrial Animal

* The Summed Ratios for Limiting Organism are the Limiting Ratios for all media and nuclides

Deterministic Graph

Close

Interactive Report

Results

BCG

Dose Rate

All dose rate results in Gy/d

Summed Doses

Total 1.34E-05

Medium Water: 6.74E-10 Soil: 1.34E-05 Sediment: 0.00E+00

Total (Ext/ Int) External 4.66E-07 Internal 1.29E-05

Water: 2.33E-10 Soil: 4.66E-07 Sediment: 0.00E+00

Organism: Terrestrial Animal

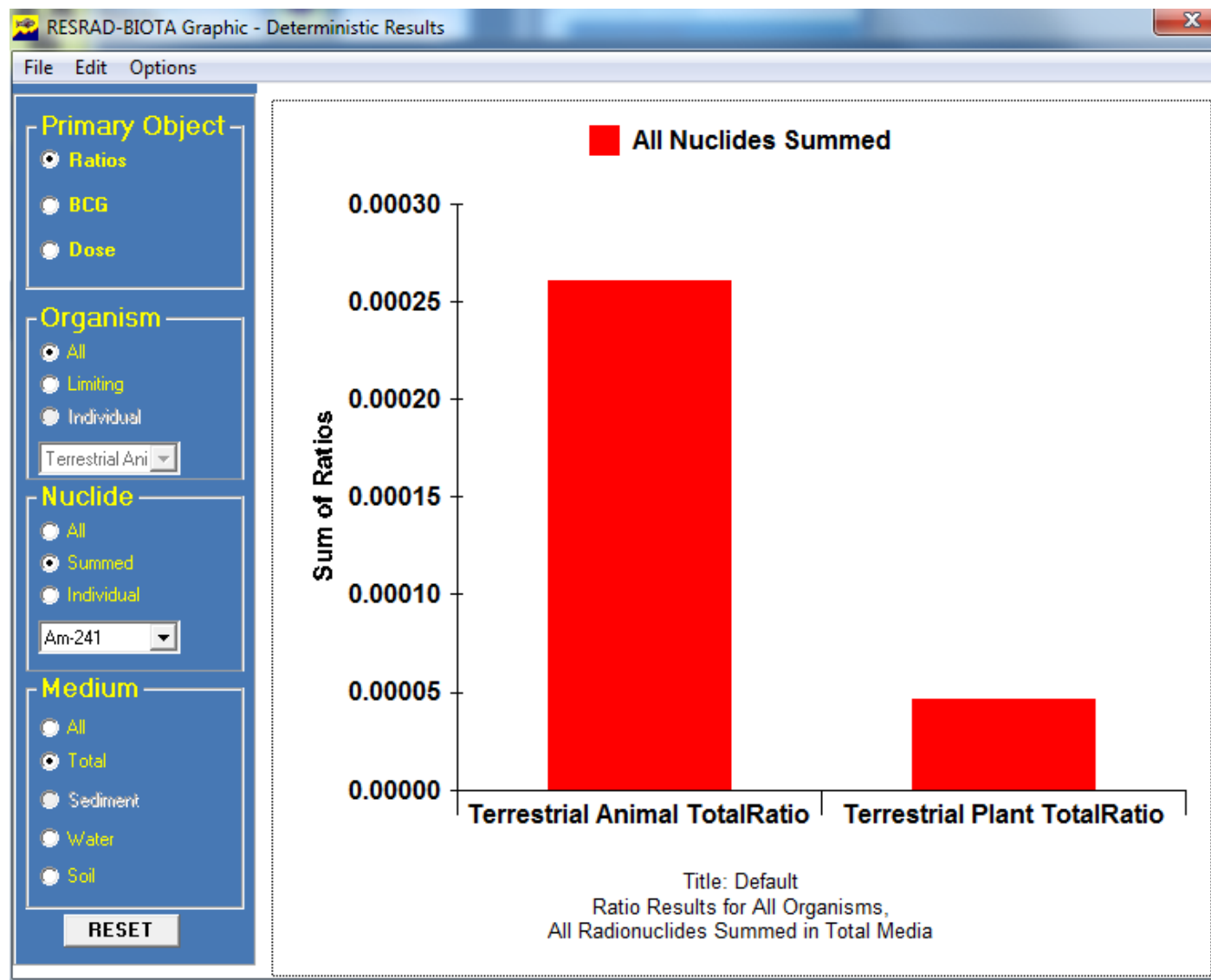
Dose Report Tissue Report

	Nuclide	Ext Water Dose	Ext Soil Dose	Ext Sediment Dose	Internal Dose	Total Dose
	Co-60	1.78E-10	3.56E-07	0.00E+00	2.88E-08	3.85E-07
	Cs-137	5.48E-11	1.10E-07	0.00E+00	1.29E-05	1.30E-05

Deterministic Graph

Close

Graphs



HTML Report

Terrestrial Dose Report for Level 2 in Gy/d

Title: Default

Terrestrial Animal												
Nuclide	External				Internal				Total			
	ext_Wtr	ext_Soil	ext_Sed	ext_Sum	int_Wtr	int_Soil	int_Sed	int_Sum	tot_Wtr	tot_Soil	tot_Sed	tot_Sum
Co-60	1.96E-10	3.56E-08	0.00E+00	3.58E-08	5.30E-11	3.47E-09	0.00E+00	3.53E-09	2.49E-10	3.91E-08	0.00E+00	3.93E-08
Cs-137	5.48E-12	1.10E-08	0.00E+00	1.10E-08	3.96E-11	1.29E-06	0.00E+00	1.29E-06	4.51E-11	1.30E-06	0.00E+00	1.30E-06
Summed	2.01E-10	4.66E-08	0.00E+00	4.68E-08	9.26E-11	1.29E-06	0.00E+00	1.29E-06	2.94E-10	1.34E-06	0.00E+00	1.34E-06

Terrestrial Plant												
Nuclide	External				Internal				Total			
	ext_Wtr	ext_Soil	ext_Sed	ext_Sum	int_Wtr	int_Soil	int_Sed	int_Sum	tot_Wtr	tot_Soil	tot_Sed	tot_Sum
Co-60	1.96E-10	3.56E-08	0.00E+00	3.58E-08	3.32E-12	8.50E-09	0.00E+00	8.50E-09	1.99E-10	4.41E-08	0.00E+00	4.43E-08
Cs-137	5.48E-12	1.10E-08	0.00E+00	1.10E-08	0.00E+00	1.11E-07	0.00E+00	1.11E-07	5.48E-12	1.22E-07	0.00E+00	1.22E-07
Summed	2.01E-10	4.66E-08	0.00E+00	4.68E-08	3.32E-12	1.20E-07	0.00E+00	1.20E-07	2.05E-10	1.66E-07	0.00E+00	1.67E-07



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Case Study I & Hands-on Problem 5 Review —

Biota Dose Evaluation of the Hanford 300 Area



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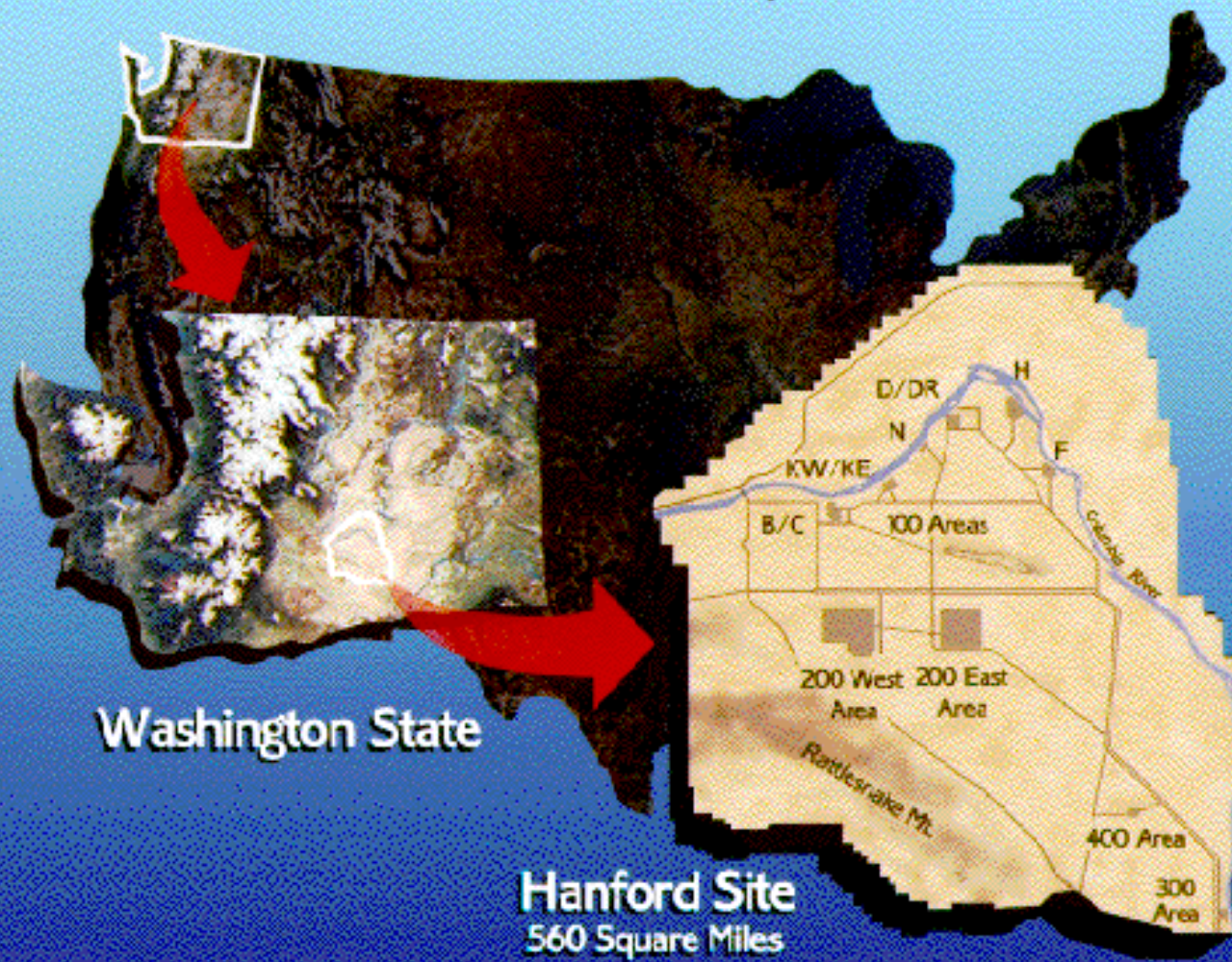
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Case Study I

- **Assess Hanford's 300 Area Shoreline**
- **Utilize**
 - Screening options
 - Site Biv data
 - Create new organism with site-specific parameters
- **Discuss**
 - Decisions made concerning site data
 - Types of calculations that may be encountered

Hanford Site Location Map



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Hanford Site Map

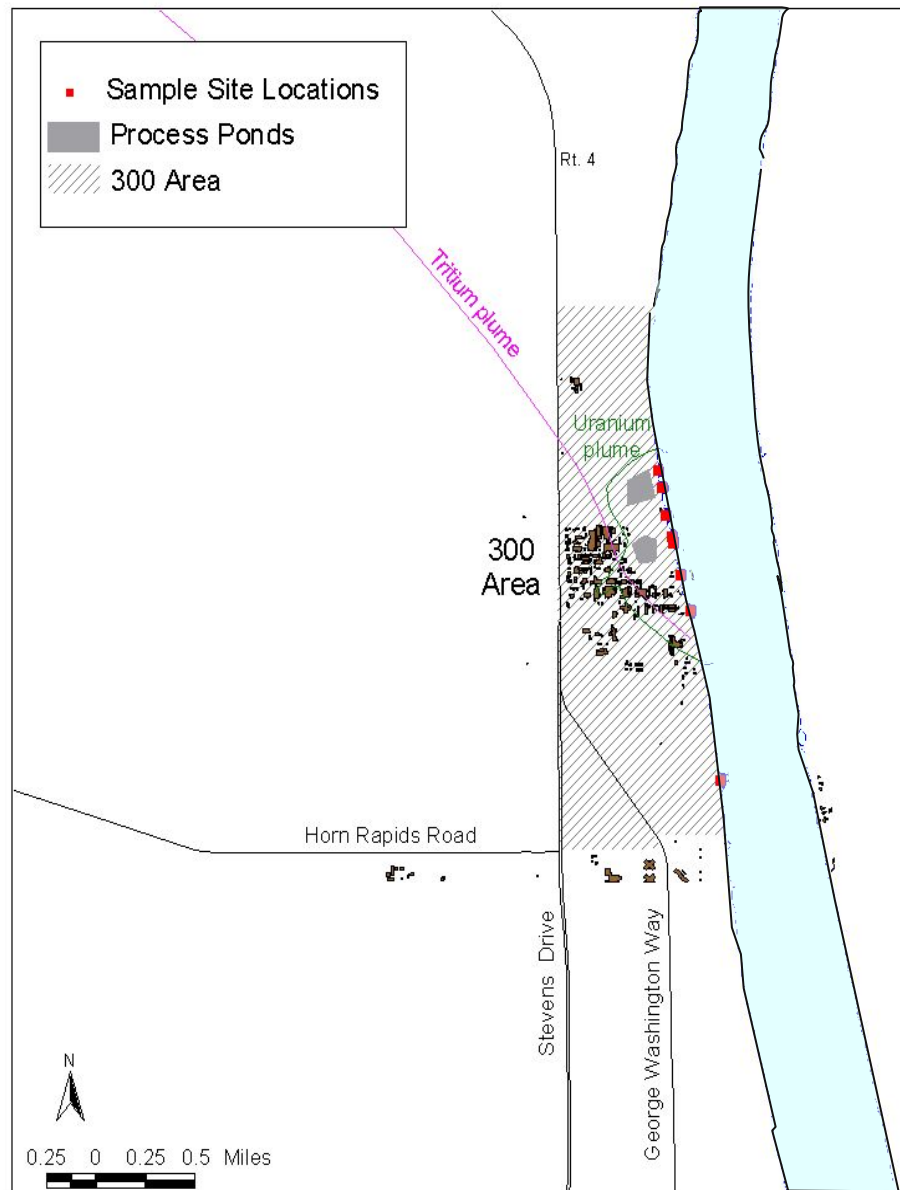


Hanford's 300 Area

- Small portion of larger Hanford Reservation (Washington State, USA)
 - Area of concern: 1.5 km²
 - Produced fuel elements for defense applications
 - Process waste ponds situated near Columbia River
 - Principal contaminants of concern: U-series



Sampling locations



Water & Sediment Sampling

- Collected at river bank spring locations
- Unfiltered water
- Sediments collected when available



Biota Sampling



- Riparian vegetation
 - Mulberry
 - Sweet clover
- Riparian animals
 - House mice
 - Beetles
- Aquatic vegetation
 - Milfoil
 - Elodea
- Aquatic animals
 - Clams
 - Crayfish
 - Sculpin

RESRAD-BIOTA Application

■ Level 1

- General Screening
- Maximum concentrations in water & sediment

■ Level 2

- Site-specific screening
- Site-specific bioaccumulation coefficients

■ Level 3

- Site-specific analysis phase
- Configure site-specific organisms
- Examine results

Data Entry – Level 1

Radio - nuclide	Water Minimum Detection Limit (Bq/m ³)	Water (Bq/m ³)	Sediment Minimum Detection Limit (Bq/kg)	Sediment (Bq/kg)
Sr-90	2.22	7.5E+00	1.9	9.6E-01
Cs-137	370		1.1	8.5E+00
U-234	2.22	2.0E+03	0.75	1.0E+02
U-235	2.22	8.3E+01	0.75	3.8E+00
U-238	2.22	1.8E+03	0.75	9.1E+01
^a This list represents a selection of nuclides detected in water and sediment, and is used to illustrate the application of the RESRAD-BIOTA code.				

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File View Sensitivity Analysis Uncertainty Analysis Help

BIOTA Case

Title: Hanford 300 Area [Run]

Ecosystem: ☐ Terrestrial ☒ Aquatic

Level: ☒ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3

Units: ☒ Traditional ☐ SI

Nuclides

Potential Contaminants: Am-241, Ba-140, C-14, Ce-141, Ce-144, Cf-252

Contaminants: Cs-137, Sr-90, U-234, U-235, U-238

Concentration:

Sediment: ☒ 8.5 Bq/kg

Water: ☐ 17 Bq/m³

Soil: ☐ 0 Bq/kg

Kd: 500 L/kg

Organism

Type:

☒ Aquatic Animal

☒ Riparian Animal

☐ Terrestrial Animal

☐ Terrestrial Plant

View

RBE's

Alpha: 20

Beta: 1

Gamma: 1

Cut-off Half-life: 100 Years

FIRST LEVEL

- Aquatic analysis
- Maximum data
- Use Kd to evaluate missing concentration

Water
concentration
estimated

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BIOTA Case

Title: Case Study 3 - Hanford Run

Ecosystem: ☐ Terrestrial ☒ Aquatic

Level: ☒ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3

Units: ☐ Traditional ☒ SI

Nuclides

Potential Contaminants: Th-229, Th-230, Th-232, Th-234, U-233, U-235, U-238, Zn-65

Contaminants: Cs-137, Sr-90, U-234, U-235, U-238

Concentration: Sediment: ☒ 8.5 Bq/kg / Kd: 500 L/kg Water: ☐ 17 Bq/m^3 Soil: ☐ 0 Bq/kg

Organism Type: ☒ Aquatic Animal ☒ Riparian Animal ☐ Terrestrial Animal ☐ Terrestrial Plant

View

RBE's: Alpha: 20

FIRST LEVEL

- Aquatic analysis
- Maximum data
- Aquatic system passes

Results

BCG

All concentrations and BCG results in Bq/kg or Bq/m^3

Summed Ratios for Limiting Organism

Total: 5.09E-01 Water: 5.08E-01 Soil: 0.00E+00 Sediment: 1.61E-03

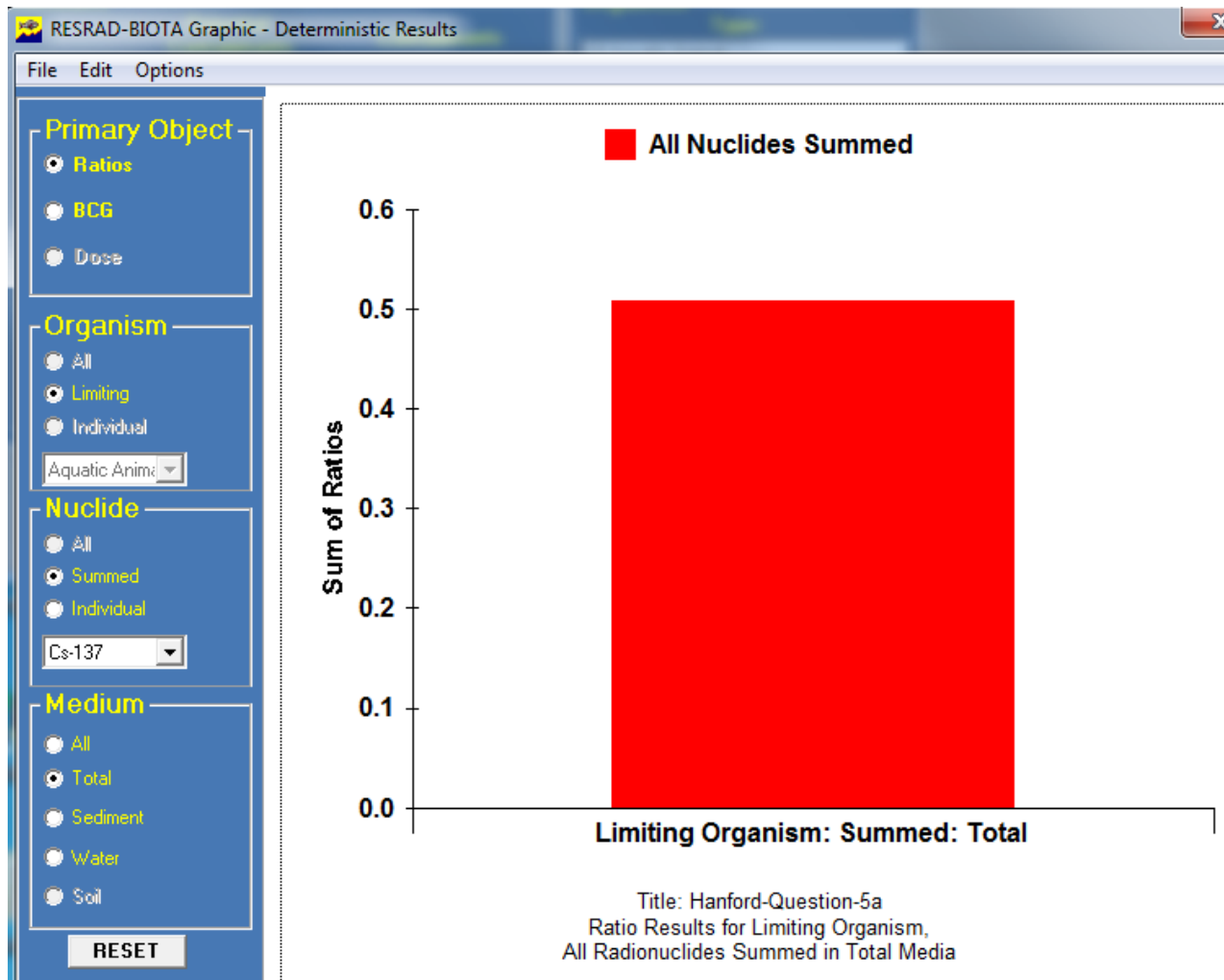
Organism: Limiting Media: Water BCG Report

Nuclide	Concentration	BCG	Ratio	Limiting Organism
Cs-137	1.70E+01	1.58E+03	1.08E-02	Riparian Animal
Sr-90	7.50E+00	1.03E+04	7.28E-04	Riparian Animal
U-234	2.00E+03	7.46E+03	2.68E-01	Aquatic Animal
U-235	8.30E+01	8.05E+03	1.03E-02	Aquatic Animal
U-238	1.80E+03	8.26E+03	2.18E-01	Aquatic Animal

* The Summed Ratios for Limiting Organism are the Limiting Ratios for all media and nuclides

Deterministic Graph Close

Level 1 Graphical output



Site-Specific Screen Phase

- Level 2
 - To examine method flexibility and insight gained by additional analyses
- Additional data required
- Selected parameters can be modified:
 - Average values can be used (not demonstrated)
 - Distribution coefficients (where co-located water/sediment samples are lacking) can be modified
 - Organism specific parameters can be adjusted
 - *Site-specific Bivs*

Site-Specific Screen Phase: Biv Modification

Biota Media ^a	Sr-90 Bq/kg	Cs-137 Bq/kg	Uranium µg/g
Detection Limits	1.5	1.5	0.01
<i>Aquatic Community</i>			
Milfoil	3.3	4.4	9.29
Clam			6.77
Sculpin	0.7	-0.4	0.06
^a This data represent activity per kg of dry weight. To convert to a wet weight activity, multiply concentration values by 0.2			

Site-Specific Screen Phase: Bivs

Isotope	Wt % of isotope in U (nat)	U (nat) µg per g of clam	µg of isotope per g of clam	Kg of isotope per kg of (dry) clam	Kg of isotope per kg of (wet) clam
U-234	0.0074	6.77	5.0098×10^{-4}	5.0098×10^{-10}	1.0020×10^{-10}
U-235	0.648	6.77	4.387×10^{-2}	4.387×10^{-8}	8.774×10^{-9}
U-238	99.340	6.77	6.7253	6.7253×10^{-6}	1.3451×10^{-6}

Site-Specific Screen Phase: Bivs

Isotope	Specific Activity, Bq/kg of isotope	Activity concentration, Bq/kg of Clam (wet weight)
U-234	2.279×10^{11}	22.84
U-235	7.881×10^7	0.691
U-238	1.234×10^7	16.6

Site-Specific Screen Phase: Bivs

Radio-nuclide	Calculated Biv values for Aquatic Biota				
	Water (Bq/m ³)	Sediment (Bq/kg)	Clam Conc. (Bq/kg)	Clam (water) Biv (L/kg)	Clam (sed.) Biv
U-234	2.0E+03	1.0E+02	22.84	11	0.228
U-235	8.3E+01	3.8E+00	0.691	8.3	0.18
U-238	1.8E+03	9.1E+01	16.6	9.2	0.18

Level 2 Analysis

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BIOTA Case

Title: Case Study 3 - Hanford Run

Ecosystem: ☐ Terrestrial ☒ Aquatic

Level: ☐ 1 ☒ 2 ☐ 3

Units: ☐ Traditional ☒ SI

Nuclides

Potential Contaminants: Th-229, Th-230, Th-232, Th-234, U-233, Zn-65

Contaminants: Cs-137, Sr-90, U-234, U-235, U-238

Concentration:

Sediment: ☐ 100 Bq/kg

Water: ☒ 2000 Bq/m³

Soil: ☐ 0 Bq/kg

Kd: 50

Mean ☐ L/kg

Organism

Type: ☒ Aquatic Animal, ☒ Riparian Animal, ☐ Terrestrial Animal, ☐ Terrestrial Plant

Edit

RBE's

Alpha: 20, Beta: 1, Gamma: 1

Cut-off Half-life: 100 Years

Organism-Specific Parameters

Organism: Sensitivity Analysis Uncertainty Analysis

Selected Organisms: Aquatic Animal, Riparian Animal

Organism Name: Aquatic Animal

DCF / Exposure

	Nuclide	External	Internal
	Cs-137	4.00E-06	4.28E-06
	Sr-90	5.71E-06	5.71E-06
	U-234	6.51E-08	4.89E-04
	U-235	1.80E-06	4.53E-04
	U-238	4.60E-06	4.41E-04

Internal Size: Default

External Size: Default

Dose Limits

Dose Limit: 0.01 Gy/d

Area Factor: 1

External Exposure Geometry Factors

	Sediment	Water	Soil
	0.5	0.5	0

Ingestion: ☐ Sediment, ☒ Water, ☐ Soil

Close

Level 2 Analysis

Organism-Specific Parameters

Organism Sensitivity Analysis

Selected Organisms:

Aquatic Animal
Riparian Animal

Organism Name: Aquatic Animal

DCF / Exposure Input Source **Input** Reference

BIV Tissue Concentrations Allometric

	Nuclide	Water	Sediment	Soil
▶	Cs-137	2.20E+04	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
	Sr-90	3.20E+02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
	U-234	1.00E+03	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
	U-235	1.00E+03	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
	U-238	1.00E+03	0.00E+00	0.00E+00

LEVEL 2 analysis
– Replace default Biv values

Close

Level 2 Analysis

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BIOTA Case

Title: Case Study 3 - Hanford Run

Ecosystem: ☐ Terrestrial ☒ Aquatic

Level: ☐ 1 ☒ 2 ☐ 3

Units: ☐ Traditional ☒ SI

Nuclides

Potential Contaminants: Th-229, Th-230, Th-232, Th-234, U-233, Zn-65

Contaminants: Cs-137, Sr-90, U-234, U-235, U-238

Concentration: Sediment: 100 Bq/kg, Water: 2000 Bq/m³, Soil: 0 Bq/kg

Organism Type: ☒ Aquatic Animal, ☒ Riparian Animal, ☐ Terrestrial Animal, ☐ Terrestrial Plant

Results

BCG Dose Rate

All concentrations and BCG results in Bq/kg or Bq/m³

Summed Ratios for Limiting Organism

Total: 1.60E-01 Water: 1.58E-01 Soil: 0.00E+00 Sediment: 1.61E-03

Organism: Limiting Media: Water BCG Report

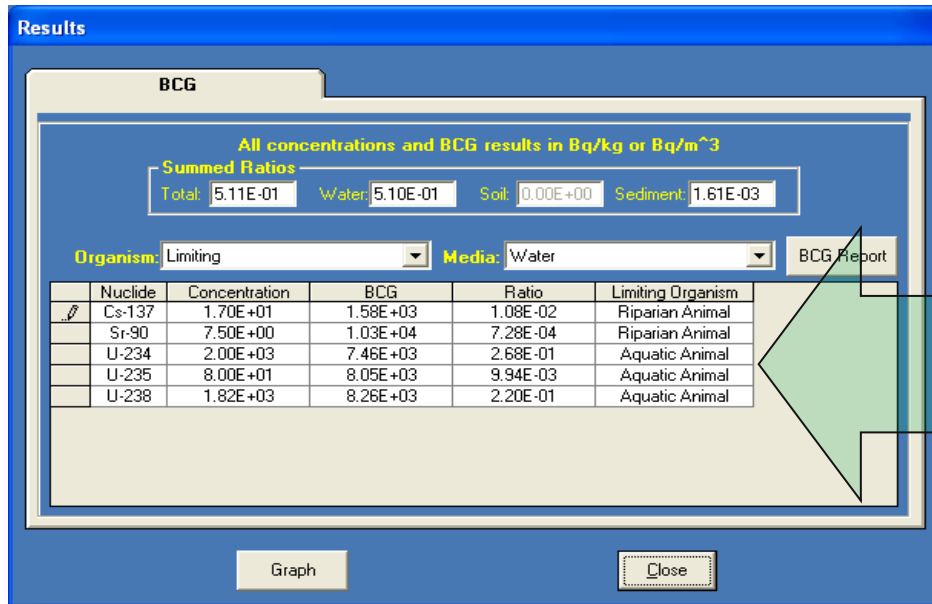
Nuclide	Concentration	BCG	Ratio	Limiting Organism
Cs-137	1.70E+01	1.58E+03	1.08E-02	Riparian Animal
Sr-90	7.50E+00	1.03E+04	7.27E-04	Riparian Animal
U-234	2.00E+03	2.53E+04	7.91E-02	Riparian Animal
U-235	8.30E+01	2.73E+04	3.04E-03	Riparian Animal
U-238	1.80E+03	2.80E+04	6.43E-02	Riparian Animal

* The Summed Ratios for Limiting Organism are the Limiting Ratios for all media and nuclides

Deterministic Graph Close

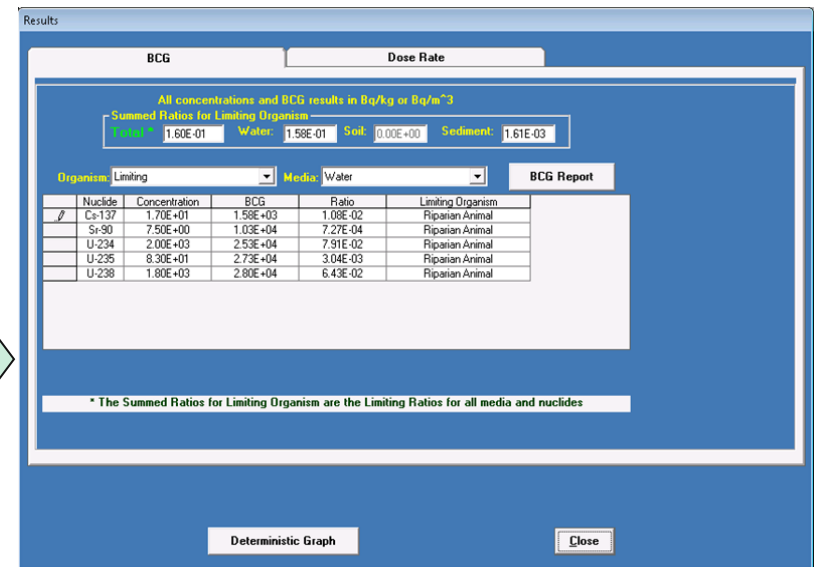
LEVEL 2 Aquatic analysis
– Ratio drops

Observations



- Level 1 – Uranium dominates Sum of Fraction
- Aquatic animal presumed to receive greatest fraction of its limit

- Level 2 – *aquatic animal* Bivs recalculated
- Uranium still dominates, but riparian animal now is presumed to get highest fraction of its limit



Site-Specific Analysis Phase



- Level 3
- Organism-specific geometries can be created
- Dose factors can be created
- Alpha-RBEs can be modified

Making the Clam

- RESRAD-BIOTA allows site-specific organisms to be created
- Code generates size & geometry specific dose conversion factors
- Other parameters can be modified as needed, using primary reference organisms as a starting point
 - Ingestion / allometrics
 - Bivs
 - Exposure profile
 - Organism residence times



Level 3 Analysis

BIOTA Case

Title: Case Study 3 - Hanford Run

Ecosystem: ☐ Terrestrial ☒ Aquatic

Level: ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☒ 3

Units: ☒ Traditional (pCi/g);(pCi/L);rad ☐ SI (Bq/kg);(Bq/m³);Gy

Nuclides

Potential Contaminants: Am-241, Ba-140, Ce-141, Ce-144, Cm-242, Cm-244

Contaminants: Cs-137, Sr-90, U-234, U-235, U-238

Concentration:
Sediment: ☒ 100 Bq/kg
Water: ☒ 2.00E+03 Bq/m³
Soil: 0 Bq/kg
☐ Mean

Organism
Type: ☒ Aquatic Animal ☒ Riparian Animal

New Organism Wizard

This wizard will walk you through the steps necessary to create a new organism for use in RESRAD-BIOTA.

Enter a name for the new organism:
Clam

Help Cancel Back Next

Level 3 –

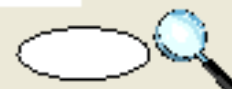
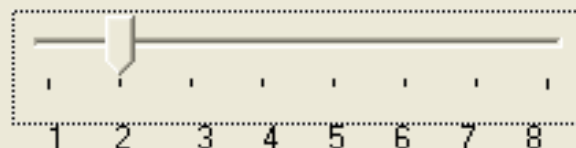
- Organism Wizard
- A new aquatic animal is created

New Organism Wizard - Geometry

Select a geometry for this organism. The geometry determines the dose conversion factors that will be used for this organism.

Advanced

☐ Use default geometry



magnified,
not to scale

2.5 x 1.2 x 0.62 cm

* denotes the default dimensions were modeled for this organism

	Geometry	Mass (kg)	Example Receptors	References	Dimensions (cm)
▶	2	.001	Fish (young-of-year) Molluscs* Plant seedling Tadpoles	IAEA (1988), NCRP(1991), UK R&D Publication 128, and INFO-0730	2.5 x 1.2 x 0.62

Help

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- The geometry of the clam is selected
- Size-specific DCFs will be used

New Organism Wizard - Weight and Base Parameters

Weight

Based on the geometry selection, a suggested weight has been entered. This weight may be changed. The user-defined weight is used only for purposes of allometric modeling. The geometry does not change.

kg

Internal Ingestion Parameters

Select which organism you wish to derive the internal ingestion parameters from for this organism. These parameters include bio's and exposure geometries.

- ☐ Generic Terrestrial Animal
- ☐ Generic Terrestrial Plant
- ☐ Generic Riparian Animal
- ☒ Generic Aquatic Animal

Help

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- Mass is selected
- Default organism template is selected

Customized Dose Factors

Organism-Specific Parameters

Organism Sensitivity Analysis Uncertainty Analysis

Selected Organisms:

Aquatic Animal
Riparian Animal
Clam

New
Import
Export
Close

Organism Name: Clam

DCF / Exposure Input Source Input Reference

DCF_s(Gy/y)/(Bq/kg)

	Nuclide	External	Internal
▶	Cs-137	2.91E-06	1.18E-06
	Sr-90	1.48E-06	4.21E-06
	U-234	4.45E-09	4.88E-04
	U-235	9.27E-07	4.46E-04
	U-238	1.22E-06	4.33E-04

Internal
Size: 2

External
Size: 2

Dose Limits

Dose Limit: 0.01
Gy/d

Area Factor: 1

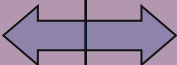
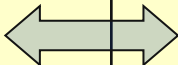
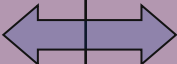
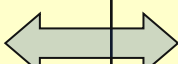
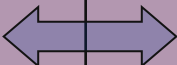
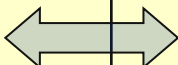
External Exposure Geometry Factors

	Sediment	Water	Soil
▶	0.5	0.5	0

Ingestion:

☐ ☒ ☐

Example Dose Factors- Gy/y per Bq/kg

Isotope	External (Default)	External (Clam)	Internal (Default)	Internal (Clam)
Cs-137	4.00×10^{-6}	2.91×10^{-6}	4.28×10^{-6}	1.18×10^{-6}
				
Sr-90	5.71×10^{-6}	1.48×10^{-6}	5.71×10^{-6}	4.21×10^{-6}
				
U-238	4.60×10^{-6}	1.22×10^{-6}	4.41×10^{-4}	4.33×10^{-4}
				

Level 3 Analysis

● Clam
bioaccumulation
factors carried
over from Level 2

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BIOTA Case

Title Case Study 3 - Hanford Run

Ecosystem ☐ Terrestrial ☒ Aquatic Level ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☒ 3 Units: ☐ Traditional ☒ SI

Nuclides

Potential Contaminants

Contaminants

Concentration:

Sediment: ☒ 8.5 Bq/kg Water: ☐ 17 Bq/m³ Soil: ☐ 0 Bq/kg

☐ Mean ☐ L/kg

Organism

Type:

☒ Aquatic Animal
☒ Riparian Animal
☐ Terrestrial Animal
☐ Terrestrial Plant
☒ Clam

New Remove Edit

RBE's

Alpha: 20 Beta: 1 Gamma: 1 Cut-off Half-life: 100 Years

Organism-Specific Parameters

Organism Sensitivity Analysis Uncertainty Analysis

Organism Name: Clam

Selected Organisms:

Aquatic Animal
Riparian Animal
Clam

New Import Export Close

DCF / Exposure Input Source Input Reference

BIV Tissue Concentrations Allometric

Nuclide	Water	Sediment	Soil
Cs-137	2.20E+04	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
Sr-90	3.20E+02	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
U-234	1.10E+01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
U-235	1.10E+01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
U-238	1.10E+01	0.00E+00	0.00E+00

Level 3 Analysis

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BIOTA Case

Title: Case Study 3 - Hanford Run

Ecosystem: ☐ Terrestrial ☒ Aquatic

Level: ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☒ 3

Units: ☐ Traditional ☒ SI

Nuclides

Potential Contaminants: Th-229, Th-230, Th-232, Th-234, U-233, Zn-65

Contaminants: Cs-137, Sr-90, U-234, U-235, U-238

Concentration:

Sediment: ☒ 8.5 Bq/kg ☐ 17 Bq/m³ ☐ 0 Bq/kg

Water: ☐ 17 Bq/m³

Soil: ☐ 0 Bq/kg

Organism

Type: ☒ Aquatic Animal, ☒ Riparian Animal, ☐ Terrestrial Animal, ☐ Terrestrial Plant, ☒ Clam

RBE's: Alpha: 20, Beta: 1, Gamma: 1

Cut-off Half-life: 100 Years

Results

BCG Dose Rate

All concentrations and BCG results in Bq/kg or Bq/m³

Summed Ratios: Total: 1.60E-01, Water: 1.58E-01, Soil: 0.00E+00, Sediment: 1.61E-03

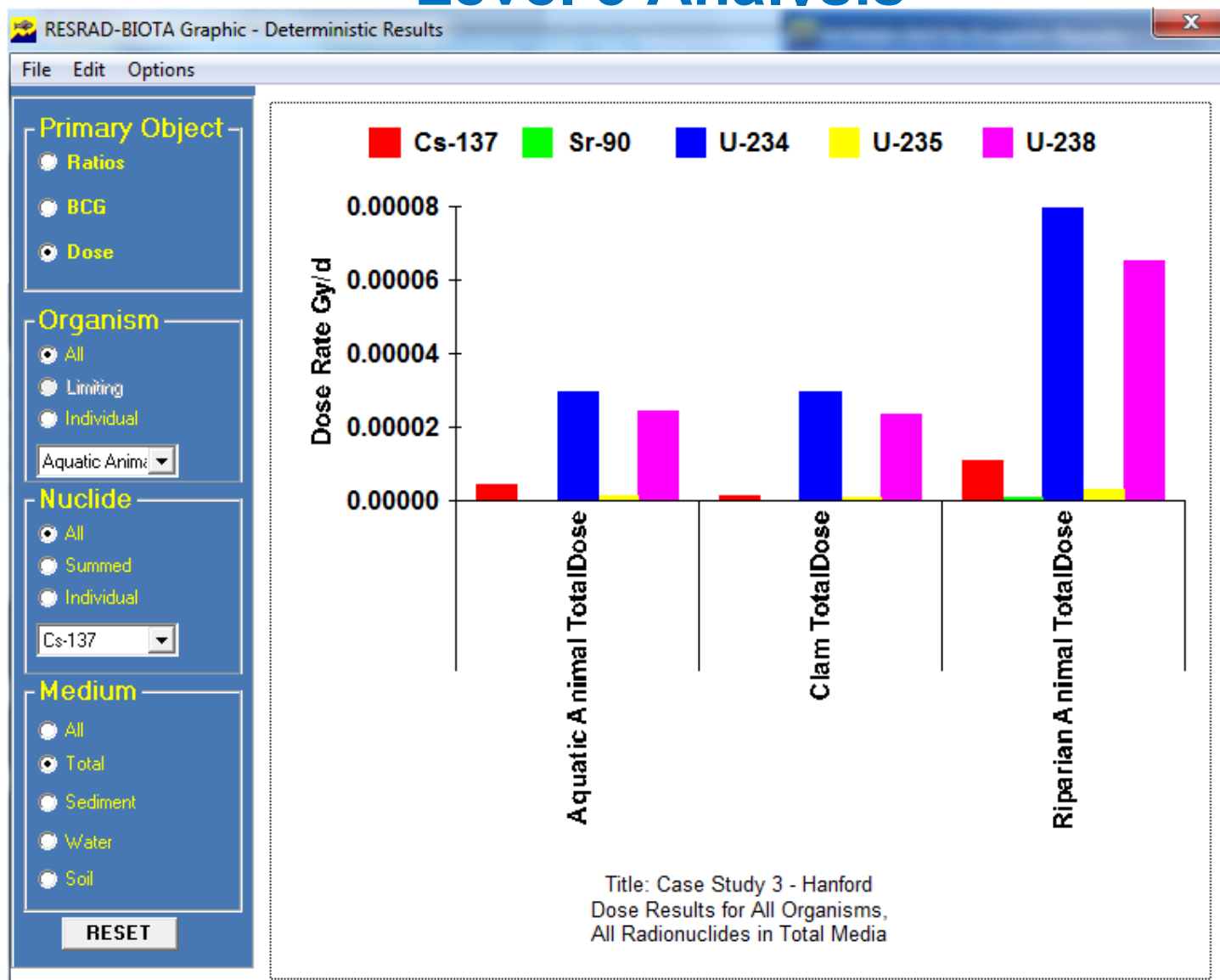
Organism: Limiting **Media:** Water BCG Report

Nuclide	Concentration	BCG	Ratio	Limiting Organism
Cs-137	1.70E+01	1.58E+03	1.08E-02	Riparian Animal
Sr-90	7.50E+00	1.03E+04	7.27E-04	Riparian Animal
U-234	2.00E+03	2.53E+04	7.91E-02	Riparian Animal
U-235	8.00E+01	2.73E+04	2.93E-03	Riparian Animal
U-238	1.82E+03	2.80E+04	6.50E-02	Riparian Animal

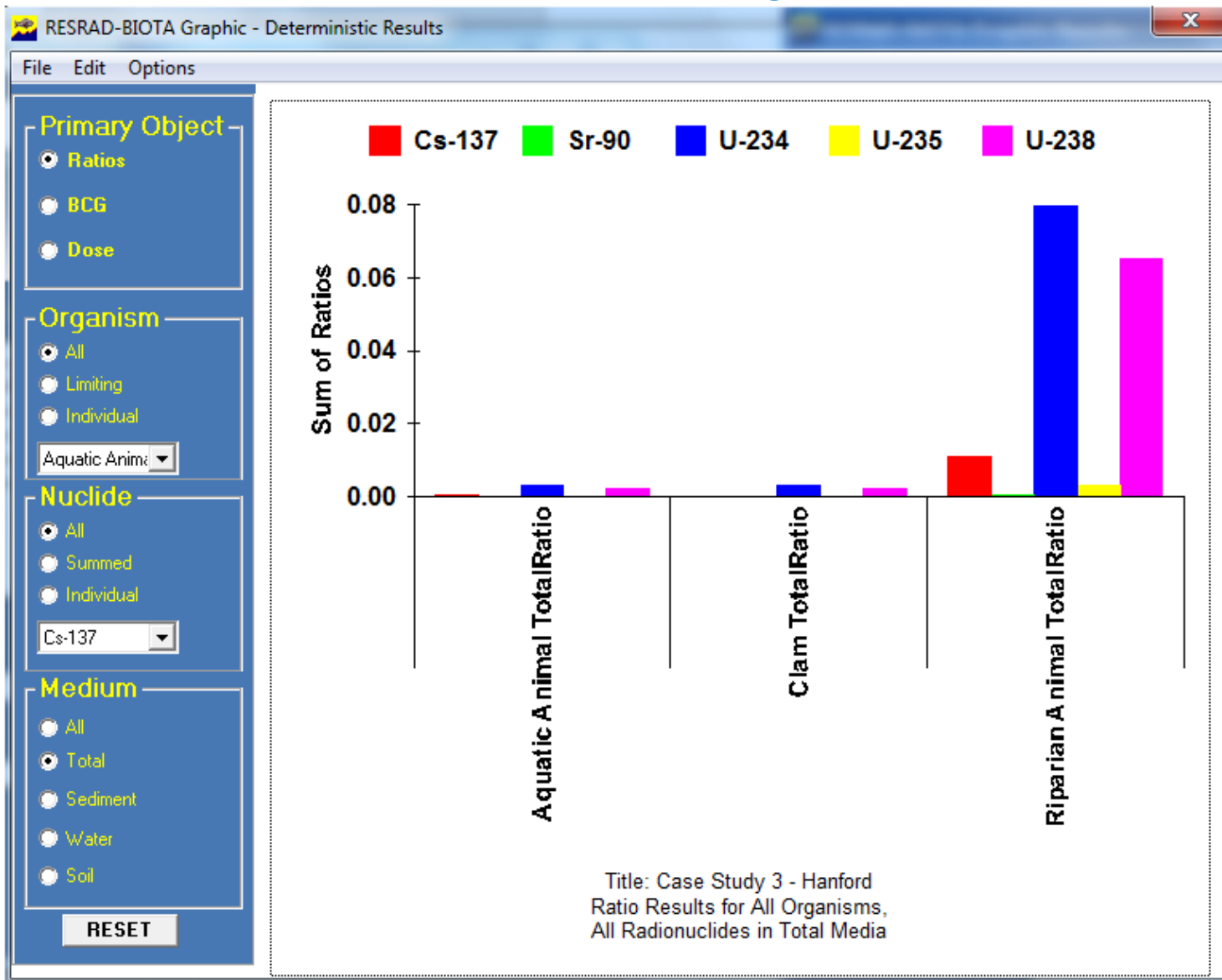
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The clam is completed!

Level 3 Analysis

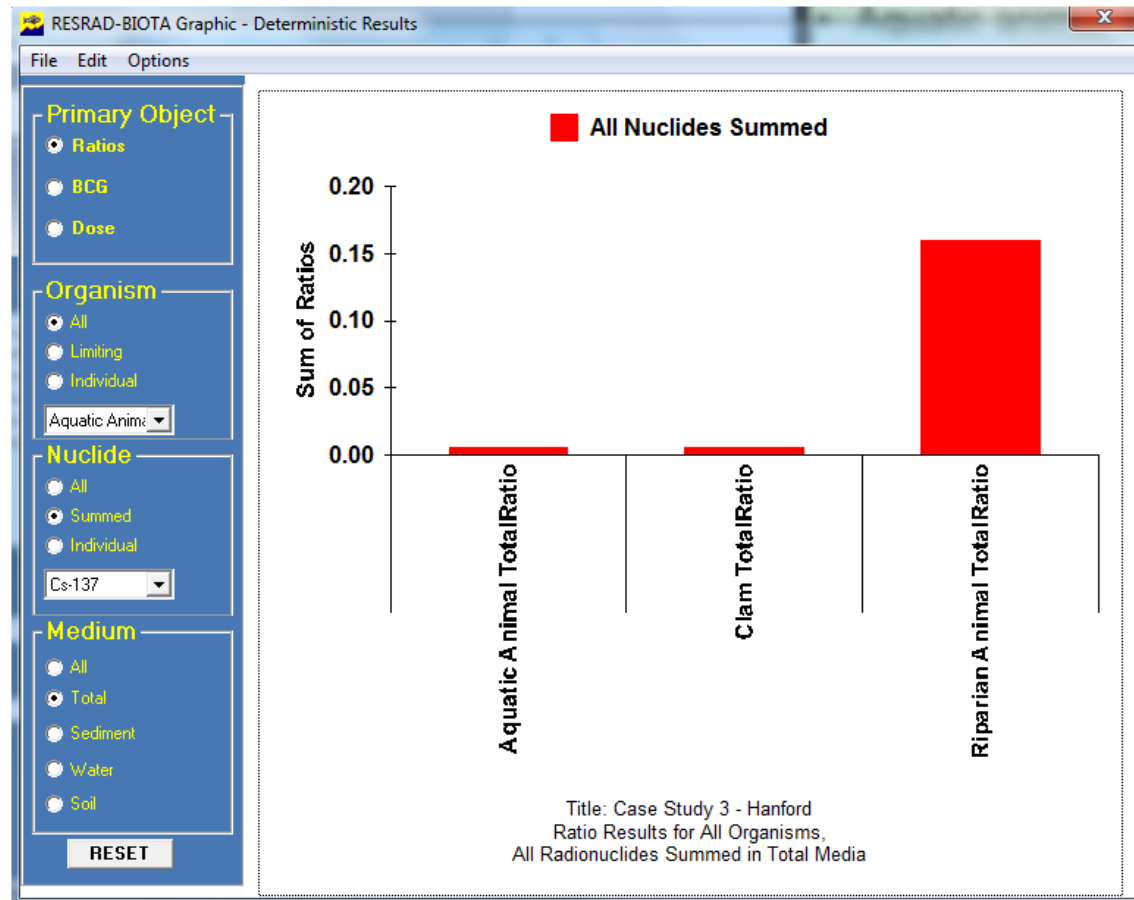


Level 3 Analysis



Summary so far –

- Aquatic animal dominated (level1)
- Bivs recalculated (level 2)
- Clam created (level 3)
- Aquatic organism no longer dominates assessment



Next Step

- Revisit data on riparian organisms
 - Sufficient to recalculate Bivs?
 - Can a riparian animal be created?

Environmental Data Revisited

Biota Media	Sr-90 Bq/kg	Cs-137 Bq/kg	Uranium μg/g
Detection Limits	1.5	1.5	0.01
<i>Riparian Community</i>			
Sweet Clover	6.7	10.0	0.12
Mulberry Leaves	6.3	1.1	0.12
Small Mammal		1.5	0.02
<i>Aquatic Community</i>			
Milfoil	3.3	4.4	9.29
Clam			6.77
Sculpin	0.7	-0.4	0.06

Site-Specific Screen Phase: Bivs

Radio-nuclide	Calculated Biv values for Riparian Biota				
	Water (Bq/m ³)	Sediment (Bq/kg)	Mouse Conc. Bq/kg	Mouse (water) Biv (L/kg)	Mouse (sed.) Biv
U-234	2.0E+03	1.0E+02	<i>0.067</i>	<i>3.4 E-02</i>	<i>6.7 E-04</i>
U-235	8.3E+01	3.8E+00	<i>0.0020</i>	<i>2.5 E-02</i>	<i>5.3 E-04</i>
U-238	1.8E+03	9.1E+01	<i>0.049</i>	<i>2.7 E-02</i>	<i>5.4 E-04</i>

Organism-Specific Parameters

Organism Sensitivity Analysis Uncertainty Analysis

Selected Organisms:

Aquatic Animal
Riparian Animal
clam

New

Import

Export

Close

Organism Name: Riparian Animal

DCF / Exposure

Input Source

Input

Reference

BIY

Tissue Concentrations

Allometric

	Nuclide	Water	Sediment	Soil
	Cs-137	5.40E+04	2.70E-01	0.00E+00
	Sr-90	6.20E+03	2.48E+00	0.00E+00
	U-234	2.95E+01	3.76E-03	0.00E+00
	U-235	2.95E+01	3.76E-03	0.00E+00
	U-238	2.95E+01	3.76E-03	0.00E+00

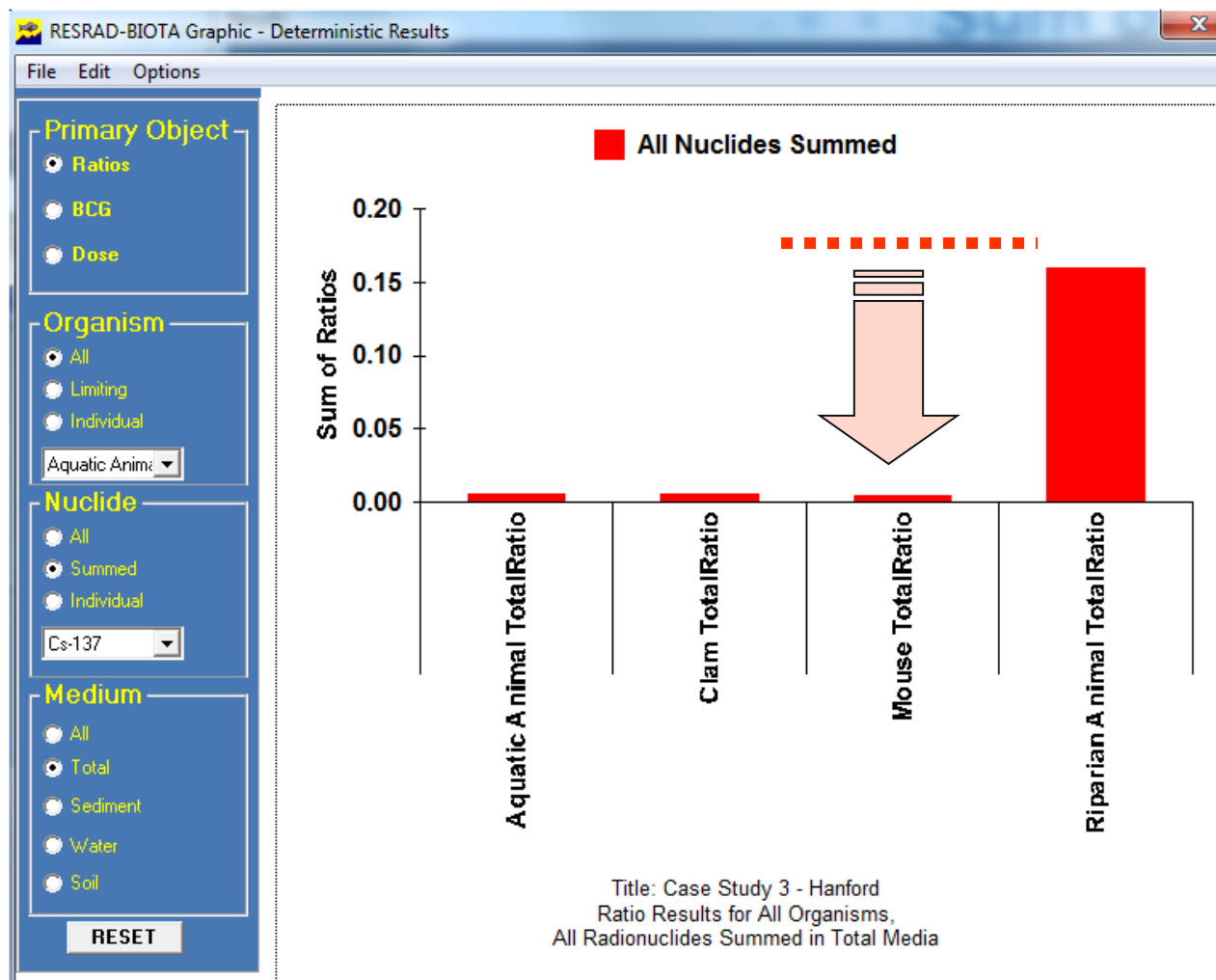
Replaced with

- 3.4 E-2 (water) and
- 6.7 E-4 (sediment)

Customizing Riparian Animal

- House mouse created with organism wizard
- Same approach as used for clam
- Code rerun

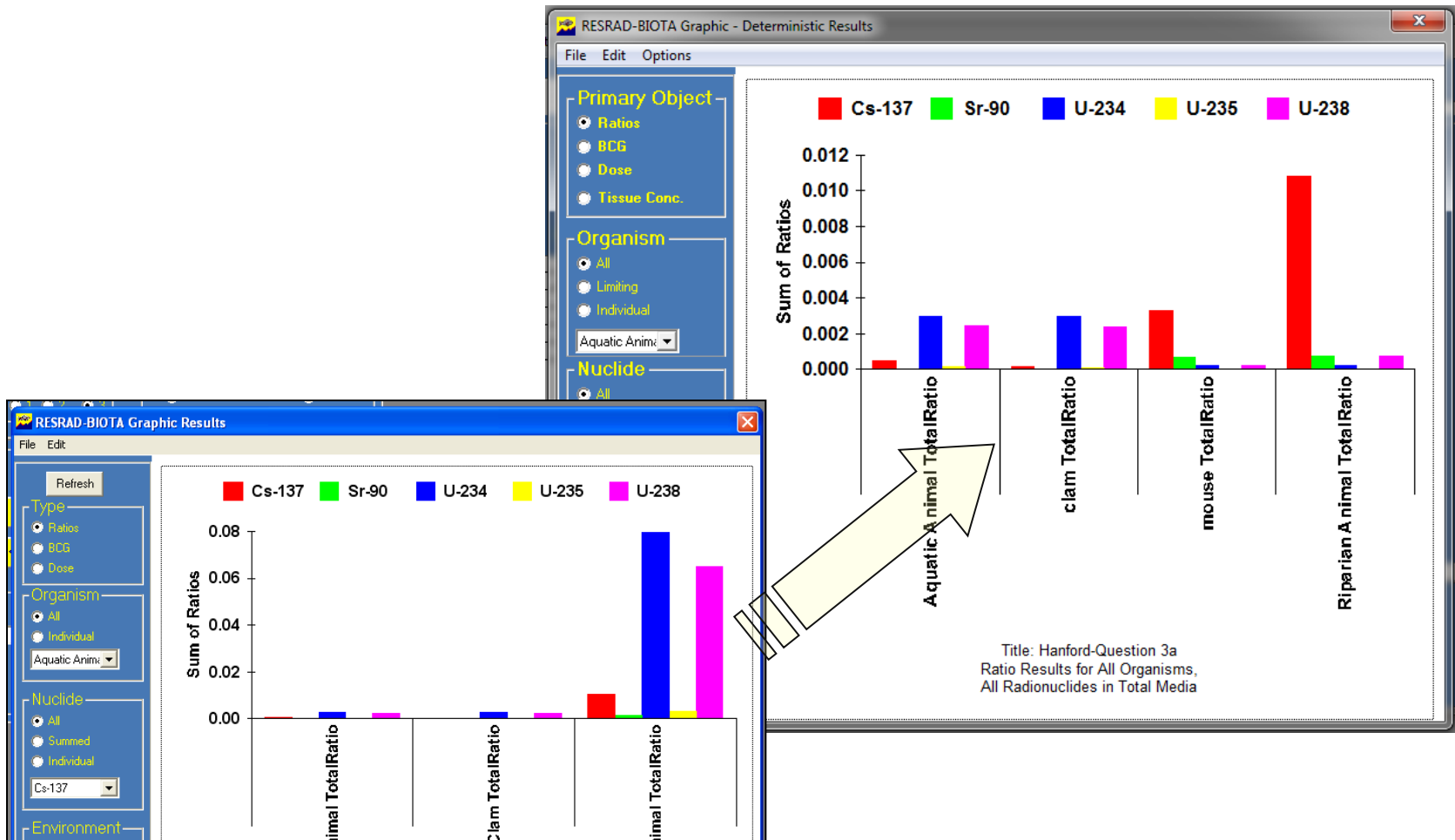
Site-specific Risk Assessment Lowers Sum of Fraction



Adjust Other Parameters

- Continued revisions can be made, based on data, scientific judgment, etc.
 - Adjust area factor
 - Modify RBE for alphas, adjusted to 10 from 20
- Modifications may lower overall dose projection, but also result in “new” nuclide coming to the forefront
- (see example)

Comparison of Results



Conclusions:

- The tiered approach process can provide insight into factors driving dose estimates
- Can guide need for data collection



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Case Study II

Ecological Risk Assessment for the China Lake Weapon Testing Grounds



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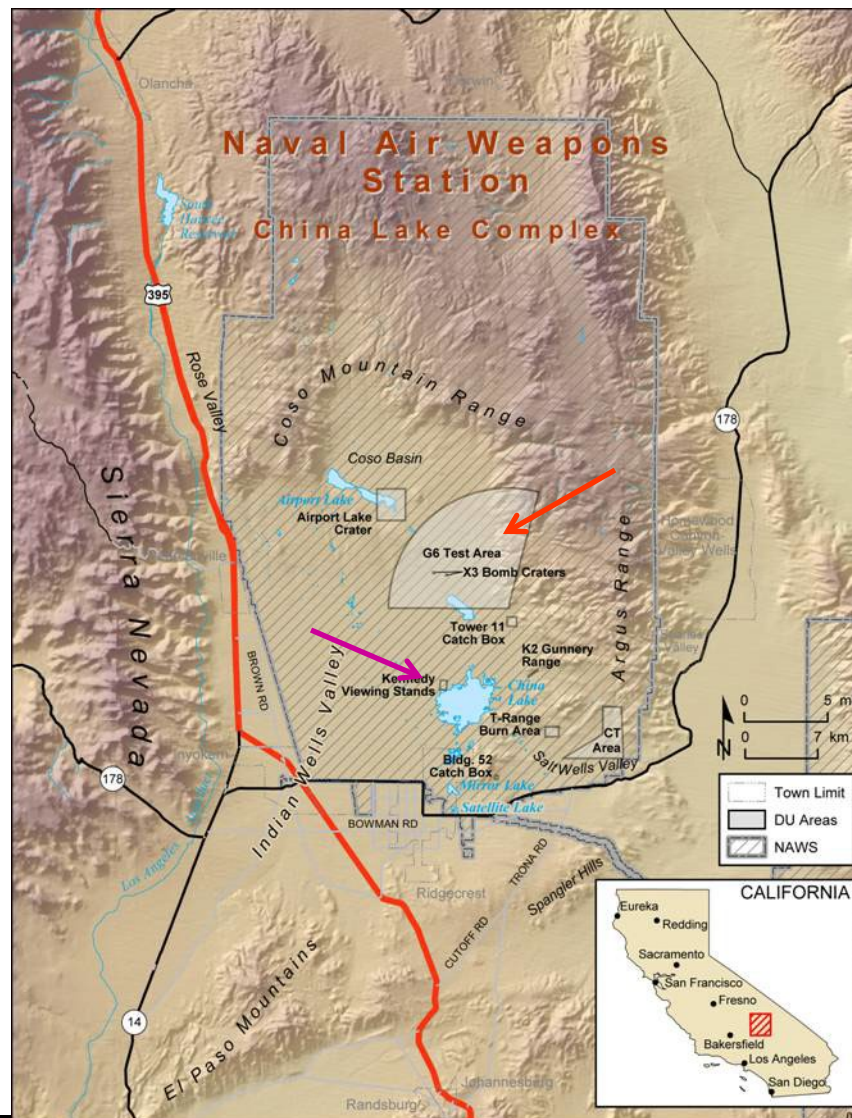
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Case Study II

- **Assess China Lake weapon testing grounds**
- **Involve**
 - Screening and site-specific analyses
 - Developing a food web conceptual model
 - Selecting surrogate organisms
 - Creating new organisms with the Organism Wizard

NAWS China Lake

- **NAWS China Lake**
 - >1,000,000 acres of high desert on western edge of Mojave Desert in California.
 - Used for variety of military training and testing
- **Risk assessments evaluated two areas**
 - Kennedy Stands
 - G-6 Test Area
- **Weapons testing using depleted uranium (DU) conducted under permit.**
- **Land reuse requires permit termination**
 - Exposure criteria.



Site Activities and Use Assumptions

- Current use is for military training and testing
 - Military use expected to continue.
 - Current activities include general maintenance and repair of utilities.
 - Possible future archeological investigations.
- Land setting largely natural
 - No residential use.
- No future activities expected that could disturb large quantities of soil.



Habitats and Receptors

- No aquatic habitats.
- Terrestrial desert.
- Scattered vegetation.
- Receptors include:
 - Insects and other invertebrates; and
 - Reptiles, birds, and mammals.
- Range of diets
 - Plants, insects, vertebrates.

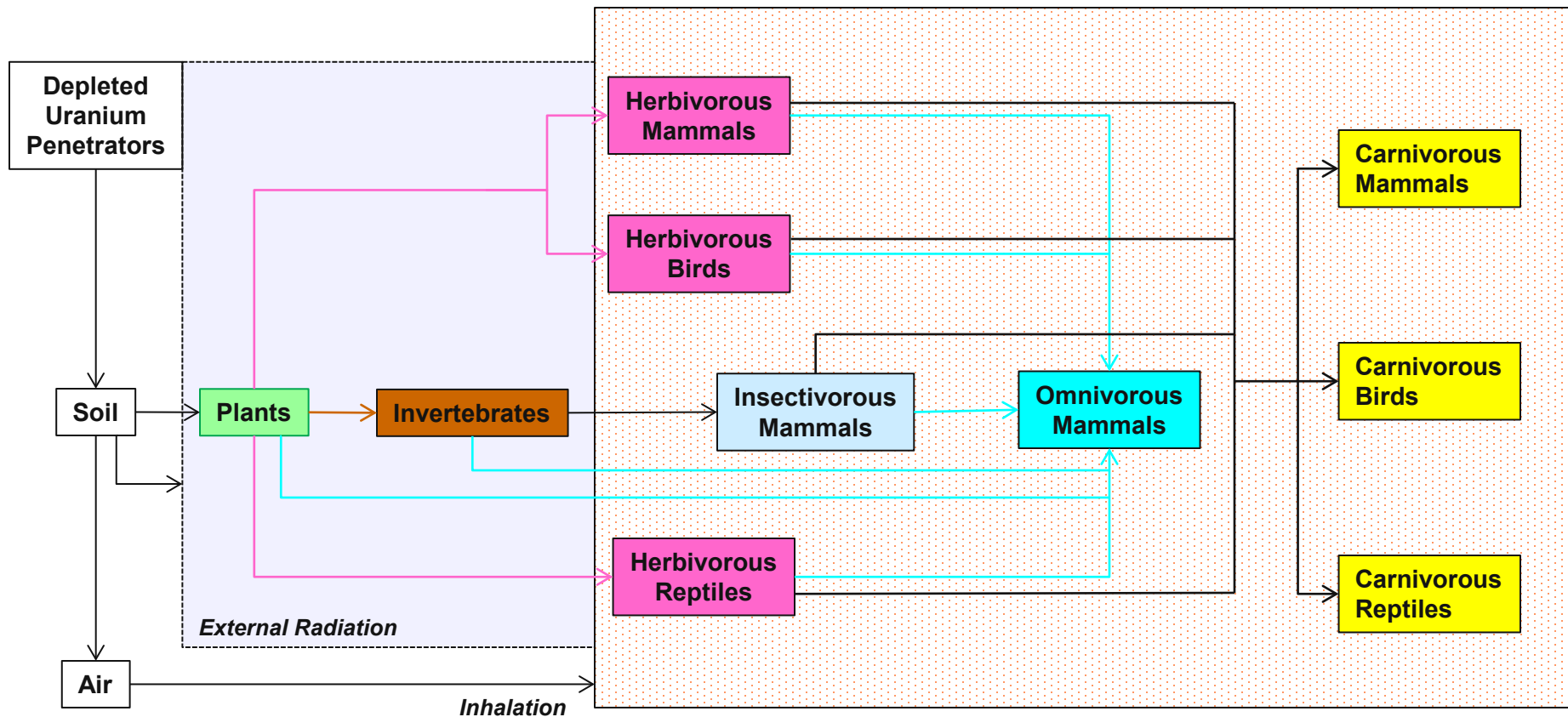


Ecological Risk Conceptual Site Model

- Multiple plant and animal species may occur at the test areas.
- Internal exposure:
 - Plants - root uptake
 - Wildlife - inhalation and ingestion
 - *Food and incidental soil ingestion*
- External Exposure:
 - All ecological receptors may be exposed to external radiation emitted by uranium in the soil.



Conceptual Site Model



Ecological Receptors

Receptor Category	Surrogate Species
Herbivorous Mammal	Kangaroo Rat
Herbivorous Bird	Mourning Dove
Herbivorous Reptile	Desert Iguana, Desert Tortoise*
Insectivorous Mammal	Pallid Bat
Omnivorous Mammal	Coyote
Carnivorous Mammal	Kit Fox
Carnivorous Bird	American Kestrel, Peregrine Falcon*
Carnivorous Reptile	Gopher Snake

Characteristics of Soil Contamination

- Approximately 3,400 DU rounds at Kennedy Stands, 100,000 rounds at G-6
- Soil contamination is very heterogeneously distributed
 - limited to the top 30 cm
 - high DU concentrations located immediately around individual penetrators and decrease exponentially to very low level over short distances
 - DU concentrations for most of the area at background levels



Exposure Point Concentrations

- Radionuclides considered:
 - U-234, U-235, and U-238
- Short-lived decay products assumed at same concentration as parents (secular equilibrium).
- The 90th percentile concentration was used to estimate a reasonable maximum exposure (RME).
- The 50th percentile concentration was used to estimate a central tendency exposure (CTE).

Exposure Parameters and Assumptions

■ Exposure factors:

- Body weight; diet composition; food and soil ingestion rates; inhalation rate; exposure time, duration, and frequency; and home range.

■ Exposure factor data sources:

- USEPA Federal Guidance Reports and Wildlife Exposure Factor Handbook, RAGS, available literature.

■ For ecological dose food chain modeling:

- All ingested food (except insects) and media, and inhaled air.
 - *Considered contaminated at CTE and RME concentrations.*
- Insect tissue uranium concentrations assumed to equal soil concentrations.

Exposure Point Concentrations

Area	Total Uranium ($\mu\text{g/g}$)	U-238 (Bq/g)	U-235 (Bq/g)	U-234 (Bq/g)
Kennedy Stands 90% concentration (RME)	3500	43	0.7	50
Kennedy Stands 50% concentration (CTE)	57	0.71	0.01	0.81
G-6 90% concentration (RME)	440	5.5	0.2	6.0
G-6 50% concentration (CTE)	15.3	0.20	0.01	0.20

Ecological Assessment Approach

- Screening Level Analysis:
 - Compared soil concentrations with screening soil BCGs.
- Site-Specific Analysis:
 - Conducted only if screening analysis indicated potential risks;
 - Modeled absorbed radiation dose for each receptor; and compared doses with ecological dose criteria.
- Internal dose estimates based on modeled tissue concentrations and internal dose conversion factors.
- External dose estimates adjusted for time fractions spent above and below ground.

Ecological Risk Characterization

■ Based on Hazard Quotient (HQ) Approach

- In the screening analysis:
 - *HQ calculated as ratio of soil concentration to the soil BCG.*
- In the site-specific analysis::
 - *HQ calculated as ratio of the modeled dose to the dose criteria*
 - 10 mGy/day (1 rad/day) for terrestrial plants.
 - 1 mGy/day (0.1 rad/day) for terrestrial wildlife.

■ Hazard Index (HI) – sum of HQs of all U isotopes.

- *HI < 1, no unacceptable risks.*
- *HI > 1, potential for unacceptable risks.*

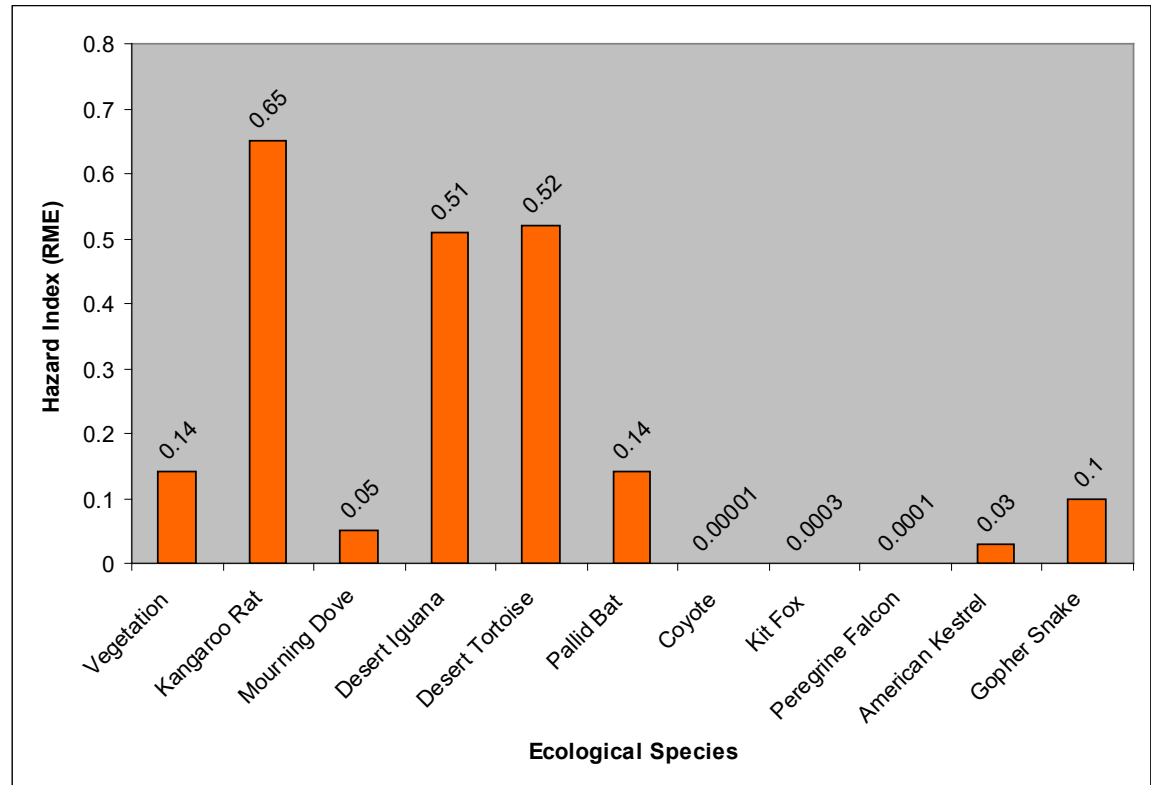
Ecological Risk Screening Level Analysis

- No unacceptable risks indicated from the G-6 Test Area.
- At 90% (RME) concentrations, HI >1 only at Kennedy Stands.
 - No unacceptable risks identified for 50% (CTE) concentrations.

Area and Concentration	HQ U-238	HQ U-235	HQ U-234	Hazard Index
Kennedy Stands – 90%	0.70	0.006	0.26	1.01
Kennedy Stands – 50%	0.01	0.0001	0.004	0.02
G6 – 90%	0.09	0.002	0.03	0.13

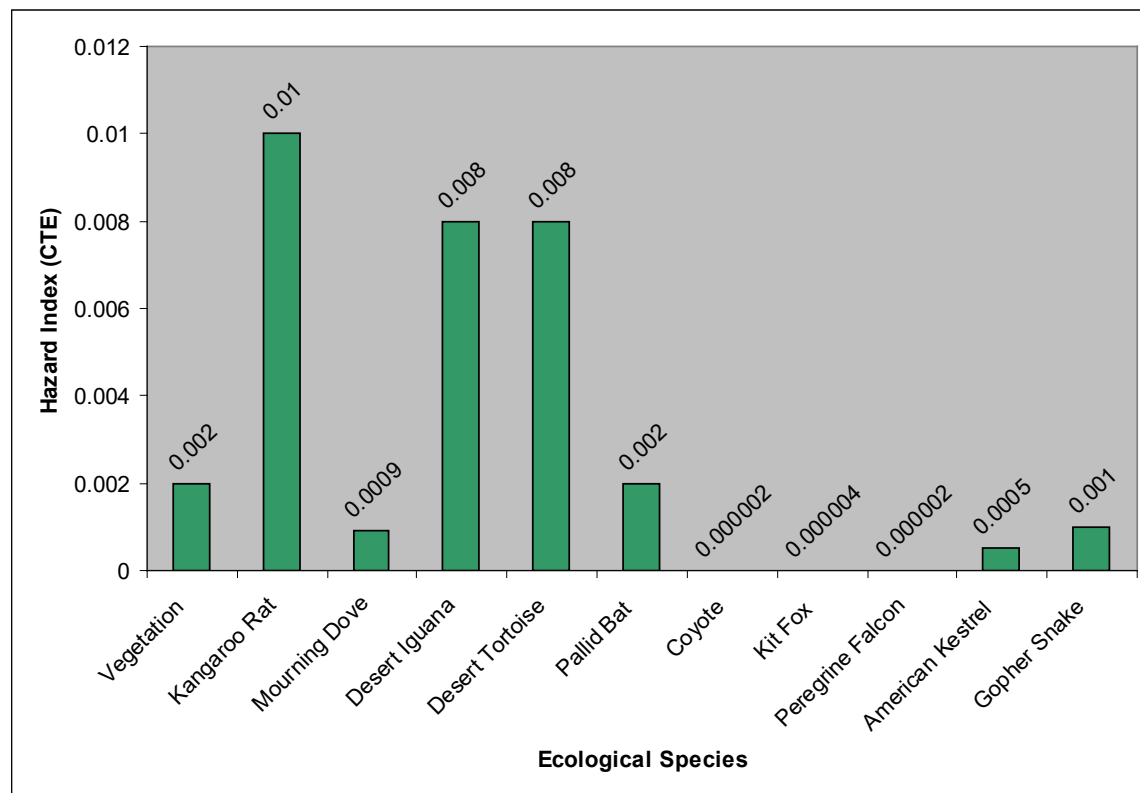
Site-specific Analysis - RME

- Only conducted for the Kennedy Stands Impact Area
 - Using 90% soil concentration
- The maximum HI was 0.65
 - Calculated for the kangaroo rat



Site-specific Analysis - CTE

- Only conducted for the Kennedy Stands Impact Area
 - Using 50% soil concentration
- The maximum HI was 0.01
 - Calculated for the kangaroo rat



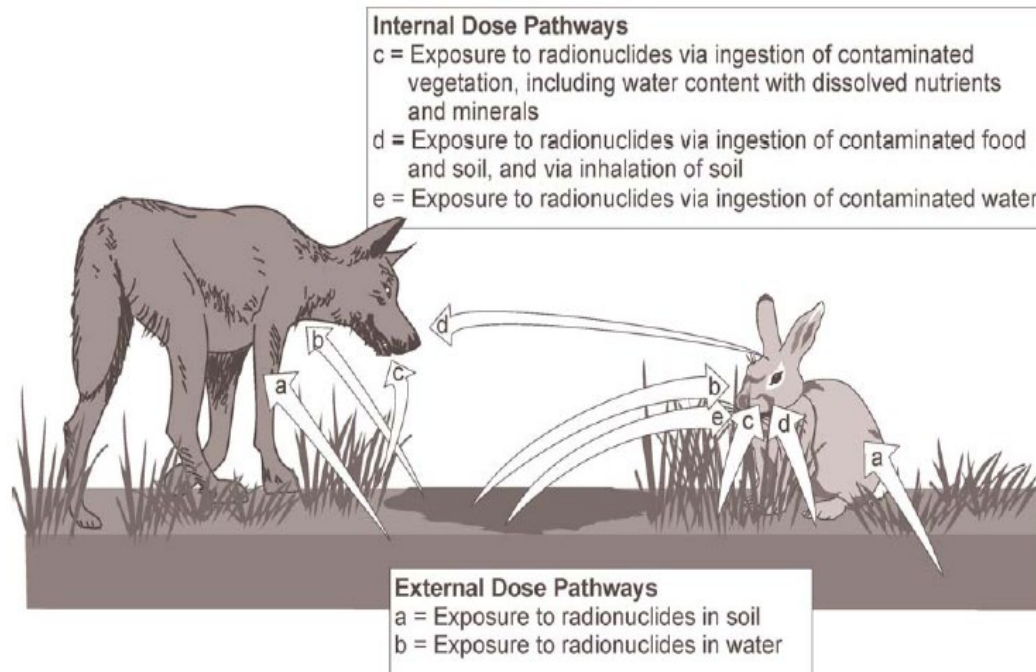
Ecological Risk Summary

- Screening level and site-specific assessments conducted.
- Internal and external dose estimates conducted for terrestrial vegetation and 10 wildlife species.
 - Dose modeling included food chain uptake of DU-associated radionuclides.
 - Dose limits were 10 mGy/day (1.0 rad/day) for terrestrial plants and 1 mGy/day (0.1 rad/day) for wildlife.
- Screening level analysis identified a very slight potential for unacceptable ecological risks ($HI = 1.01$).
- Site-specific analysis indicated all receptor-specific CTE and RME dose estimates to be below the ecological dose limits.

Food Chain/Web Model In RESRAD-BIOTA

What is Food Chain/Web Model?

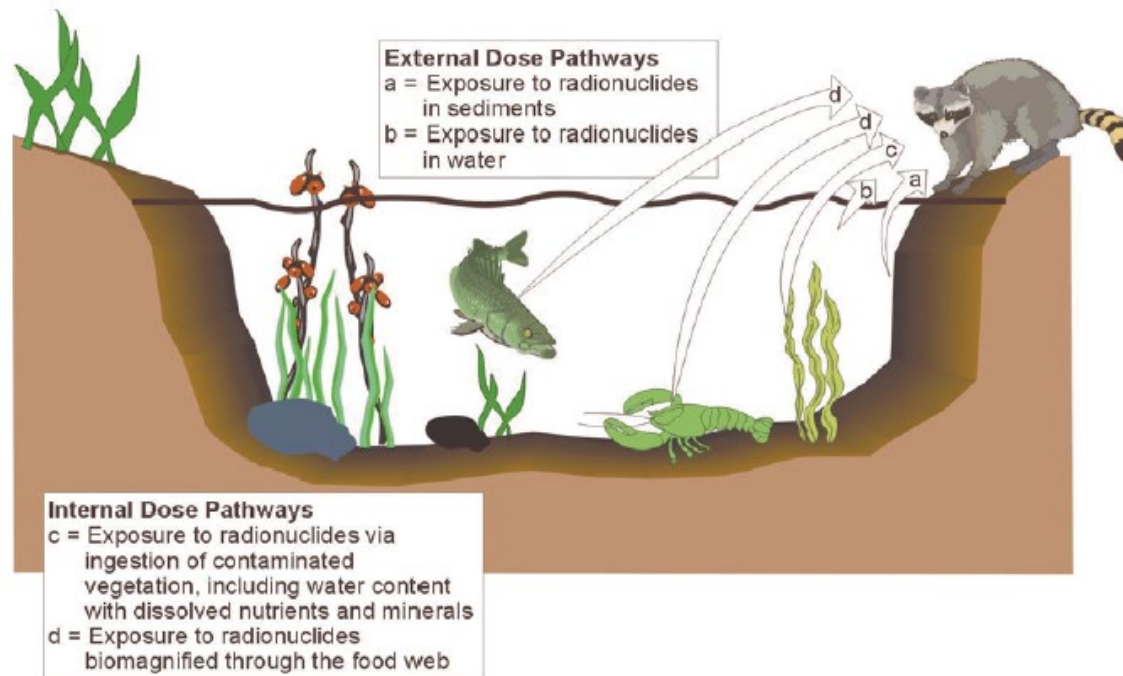
- At a level 3 analysis, the user has an option of using food chain/web model
- A food chain shows how energy is passed in the form of food from one organism to another organism



Exposure Pathways for Terrestrial Animals (Source: DOE 2002)

What is Food Chain/Web Model? (cont.)

- Green plants are capable of making their own energy from sun through photosynthesis.
- Herbivorous animals get their energy just from plants
- Carnivores also depend on animals for their energies



Exposure Pathways for Riparian Animals (Source: DOE 2002)

Food Chain Model in RESRAD-BIOTA

- The user has the option of adding multiple food sources
- The user provides the diet fraction of the food source

Organism-Specific Parameters

Organism Sensitivity Analysis Uncertainty Analysis

Selected Organisms:

- Terrestrial Animal
- Terrestrial Plant
- Kangaroo rat**
- Mourning dove

Organism Name: Kangaroo rat

DCF / Exposure Input Source **Input** Reference

BIV Tissue Concentrations **Allometric**

Metabolism Equations/Parameters Intake Rates **Food Chain**

Food Chain Characteristics Food Source Characteristics

Add Food Source Delete Food Source

	'Food Source'	'Diet Fraction'
	Source1	0.04
	Source2	.96

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Food Chain Model in RESRAD-BIOTA (Cont.)

- The user provides the bioaccumulation factors (Bivs) for all food sources
- If Biv of a food source is not known, use RESRAD-BIOTA in a separate run to calculate Biv values

Organism-Specific Parameters

Organism Sensitivity Analysis Uncertainty Analysis

Selected Organisms:

- Terrestrial Animal
- Terrestrial Plant
- Kangaroo rat**
- Mourning dove

Organism Name: Kangaroo rat

DCF / Exposure Input Source **Input** Reference

BIV Tissue Concentrations **Allometric**

Metabolism Equations/Parameters Intake Rates **Food Chain**

Food Chain Characteristics **Food Source Characteristics**

Sort by:

☒ **Food Source** ☐ Nuclide

Food Source BIVs

	'Food Source'	Nuclide	Soil	Water	Sediment
▶	Source1	Am-241	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
	Source1	Cs-137	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
	Source1	Sr-90	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
	Source2	Am-241	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
	Source2	Cs-137	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00
	Source2	Sr-90	0.00E+00	0.00E+00	0.00E+00

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Food Chain Model in RESRAD-BIOTA (Cont.)

- Terrestrial and Riparian animals also have other exposure pathways:
 - Ingestion of water
 - Ingestion of soil or sediment
 - Inhalation of air
- Calculate total contamination intake

$$I_{total} = I_{air-inhalation} + I_{soil-intake} + I_{water-intake} + I_{food-intake}$$

Where,

I_{total} = total contamination intake by the organism (Bq/d);

$I_{air-inhalation}$ = contamination intake from air (Bq/d);

$I_{soil-intake}$ = contamination intake from soil (Bq/d);

$I_{water-intake}$ = contamination intake from water (Bq/d);

$I_{food-intake}$ = contamination intake from food (Bq/d).





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Wildlife Transfer Factors Database



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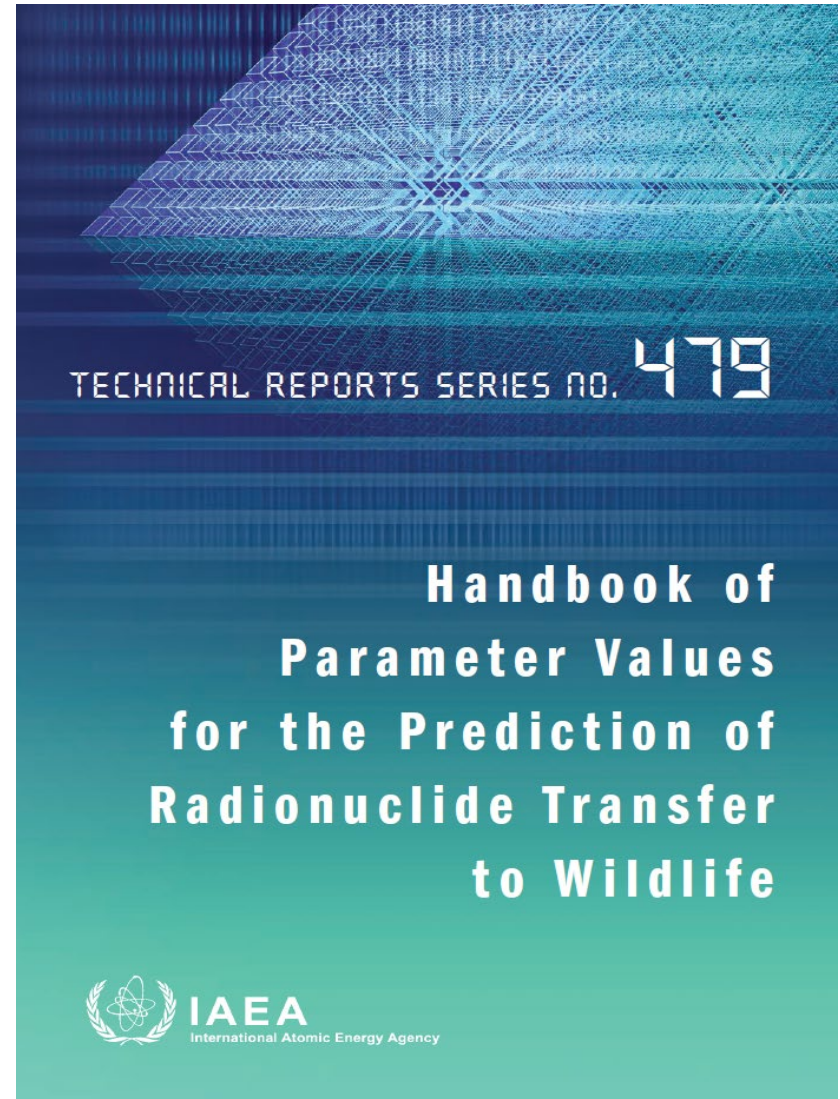
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Source of Concentration Ratios

This publication focuses on “concentration ratios” – one of the key parameter for evaluating the transfer of radionuclides from environmental media (soil, air, water, and sediments) to wildlife groups.

Prepared by the members of Working Group 5 of the EMRAS II program



Handbook of Parameter Values for the Prediction of Radionuclide Transfer to Wildlife

- Provides equilibrium concentration ratios from environmental media to wildlife groups
 - Includes mean/median transfer factors and associated statistical distribution information
 - Includes wildlife groups in terrestrial, freshwater, marine, and brackish (such as estuaries) water environments
- Describes the approach used to derive and collate available data
- Provides conversion from tissue activity concentrations to whole organism concentration
- Provides guidance on using the data
- Approaches for filling data gaps

Example Table of Concentration Ratio Values in the TRS Handbook – Terrestrial Ecosystems

TABLE 4.1 CONCENTRATION RATIO (CR_{WO}) VALUES FOR WILDLIFE GROUPS IN TERRESTRIAL ECOSYSTEMS

Wildlife group	AM	AMSD	GM	GMSD	Min	Max	n	ID number
Cs (Caesium)								
Amphibian	4.40E-01	8.10E-01	2.10E-01	3.40E+00	3.20E-02	2.10E+00	137	188, 205, 256, 486
Annelid	9.00E-02	1.60E-01	4.30E-02	3.40E+00	1.50E-02	6.90E-01	19	171, 207, 264, 488
Arachnid	3.00E-02	3.50E-02	1.90E-02	2.50E+00	2.00E-02	1.60E-01	20	170, 488
Arthropod	1.10E-01	4.70E-01	2.40E-02	5.70E+00	2.00E-03	1.70E+00	192	169, 170, 172, 175, 176, 195, 223, 257, 382, 388, 488
Arthropod – carnivorous	2.50E-01	4.70E-01	1.10E-01	3.50E+00	1.10E-02	1.70E+00	15	170, 195, 488
Arthropod – detritivorous	9.00E-02	2.90E-01	2.70E-02	4.70E+00	3.00E-03	1.40E+00	76	169, 170, 172, 176, 223, 257, 488
Arthropod – herbivorous	9.80E-03	1.80E-02	4.70E-03	3.40E+00	3.00E-03	7.10E-02	25	170, 176
Bird	6.70E-01	1.60E+00	2.70E-01	3.90E+00	1.40E-03	1.60E+01	180	163, 189, 190, 228, 258, 263, 405, 486
Bird – herbivorous	1.00E+00	1.50E+00	5.40E-01	3.00E+00	2.30E-02	5.80E+00	57	163, 190, 228, 258, 263, 405, 486
Bird – omnivorous	5.70E-01	1.80E+00	1.70E-01	4.80E+00	9.40E-03	1.60E+01	79	189, 190, 405, 486
Mammal	3.50E+00	8.30E+00	1.30E+00	4.00E+00	2.80E-03	1.40E+02	2463	163, 168, 172, 184, 190, 208, 209, 228, 230, 242, 268, 275, 289, 294, 405, 406, 486, 488
Mammal – carnivorous	5.40E-01	1.90E+00	1.40E-01	5.10E+00	2.80E-03	2.30E+01	231	190, 275, 405, 406, 486, 488
Mammal – herbivorous	3.90E+00	9.10E+00	1.50E+00	3.90E+00	1.00E-02	1.40E+02	1879	163, 184, 190, 208, 209, 228, 230, 242, 268, 294, 405, 486, 488
Mammal – omnivorous	3.20E+00	5.20E+00	1.70E+00	3.10E+00	1.70E-02	3.60E+01	335	168, 190, 268, 289, 405, 486, 488
Mammal – Rangifer spp. ^b	1.70E+01	1.60E+01	1.30E+01	2.20E+00	1.20E-01	8.10E+01	916	160, 163, 164, 218, 228, 241
Gastropod	4.00E-02	3.10E-02	3.20E-02	2.00E+00	2.10E-02	6.50E-02	23	191, 486, 488
Reptile	5.80E-01	1.00E+00	2.80E-01	3.30E+00	6.00E-04	3.00E+00	137	169, 267, 407, 486, 487
Reptile – carnivorous	5.20E-01	9.40E-01	2.50E-01	3.30E+00	6.00E-04	3.00E+00	125	169, 267, 407, 486, 487
Grasses and herbs	1.20E+00	2.60E+00	5.10E-01	3.70E+00	1.90E-03	3.70E+01	2028	166, 193, 210, 236, 253, 257, 259, 272, 395, 400, 403, 404, 409, 413, 414, 432, 433, 434, 435, 437, 442, 443, 444, 448, 452, 453, 467, 486, 498, 500, 501, 510, 516, 519
Grasses	1.80E+00	3.20E+00	8.50E-01	3.40E+00	3.60E-03	3.70E+01	1081	210, 236, 253, 272, 395, 409, 413, 414, 448, 453, 486, 501, 510, 519
Herbs	1.10E+00	2.20E+00	5.00E-01	3.50E+00	3.00E-03	2.20E+01	155	253, 272, 400, 403, 409, 432, 452, 467, 500, 519
Lichens and bryophytes	4.10E+00	3.90E+00	3.00E+00	2.20E+00	3.00E-02	1.40E+01	142	163, 253, 272, 382, 435, 440, 467, 486, 519
Shrub	2.30E+00	4.00E+00	1.10E+00	3.30E+00	9.80E-03	1.60E+01	354	164, 167, 210, 272, 468, 472, 486, 519
Tree	1.40E-01	2.40E-01	7.50E-02	3.10E+00	1.20E-03	1.80E+00	487	183, 190, 210, 265, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 484, 485, 519
Tree – broadleaf	1.40E-01	2.20E-01	7.50E-02	3.10E+00	1.20E-03	1.30E+00	252	190, 210, 265, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 477, 478, 484, 485, 519
Tree – coniferous	1.50E-01	2.50E-01	7.50E-02	3.20E+00	1.20E-03	1.80E+00	235	183, 472, 474, 475, 476, 484

Example Table of Concentration Ratio Values in the TRS Handbook – Freshwater Ecosystems

TABLE 4.2 CONCENTRATION RATIO (CR_{wo}) VALUES FOR WILDLIFE GROUPS IN FRESHWATER ECOSYSTEMS

Wildlife Group	AM	AMSD	GM	GMSD	Min	Max	N	ID number
Am (Americium)								
Fish – forage ²	7.60E+02	6.70E+02	5.70E+02	2.10E+00	2.40E+00	1.50E+03	17	309, 411
Mollusc	1.00E+04	1.30E+04	6.60E+03	2.60E+00	1.20E+02	3.60E+04	60	309, 411
Mollusc – gastropod	6.30E+03	9.40E+03	3.50E+03	3.00E+00	1.20E+02	2.80E+04	50	309, 411
Insect	1.30E+02						7	309
Insect larvae	1.80E+03						15	309
Reptile	3.20E+03						1	487
Algae	5.30E+02						8	309
Vascular plant	1.30E+03	2.60E+03	6.20E+02	3.50E+00	6.70E+00	7.50E+03	66	309, 410, 411
As (Arsenic)								
Fish	3.60E+02	4.20E+02	2.30E+02	2.50E+00	1.40E+01	2.00E+03	148	339, 340, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 361, 363, 364, 376, 377, 378
Fish – benthic feeding	3.90E+02	4.40E+02	2.50E+02	2.50E+00	1.40E+01	2.00E+03	75	339, 355, 356, 357, 358, 361, 363, 364, 376, 377, 378
Fish – piscivorous	3.20E+02	3.90E+02	2.00E+02	2.60E+00	4.40E+01	1.50E+03	72	339, 340, 355, 358, 359, 361, 363, 376, 377, 378
Reptile	2.60E+02	9.50E+01	2.50E+02	1.40E+00	7.20E+01	3.30E+02	9	487
Vascular plant	8.80E+01				5.20E+01	1.20E+02	2	333
B (Boron)								
Reptile	1.10E+01				1.10E+00	2.00E+01	2	487
Ba (Barium)								
Fish	8.10E+01	1.30E+02	4.30E+01	3.10E+00	3.00E-01	8.80E+02	497	304, 333, 336, 339, 340, 343, 350, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 361, 363, 371, 376, 378, 517
Fish – benthic feeding	9.50E+01	1.30E+02	5.70E+01	2.80E+00	1.40E+00	6.60E+02	148	333, 336, 339, 343, 355, 356, 357, 358, 361, 363, 371, 376, 378
Fish – piscivorous	7.60E+01	1.30E+02	3.90E+01	3.20E+00	3.00E-01	8.80E+02	340	333, 336, 340, 350, 355, 356, 358, 359, 363, 376, 378, 517
Reptile	1.40E+02						1	487
Vascular plant	1.40E+03	1.20E+03	1.10E+03	2.10E+00	3.20E+02	4.40E+03	18	343, 517



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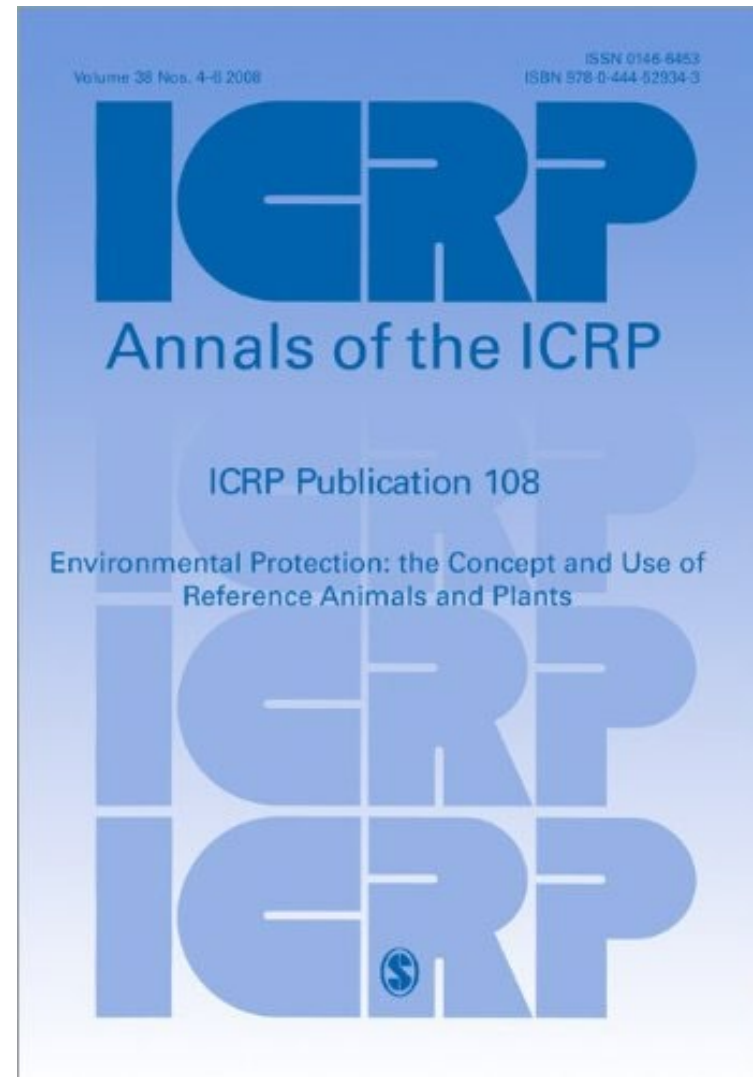
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- Considered the subject of protection of the environment
- Environmental protection should be commensurate with the overall level of risk and should be optimized
- Set of Reference Animals and Plants (RAP)
- Set of dose conversion factors for 75 radionuclides
- Set of reference dose/risk level for each biotic type



What is a Reference Animal or Plant?

A hypothetical entity, with the assumed basic biological characteristics of a particular type of animal or plant, as described to the generality of the taxonomic level of family, with defined anatomical, physiological, and life history properties, that can be used for the purposes of relating exposure to dose, and dose to effects, for that type of living organism.

External Exposure Geometry Assumptions for Reference Animals and Plants				
RAP	Aquatic	Terrestrial		
		On soil		In soil
		Planar	Volume	
Deer adult		x	x	
Rat adult		x	x	x
Duck egg		x	x	
Duck	x	x	x	
Frog egg	x			
Frog egg mass	x			
Frog tadpole	x			
Frog adult	x	x	x	
Trout egg	x			
Trout	x			
Flatfish egg	x			
Flatfish	x			
Crab egg mass	x			
Crab larve	x			
Crab	x			
Bee		x	x	
Bee colony		x	x	
Earthworm egg				x
Earthworm				x
Pine tree		x	x	
Grass		x	x	
Brown seaweed	x			

12 RAPs,
some have
multiple
life stages

22 RAP
Geometries,
11 aquatic,
9 terrestrial,
and 2 both

Three
exposure
geometries
for terrestrial

Dimensions, Habitats, and Life span for the RAP						
Reference animals and plants (RAP)	Major axis	First minor axis	Second minor axis	Body mass	Habitat	Life span
	cm	cm	cm	Kg		
Deer adult	130	60	60	245	Terrestrial	15 years
Rat	20	6	5	0.314	Terrestrial	2 years
Duck egg	6	4	4	0.0503	Terrestrial	30 days
Duck	30	10	8	1.26	Aquatic/T	11 years
Frog egg	1	1	1	5.24E-04	Aquatic	10 days
Frog mass of spawn	20	6	5	0.314	Aquatic	10 days
Tadpole	1.5	0.75	0.75	4.42E-04	Aquatic	100 days
Frog	8	3	2.5	0.0314	Aquatic/T	10 years
Trout egg/crab larvae	0.4	0.4	0.4	3.35E-05	Aquatic	100 days
Trout	50	8	6	1.26	Aquatic	6 years
Flatfish egg	0.2	0.2	0.2	4.19E-06	Aquatic	15 days
Flatfish	40	25	2.5	1.31	Aquatic	10 years
Crab egg mass	6	4	1	0.0126	Aquatic	0.5 years
Crab	20	12	6	0.754	Aquatic	15 years
Bee	2	0.75	0.75	5.89E-05	Terrestrial	100 days
Bee colony (natural)	60	30	30	28.3	Terrestrial	3 years
Earthworm egg	0.5	0.5	0.5	6.54E-05	Terrestrial	50 days
Earthworm (elongated)	10	1	1	5.24E-03	Terrestrial	5 years
Pine tree trunk	1000	30	30	471	Terrestrial	200 years
Grass (spike)*	5	1	1	2.62E-03	Terrestrial	1 year
Brown seaweed	50	50	0.5	0.652	Aquatic	5 years

* Grass meristem modeled only as a homogenous layer

Comparison of External Absorbed Dose Coefficients for In-soil Organisms

Table B.1 Comparison of external absorbed doses for in-soil organisms per unit photon, 50-cm-depth volume source (Gy/photon/kg).

Organism	Model	Photon energy (keV)			
		60	122	662	1250
Earthworm	EDEN	2.7×10^{-15}	9.0×10^{-15}	6.5×10^{-14}	1.3×10^{-13}
	EPIC	3.5×10^{-15}	1.3×10^{-14}	1.7×10^{-13}	3.3×10^{-13}
	EA R&D 128	9.4×10^{-15}	1.9×10^{-14}	1.0×10^{-13}	2.0×10^{-13}
	ERICA/FASSET	3.9×10^{-15}	1.1×10^{-14}	9.4×10^{-14}	1.8×10^{-13}
	RESRAD-Biota	2.6×10^{-15}	1.0×10^{-14}	9.9×10^{-14}	1.9×10^{-13}
Rat	EDEN	3.2×10^{-15}	1.0×10^{-14}	6.2×10^{-14}	1.3×10^{-13}
	EPIC	3.3×10^{-15}	1.2×10^{-14}	1.6×10^{-13}	3.1×10^{-13}
	EA R&D 128	8.4×10^{-15}	1.8×10^{-14}	9.8×10^{-14}	1.9×10^{-13}
	ERICA/FASSET	3.6×10^{-15}	1.1×10^{-14}	8.8×10^{-14}	1.7×10^{-13}
	RESRAD-Biota	2.6×10^{-15}	9.5×10^{-15}	8.7×10^{-14}	1.7×10^{-13}

Source: ICRP Publication 108

Comparison of External Absorbed Dose Coefficients for On-soil Organisms

Table B.2 Comparison of absorbed doses for on-soil organisms per unit photon, plane source (Gy/photon/m²).

Organism	Model	Photon energy (keV)			
		60	122	662	1250
Earthworm	EDEN	1.0×10^{-15}	3.2×10^{-15}	3.1×10^{-14}	6.4×10^{-14}
	EPIC	1.4×10^{-15}	5.4×10^{-15}	4.8×10^{-14}	9.3×10^{-14}
	EA R&D 128	4.7×10^{-15}	9.6×10^{-15}	5.2×10^{-14}	9.9×10^{-14}
	ERICA	1.7×10^{-15}	5.4×10^{-15}	3.5×10^{-14}	6.9×10^{-14}
	RESRAD-Biota	1.2×10^{-15}	3.8×10^{-15}	3.0×10^{-14}	6.1×10^{-14}
Rat	EDEN	1.2×10^{-15}	3.6×10^{-15}	2.5×10^{-14}	5.1×10^{-14}
	EPIC	1.3×10^{-15}	5.2×10^{-15}	4.4×10^{-14}	8.7×10^{-14}
	EA R&D 128	4.2×10^{-15}	8.8×10^{-15}	4.9×10^{-14}	9.3×10^{-14}
	ERICA	1.7×10^{-15}	5.3×10^{-15}	3.5×10^{-14}	6.7×10^{-14}
	RESRAD-Biota	1.2×10^{-15}	3.8×10^{-15}	2.7×10^{-14}	6.1×10^{-14}

Source: ICRP Publication 108

Comparison of Photon Absorbed Fractions

Table B.3. Comparison of photon absorbed fractions calculated by different models for selected ellipsoidal organisms.

Target	Model	Photon energy (keV)			
		60	122	662	1250
Flatfish egg	EDEN	2.7×10^{-3}	1.9×10^{-3}	2.4×10^{-3}	2.2×10^{-3}
	EPIC	2.2×10^{-3}	1.9×10^{-3}	2.4×10^{-3}	2.2×10^{-3}
	EA R&D 128	2.5×10^{-3}	2.4×10^{-3}	2.3×10^{-3}	2.1×10^{-3}
	ERICA	2.2×10^{-3}	1.9×10^{-3}	1.3×10^{-3}	4.8×10^{-4}
	RESRAD-Biota	2.2×10^{-3}	1.9×10^{-3}	1.3×10^{-3}	4.6×10^{-4}
Duck	EDEN	0.23	0.15	0.14	0.12
	EPIC	0.14	0.12	0.14	0.12
	EA R&D 128	0.22	0.15	0.14	0.12
	ERICA	0.21	0.15	0.14	0.12
	RESRAD-Biota	0.15	0.12	0.13	0.12
Adult deer	EDEN	0.79	0.71	0.65	0.51
	EPIC	0.65	0.58	0.60	0.56
	EA R&D 128	0.80	0.66	0.55	0.51
	ERICA	0.76	0.68	0.60	0.54
	RESRAD-Biota	0.69	0.60	0.56	0.52

Source: ICRP Publication 108

DCFs [(uGy/day) per (Bq/kg)] for Flat Fish Egg

	Internal				External
Nuclide	DCF	f1	f2	f3	In water
Cl-36	2.10E-03	0	0	100	1.60E-03
Cr-51	6.40E-05	0	82	18	4.40E-04
Co-60	1.20E-03	0	0	100	3.50E-02
Sr-90	3.90E-03	0	0	100	1.20E-02
Cs-134	1.50E-03	0	0	100	2.20E-02
Cs-135	8.70E-04	0	1	99	6.00E-05
Cs-137	2.00E-03	0	0	100	9.20E-03
Eu-152	1.10E-03	0	7	93	1.60E-02
U-238	5.80E-02	100	0	0	1.80E-05
Am-241	7.70E-02	99	0	1	4.40E-04

f1 = fraction of the internal DCFs due to alpha, fission fragments

f2 = fraction of internal DCFs due to low energy (<10 keV) beta

f3 = fraction of internal DCFs due to high energy beta and photons

For aquatic organism, no substantial difference in density in water and organism. The radioactive progeny with a half-life <10 days are included as being in secular equilibrium

Comparison of DCFs [(uGy/day) per (Bq/kg)] for Flat Fish Egg in ICRP 108 and RESRAD-BIOTA

	Flat Fish Egg - ICRP 108		Fish Egg - RESRAD-BIOTA	
Nuclide	Internal	External	Internal	External
Cl-36	2.10E-03	1.60E-03	2.85E-03	5.58E-04
Cr-51	6.40E-05	4.40E-04	5.78E-05	4.38E-04
Co-60	1.20E-03	3.50E-02	1.50E-03	3.44E-02
Sr-90	3.90E-03	1.20E-02	1.56E-02	1.56E-02
Cs-134	1.50E-03	2.20E-02	2.12E-03	2.16E-02
Cs-135	8.70E-04	6.00E-05	1.02E-03	2.55E-05
Cs-137	2.00E-03	9.20E-03	2.75E-03	8.44E-03
Eu-152	1.10E-03	1.60E-02	1.46E-03	1.63E-02
U-238	5.80E-02	1.80E-05	5.92E-02	6.75E-03
Am-241	7.70E-02	4.40E-04	7.66E-02	3.58E-04