



The Use of Sampling in Decommissioning Work

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Characterization prior to decommissioning

➤ Structures



Characterization prior to decommissioning

➤ Stored items

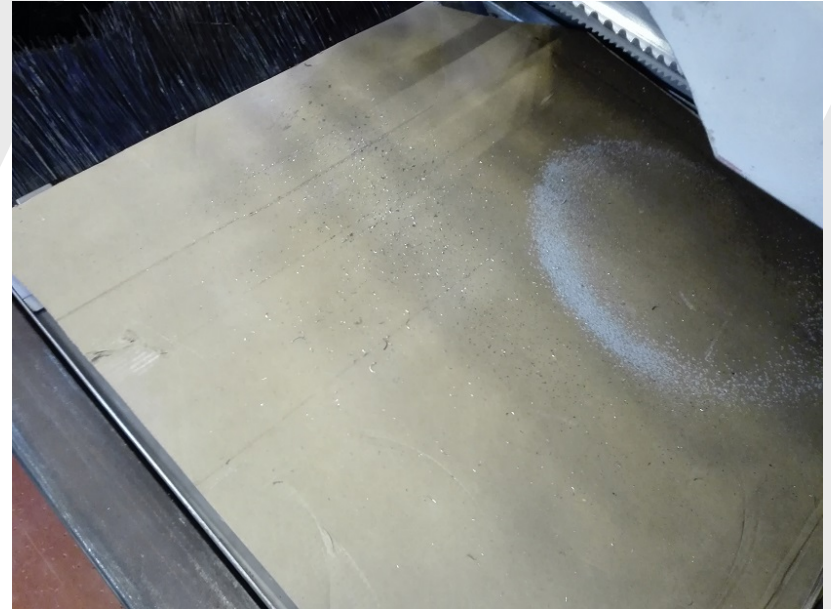


Dose rate [mSv/h]
285
540
565
525
430
260
120
37
15
12
10
4
0.425
0.135
0.050



Characterization during decommissioning

➤ Waste items



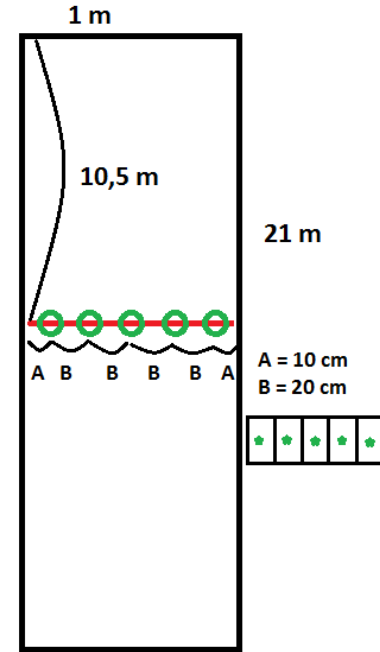
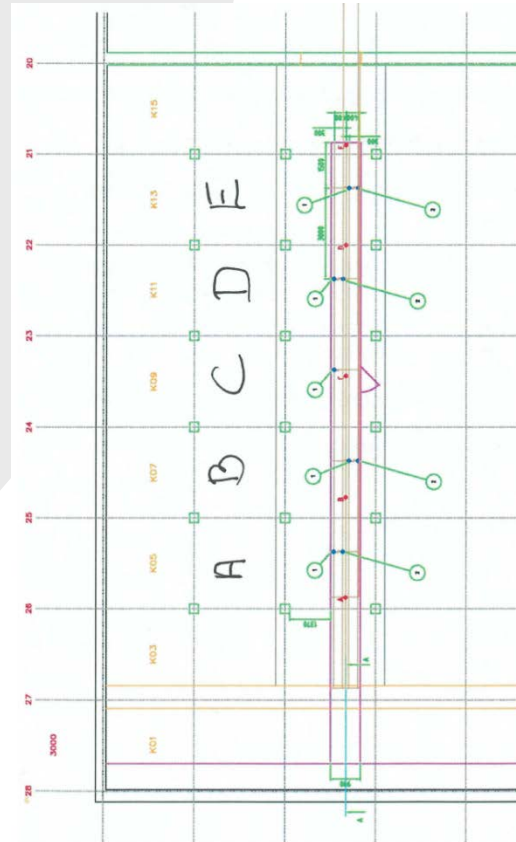
Characterization during decommissioning

➤ Installations



Characterization during decommissioning

➤ Buildings



Characterization during decommissioning

➤ Release of Cl-36?



- Paper sample
- Water sample
- Grass samples

Characterization after decommissioning

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Affaldsøen									
ADS kode	1000173379	Beholder	2000029176						
Affaldstype	Prøve	Beskrivelse	TSP - Top shield plug - Prøve T3						
Oprindeligt område	214DK3_ANI_NEU_041	Oprindelig facilitet	Dansk Reaktor DR3						
Nuværende område	ZORALB_SLU_R00	Nuværende facilitet	Analyselaboratorium						
Farve		Føregående funktion	Afskærmning						
Dekommissioneringsaffald	Ja	Primært affald	Ja						
Demonteret	Ja	Antal ditte	-						
Identificere									
Reference pointer	-	Beliggenhed	-						
X position	-	Y position	-						
Z position	-	Z position	-						
Registreret af	Jill Henriksen	Oprettet d.	20-10-2014						
Beskrivelse	Ingen poster ...								
Indhold	Records: 2								
Materiale	Materiale	% af vægt	Bemærkninger						
Beton	Beton, ukendt	80	Stå kugle beton (Estimeret mængde). Se vedhæftede uddrag af karakteriserings rapport						
Ukendt	Ukendt	20	(Estimeret mængde)						
Fysiske karakteristika	Likøedt								
Geometri	Uregelmæssig ELLER når flere emner registreres under samme ADS-nummer								
Forklaring	Dybde								
Højde	-								
Rumfang	-								
Vægt	4,50 kg - Målt								
Tæthed	-								
Komplekksitet	-								
Fareklasse	Ikke brændbart	Komposition	Heterogen						
Tilstandsform	Fast	Fysisk struktur	Gruft opdelt						
Registreret af	Jill Henriksen	Registreret d.	20-10-2014						
Aktuel behandling	Ingen poster ...								
Radiologisk - BEH	Ingen poster ...								
Kontrol - strålningsniveau	Records: 1								
Dato Y	ID/beskrivelse	Udført af	Niveau	Afstand	Instrument	Afskærmning	Niveau	Afstand	Instrument
20-10-2014	Dansk Reaktor DR3	Morten Lillevang Nielsen	<= 50 µSv/h	10cm	Automess-AD2 6150 071863				
Kontrol - strålningsniveau - Dokumentation	Ingen poster ...								
Fil	Titel	Bemærkninger	Størrelse	Tilføj af	Tilføj af				
Kontrol - kontamination	Ingen poster ...								
Måling ikke udført: højt strålningsniveau									
Beskrivelse - Links	Fil	Titel	Bemærkninger	Størrelse	Tilføj af	Tilføj af			
	Pages 19-33 from Ksp1 af DO-23 rapporttekst.pdf	Uddrag af karakteriserings rapporten. Se detaljer for prøver		2185,6 KB	Jill Henriksen				
Dokumentation	Ingen poster ...								



Indirect measurements



Sample Measurement Parameters:

Comment: EBS sågmotor
 User: Peter Enqvist
 Preset Time: 2:00
 Alpha Preset Error: 1,0%
 User Protocol: Strykprov 2 min

Instrument Name: LB 770-2 sn 42361-6236
 Cycles: 1
 Beta Preset Error: 1,0%

Cycle 1 of 1

Start Time: 2015-10-29 11:42:31

Elapsed Time: 2:00
 Guard: 13,75 cps

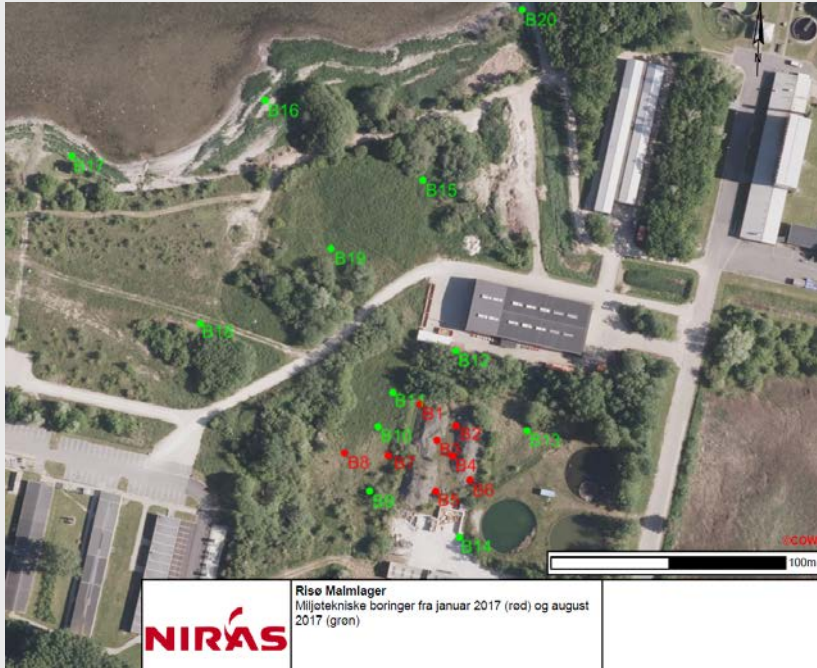
Sp#	Sample Name	Alpha (kBq/m ²)	Cat	MDA	MRA	Beta (kBq/m ²)	Cat	MDA	MRA
1	11 Motor	0,031 (±74,3%)	1	0,0605	0,0083	11,94 (±4,17%)	2	0,2189	0,0844
2	12 Motor	0,030 (±78,4%)	1	0,0697	0,0122	19,35 (±3,42%)	2	0,2910	0,1200
3	13 Motor	0,030 (±75,7%)	1	0,0638	0,0098	20,45 (±3,32%)	2	0,2294	0,0899
4	14 Motor	0,065 (±51,2%)	1	0,0626	0,0086	8,445 (±4,85%)	2	0,2413	0,0937
5	15 Kabel	0,049 (±59,5%)	1	0,0632	0,0085	0,961 (±15,3%)	1	0,2545	0,1009
6	16 6Kabel	0,000	1	0,0665	0,0100	0,614 (±19,4%)	1	0,2353	0,0936
7	17 7Kabel	0,015 (>100%)	1	0,0664	0,0097	0,895 (±15,8%)	1	0,2440	0,0968
8	18 8Kabel	0,000	1	0,0659	0,0092	0,371 (±26,2%)	1	0,2240	0,0879
9	19 9Kabel	0,000	1	0,0640	0,0086	0,173 (±45,2%)	1	0,2287	0,0893
10	20 Kontakt till kabel	0,000	1	0,0642	0,0080	0,252 (±34,8%)	1	0,2323	0,0913

Tabell 3.4: Ytaktivitet, betastrålare

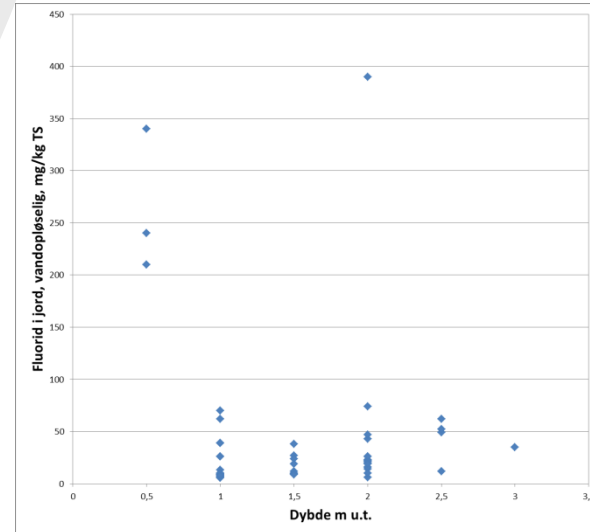
Nuklid	Ytaktivitet, 2 % ²⁴¹ Am (Bq/m ²)	Ytaktivitet, 7,7 % ²⁴¹ Am (Bq/m ²)
⁶⁰ Co	1,11E+06	1,11E+06
¹³⁷ Cs	9,69E+03	9,69E+03
¹⁴ C	7,68E+03	7,68E+03
³⁶ Cl	5,23E+03	5,23E+03
⁵⁵ Fe	2,33E+04	2,33E+04
⁶³ Ni	5,32E+05	5,32E+05
¹⁵⁴ Eu	9,66E+03	9,66E+03
¹⁵⁵ Eu	7,31E+03	7,31E+03
⁹⁰ Sr	6,54E+03	6,54E+03
⁹⁹ Tc	1,85E+05	1,85E+05
¹³⁴ Cs	2,98E+02	2,98E+02
²⁴¹ Pu	2,52E+04	9,69E+04
Summa betastrålare	1,9E+06	2,0E+06



Soil sampling



From radiological interest to conventional



Clearance

Clearance is the removal of radioactive materials, buildings (and land areas) from regulatory control, which governs radioactive materials. Clearance is possible if the sum of ratios between activity concentrations (C_i^*) and the radionuclide specific clearance levels (CL_i) is below 1.

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{C_i^*}{CL_i} < 1$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{C_i}{CL_i} + 1.65 \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{u_i (C_i)^2}{CL_i^2}} < 1$$



Clearance levels

Radionuclide	Mass-specific clearance levels (IAEA RS-G-1.7) [Bq/g]
^{55}Fe	1000
^3H , ^{41}Ca , ^{63}Ni	100
^{236}U , ^{241}Pu	10
^{14}C , ^{90}Sr , ^{109}Cd , ^{234}U , ^{235}U , ^{238}U	1
^{60}Co , ^{133}Ba , ^{137}Cs , ^{152}Eu , ^{154}Eu , All actinides but ^{241}Pu	0.1



Clearance and scaling factors

Measurements on samples can establish conservative activity ratios (scaling factors) between radionuclides which are difficult to measure and a radionuclide (key nuclide) which is more easy to measure.

$$C_i = SF_{i,k} \cdot C_k$$

Diagram illustrating the scaling factor equation:

- C_i : difficult-to-measure radionuclide i
- $SF_{i,k}$: scaling factor
- C_k : easy-to-measure key radionuclide k



Clearance and scaling factors

Hot Cell facility: 19 paint samples analysed and conservative activity ratios (scalings factors) extracted. ^{137}Cs is the key radionuclide

Nuclide	Scaling factor	Rel. standard uncertainty (%)
^{90}Sr	0.53	30
^{238}Pu	0.11	50
^{239}Pu	0.054	60
^{240}Pu	0.041	50
^{241}Pu	1.6	50
^{241}Am	0.093	35
^{242}Pu	0.00011	50
$^{243}\text{Cm}+^{244}\text{Cm}$	0.035	50
$^{242}\text{Cm}+^{242\text{m}}\text{Am}$	0.00077	50



Clearance and scaling factors

Neutron irradiated materials:

$$SF_{i,k} = \frac{m_i \cdot A_k \cdot N_{F,i} \cdot \sigma_i \cdot \left(1 - e^{-\frac{-\ln(2) \cdot \tau}{T_i}}\right) \cdot e^{-\frac{-\ln(2) \cdot t}{T_i}}}{m_k \cdot A_i \cdot N_{F,k} \cdot \sigma_k \cdot \left(1 - e^{-\frac{-\ln(2) \cdot \tau}{T_k}}\right) \cdot e^{-\frac{-\ln(2) \cdot t}{T_k}}}$$

- ***m***: relative mass content of mother
A: atomic mass
N_F: isotopic abundance of mother
σ: neutron absorption cross section
T: nuclide half-life
τ: irradiation time
t: time since stop of irradiation

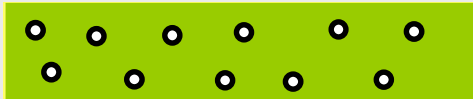
Co	(+/-) 2s	Li	(+/-) 2s
ppb	ppb	ppb	ppb
4713	1000	22235	2395



Clearance by sampling



$$\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{C_i}{CL_i} + 1.65 \cdot \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^N \frac{u_i(C_i)^2}{CL_i^2}} < 1$$



Statistical test (sign-test) based on measured activity concentrations in samples. N



Clearance by sampling not possible when hot spots.



Clearance by sampling



The outer part of the biological concrete shielding of the DR2 reactor was cleared by measuring on samples from drill cores



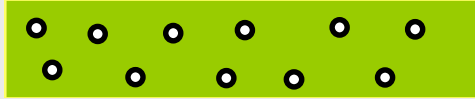
removal of cleared concrete



Clearance by sampling

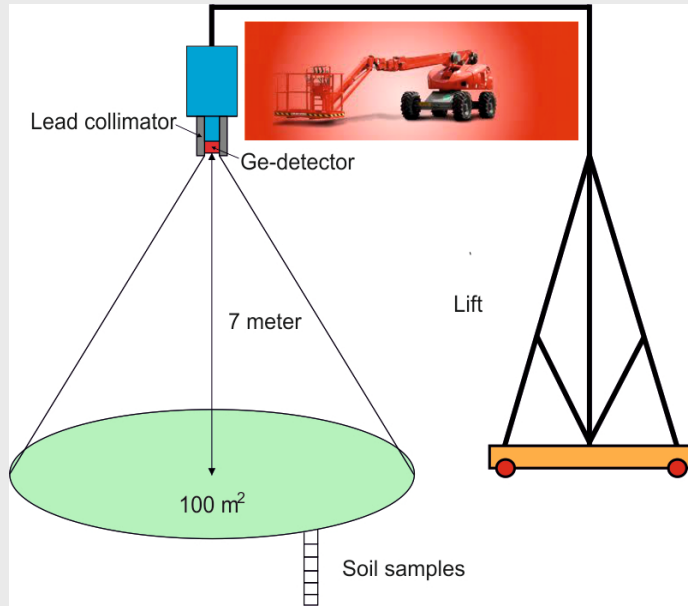
Spent fuel storage block iron ball concrete shielding contaminated with ^{14}C and ^3H

14 samples measured, 50 tons cleared



Clearance by sampling

Land area measurements combined with
soil measurements



Samples and clearance

Sample material	Radionuclides except γ -emitters	Purpose
Paint	Fission products and actinides	Scaling factors
Paint	^3H , ^{14}C	Clearance
Concrete	^3H , ^{14}C , total β	Clearance
Iron	^{63}Ni , ^{55}Fe , Fe, Co, Ni	Clearance
Paper	U-234, U-235, U-238	Scaling factors
Water	^3H , ^{14}C	Clearance



Conclusions

- **Sampling is an integral part of all the phases of decommissioning work**
- **Purpose dictates the sampling method**
- **Different levels of uncertainty are required**
- **Radiochemical laboratory is a must for some analyses**

