

Beaverlodge scenario – R&D128

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R&D128 Input

Nuclide	Water conc. Bq m ⁻³	Sediment m ³ kg ⁻¹	Concentration factors, organism:w		
			Bacteria m ³ kg ⁻¹	Phytoplankton m ³ kg ⁻¹	Zooplankton m ³ kg ⁻¹
³ H					
¹⁴ C					
³² P					
⁶⁰ Co					
⁹⁰ Sr					
⁹⁹ Tc					
¹⁰⁶ Ru					
¹²⁵ I					
¹²⁹ I					
¹³¹ I					
¹³⁷ Cs	2.00E+01	4.1E+00		1.8E-01	2.0E-02
²¹⁰ Po	7.50E+00	1.1E+01		6.0E+00	6.0E+00
²³⁴ Th					
²³⁸ U	1.53E+01	5.5E+00		4.0E-03	1.0E-03
²³⁹ Pu	6.50E+00	1.3E+00		1.8E-01	2.0E-02
²⁴¹ Am					

Limited selection of radionuclides – so used analogues

Reference organisms – selected analogues

Converted water concentrations from Bq/l

Default concentration factors

Analogue radionuclides

⇒ Selected analogues for based on decay type and half-life, using method in EA Habitats Reports

⇒ Pb-210 (Cs-137 – other beta gamma, half life > 10 days)

⇒ Ra-226 (Pu-239 – other alpha)

⇒ Th-230 (Pu-239 – other alpha)

Analogue organisms

⇒ Selected based on biology

for variation

Beaverlodge	Dimensions (mm)	Mass (kg)	R&D128	Dimensions (mm)	Mass (kg)
White Sucker	450 x 15 x 10	1.19E+00	Pelgaic fish	450 x 87 x 49	1.00E+00
Lake whitefish	436 x 14 x 10	1.36E+00	Benthic fish	450 x 87 x 49	1.00E+00
Chironomus riparius	0.34 x 0.17 x 0.15	1.20E-07	Phytoplankton	0.05 x 0.05 x 0.05	6.50E-11
Pisidium sp.	5 x 1.5 x 1	9.00E-07	Small benthic crustacea	6.2 x 3.1 x 1.6	1.60E-05

⇒ Phytoplankton selected for Chironomus based on dimensions - no biologically similar surrogate

⇒ Alternative reference organism would be small benthic crustacea or zooplankton (which have same size & mass)

Calculation

Activity concentration in biota (Bq kg^{-1}) =
activity concentration in water (Bq m^{-3}) *
default R&D128 concentration factor ($\text{m}^3 \text{kg}^{-1}$)

Site 13 - Dubyna Lake (shallow)

- ⇒ No analytical data available for activity concentration in water
- ⇒ Used sediment concentration factor to convert activity in sediment to activity in water

$$\text{activity concentration in water (Bq m}^{-3}\text{)} = \frac{\text{activity concentration in sediment (Bq kg}^{-1}\text{)}}{\text{sediment concentration factor (m}^3 \text{ kg}^{-1}\text{)}}$$