

# Consideration of Non-radioactive Harmful Substances

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## harmful substances

### inorganic:

- metals

- Cd
- Cr
- Hg
- Pb

- asbestos

- rare substances

- B
- Be

## harmful substances

### organic:

- mineral oil hydrocarbons
- polyvinyl chloride (PVC)
- polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAH)
- polychlorinated biphenyls (PCB)

## Introduction

### Atomic safety, radiation protection

- Ministry of the environment (Saxony)
- radiation protection at deconstruction
- monitoring, analysis of radionuclides for controlling

### Environmental law

- Environmental Agency, Regional Commission
- environmental protection at deconstruction
- chemical analysis of harmful substances, also in materials with minor radioactivity

“Laboratory for Environmental and Radionuclide Analyses” of VKTA  
is accredited according to DIN EN ISO/IEC 17025  
for radionuclide and conventional analysis

## Procedure

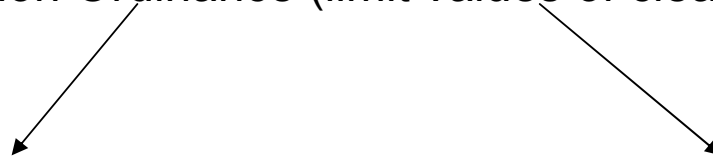
environmental investigation parallel to radiological surveys

- historical research
- environmental investigation
  - buildings before deconstruction
  - underground structures during deconstruction
- sampling parallel at deconstruction
  - measurements for clearance (radiation protection)
  - chemical characterisation of demolition rubble, soil ...  
(environmental protection)
- chemical analysis of different matrices
- estimation of analytical results in comparison with limit values to make a decision for waste management

## Procedure

Environmental requirements taking into account of radiation protection

materials with minor radioactivity:  
clearance of materials in accordance with §29 Radiation  
Protection Ordinance (limit values of clearance)



unrestricted clearance

material can be recycled

restricted clearance

- removal (controlled landfill, combustion)
- the way is restricted, fixed and allowed by authorities

✓ remarks for occupational health and safety

## Analysis

methods:

appropriate sample preparation for different materials;  
validation (chemical digestion, elution, extraction)

determination of inorganic parameters,

- heavy metals in solids and eluats – ICP-MS
- pH, electric conductivity
- anions – IC, FIA

determination of organic compounds,

- PAH (Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons) according EPA – HPLC
- hydrocarbon index – GC
- phenol index
- tensides – FIA

## Analysis



HPLC



ICP-MS



## PAH

### Importance of Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAH)

- product of incompletely combustion of oil, coal, gas
- tar coating of buildings – to protect against water
- old tar coatings: highly contaminated with PAH

## PAH

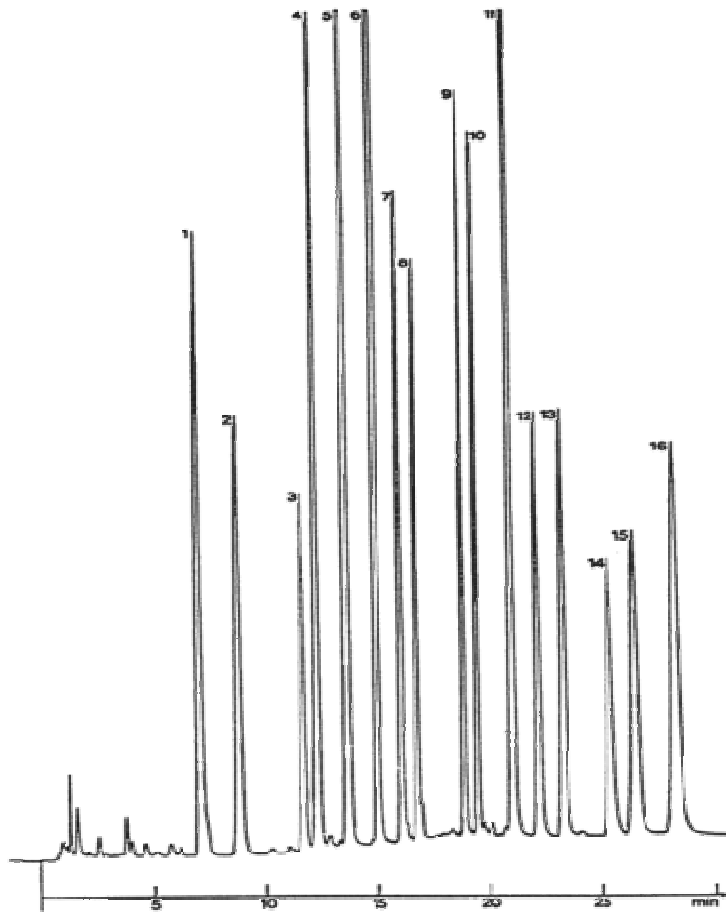
### characteristics

- toxic, carcinogenic because of aromatical structure
- minimal 2, maximal 7 rings of benzene
- persistent

### • limit values:

- drinking water 0,2 µg/l ( $\Sigma$  PAH)
- ground water 0,2 µg/l ( $\Sigma$  PAH)
- soil 3 mg/kg ( $\Sigma$  PAH)
- demolition rubble 1 mg/kg (Z0) up to  
15 mg/kg (Z2 for utilization) ( $\Sigma$  PAH)
- dangerous waste 1000 mg/kg ( $\Sigma$  PAH)

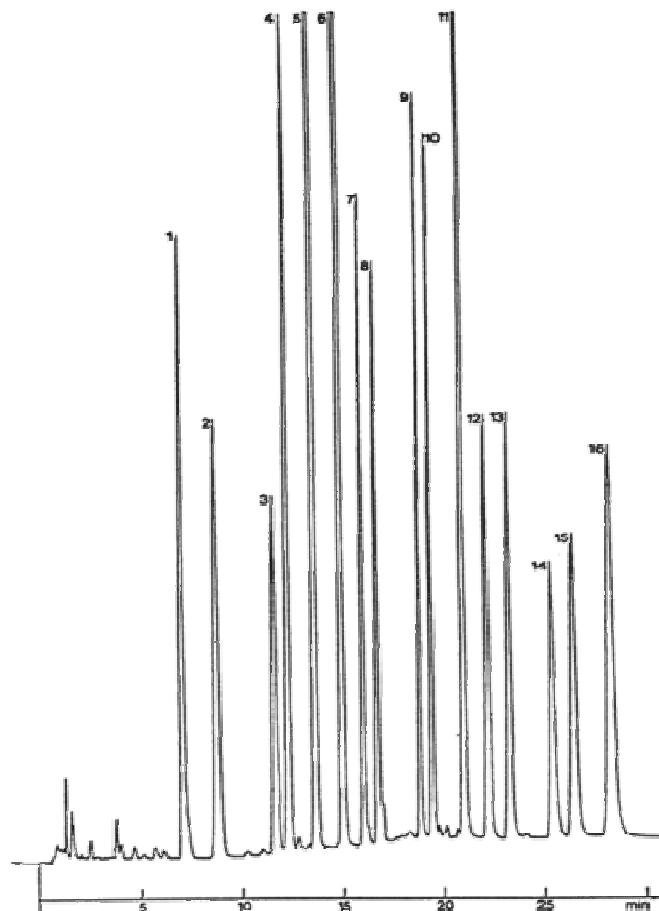
## Analysis of Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons part 1



HPLC chromatogram of 16 EPA-PAH

| Name                                  | Summen-<br>formel | Molare Masse | Prozent<br>an Kohlen-<br>stoff | CAS-<br>Nummer | Struktur |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|----------------|----------|
| Naphthalin                            | $C_{10}H_8$       | 128,17 g/mol | 93,75 % C                      | 091-20-3       |          |
| Acenaphthen                           | $C_{12}H_{10}$    | 154,21 g/mol | 93,05 % C                      | 083-32-9       |          |
| Phenanthren                           | $C_{14}H_{10}$    | 178,23 g/mol | 94,05 % C                      | 085-01-8       |          |
| Fluoranthen                           | $C_{16}H_{10}$    | 202,26 g/mol | 95,0 % C                       | 206-44-0       |          |
| Benzo(a)-<br>anthracen                | $C_{18}H_{12}$    | 228,29 g/mol | 94,45 % C                      | 056-55-3       |          |
| Benzo(b)-<br>fluoranthen <sup>a</sup> | $C_{20}H_{12}$    | 252,32 g/mol | 95,2 % C                       | 205-99-2       |          |
| Benzo(a)pyren <sup>a</sup>            | $C_{20}H_{12}$    | 252,32 g/mol | 95,2 % C                       | 050-32-8       |          |
| Dibenzo(a,h)-<br>anthracen            | $C_{22}H_{14}$    | 278,35 g/mol | 94,7 % C                       | 053-70-3       |          |

## Analysis of Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons, part 2



HPLC chromatogram of 16 EPA-PAH

| Name                                 | Summenformel   | Molare Masse | Prozent an Kohlenstoff | CAS-Nummer | Struktur |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|------------------------|------------|----------|
| Fluoren                              | $C_{13}H_{10}$ | 166,22 g/mol | 93,59 % C              | 086-73-7   |          |
| Anthracen                            | $C_{14}H_{10}$ | 178,23 g/mol | 94,05 % C              | 120-12-7   |          |
| Pyren                                | $C_{16}H_{10}$ | 202,26 g/mol | 95,0 % C               | 129-00-0   |          |
| Chrysen                              | $C_{18}H_{12}$ | 228,29 g/mol | 94,45 % C              | 218-01-9   |          |
| Benzo(k)-fluoranthen <sup>a</sup>    | $C_{20}H_{12}$ | 252,32 g/mol | 95,2 % C               | 207-08-9   |          |
| Indeno-(1,2,3-cd)-pyren <sup>a</sup> | $C_{22}H_{12}$ | 276,34 g/mol | 95,6 % C               | 193-39-5   |          |
| Benzo(ghi)-perylene <sup>a</sup>     | $C_{22}H_{12}$ | 276,34 g/mol | 95,6 % C               | 191-24-2   |          |

ANMERKUNG Die Auswahl der 15 PAK entspricht der US EPA-Liste, unter Auslassung von Acenaphthylen, das nach diesem Verfahren nicht bestimmbar ist, da es nicht fluoreszenzaktiv ist.

<sup>a</sup> Verbindungen, die in der Richtlinie 98/83/EG genannt sind.

## tube system for radioactive waste water

### history

- 40 years in use
- acids, bases, organic solvents, poisons, radionuclides
- tubes, inspection points, waste water tank
- leakages
- harmful substances also in building materials

removal of old tubes with leakages:  
soil, several types of tubes





## tube system for radioactive waste water



results for tubes and soil:

harmful substances from operation

- Hg in soil
- only punctiform
- advantageous hydrological circumstances,
- no radionuclides
- possible use for backfill

results for buildings:

harmful substances in „old“ building materials

- waste water tank, ca. 60 m<sup>3</sup> with protective coating outside

contamination

- PAH ( $\Sigma$  EPA-PAH 6300 mg/kg),
- mobile, eluate above inspection value for ground water



**removal of protective coating, dangerous waste**

## tanks for liquid radioactive waste

### history

- 40 years in use
- water with acids, bases, organic solvents, poisons ..., radionuclides
- harmful substances in building materials ?

### analysis:

- drilling cores of walls
- several materials

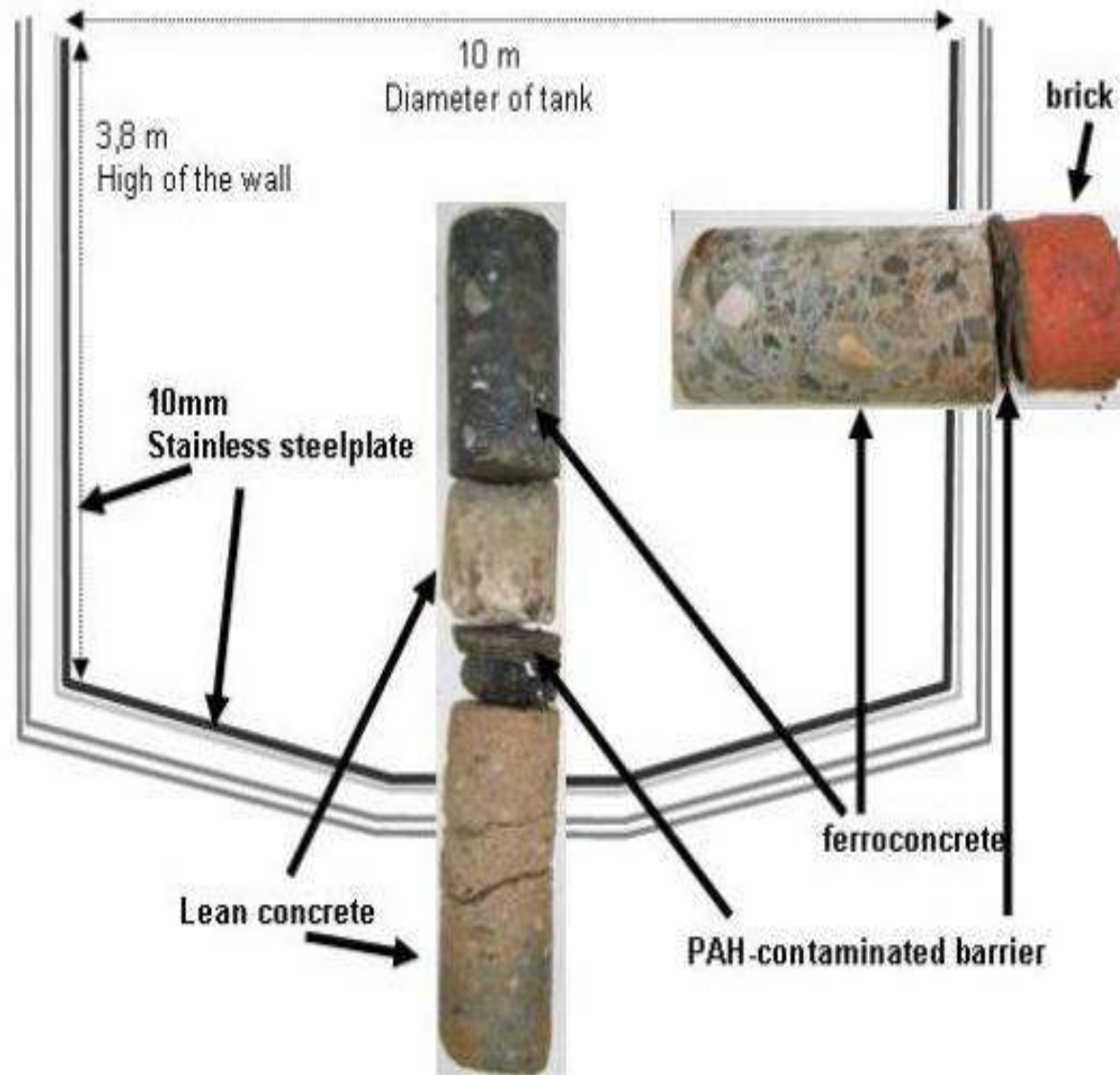


tanks for liquid radioactive waste

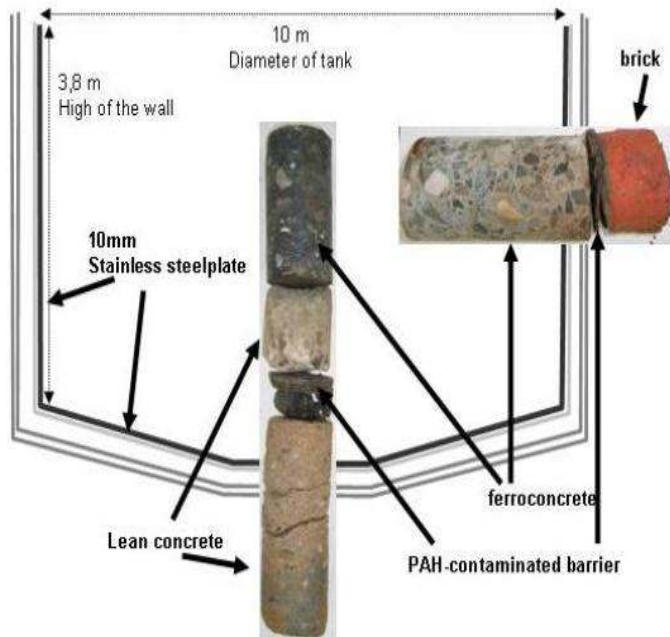




## tanks for liquid radioactive waste



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### results:

harmful substances in „old“ building materials  
contamination:

- PAH ( $\Sigma$  EPA-PAH 50 000 ... 120 000 mg/kg)  
dangerous waste ( $> 1000$  mg/kg)
- mobile PAH 210  $\mu\text{g/l}$  in eluate  
above inspection value (0,2  $\mu\text{g/l}$ )
- serious danger for ground water



**removal of the buildings**

tanks for liquid radioactive waste



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Thank you for attention!