Concentrations of natural and man-made radioactivity soil and ground water in Al-Madinah Al-Monawarah

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ABSTRACT

39°36'00" 24°28'00" Al-Madinah Al-Monawarah lies around latitude longitude m . Ten surface soil samples were collected from Al-Madinah Al-Monawarh province altitude 624 Samples atomic absorption spectrometer with a template 30×30×15 cm. were analyzed by for Aluminum (Al) . Iron (Fe) and Calcium (Ca) concentrations in percent, Lead (Pb) and Arsenic (As) in ppm. The concentrations range for Al from (4.48 -7.65%), Fe from (3.08 -4.92 5%), Ca from (1.66 -10.60 %) Pb from (14 -27 ppm) and As from (10.5 -30.7 ppm) . Also XRD spectrometry was applied for the chemical and mineral composition, the major and minor composition is ALBITE CALCITE CLINOCHLORE MICROCLINE QUARTZ Gammaray spectrometer based on HPGe crystal was applied for the concentrations in Bq/kg dry weight, for $(^{238}U and ^{226}Ra$ series) from 7.01 to 15.55 Bq/kg, $(^{232}Th and ^{228}Ra$ series) from 5.23 to 40 K concentrations from (64.6 to 754.2 Bq/kg). The man-made ^{137}Cs 21.8Bq/kg, range was observed in some samples. The radium equivalent Bq/kg was calculated , and the absorbed dose for each sample was calculated one meter above the earth. It is found that the values rate nGy/h of the absorbed dose are in the accepted range put by EPA (Environmental Protection Association). Four underground water samples from the study area Al-Khief

Saudi Arabia) were analyzed by (Western province of both an atomic absorption spectrometer for the ; Ca , Na , Mg , K , Fe , Al , Cs , Hg , Bi , Pb and U concentrations, and a HPGe gamma-ray spectrometer system for the concentrations of radioactive nuclides ${}^{40}K$ $^{226}Ra and ^{232}Th$ series and of the from the absorbed dose which calculated for the age categories <1 y 1-2y 2-7 7-10y and 17y. y, >

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1. INTRODUCTION

Study of radioactivity levels and concentrations of natural and man-made radionuclides have been done all over the world. In Egypt (Ibrahiem et al 1993) gave a base map for the radioactivity in the Delta and middle Egypt, by HPGe gamma-ray system they measured the absorbed dose one meter above the ground in each point. Also (Ibrahiem et al 1995) studied sediments and surface area of Naser lake area by both neutron activation analysis and gamma-ray spectroscopy techniques. Amaral, 2000, in Portogal studied gamma-ray spectrum and dose rate In Situ, also studied the type and composition of the different rocks, as well as the mechanical, chemical and biological properties for each type of soil. Melo et al 2000; studied the severe internal dose in Brazil from the high radioactivity concentrations due to the concentrations of uranium and thorium in this area. Morton et al, 2006, measured the natural radioactivity concentrations ^{232}Th , ^{238}U and ^{226}Ra series and 40 K, as well as the man made 137 Cs. Also they studied the salinity level in the soil from the series of the black plateau resulting from the flood of Virgin River, south-east of Nevada state USA. They analyzed the samples by EDS electron dispersion spectrometer in addition XRD diffraction spectrometer for the soil composition. Wu,2006 studied the accumulation of radioactive concentrations owing to the long period of irrigation according to the Yucca Mountain program of

Nevada state USA to point out, time needed to reach equilibrium, the suitable time for irrigation, study of agricultural areas irrigated for long time and the change of concentrations of radioactive nuclides in water.

Flrou et al. 2007: studied the effect of the external dose intake for areas of high radioactivity levels in three islands from Greece of volcanic origin. In these areas many geothermal springs gives gases as carbon mono-oxide, carbon dioxide as well as Situ radon. Study was done by In NaI(Tl) spectrometer, concentrations of natural in soil, spring water, sea water and radionuclides sediments, they calculated the dose rate and the external risk also the quality assurance of the ecosystem. Baykara and Dogru, 2008, studied 72 soil samples from the northern and eastern regions of Anadool of Turkey, by NaI(Tl) for the concentrations of radioactivity and dose rate. Santos et al 2009 analyzed 78 soil samples by HPGe gamma-ray system for the concentrations of ²²⁶Ra and ²²⁸Ra. Jankovic Mandic et al studied the distribution of natural radionuclides in Belgrad province, Serbia, they compared the results with some published work. Saidou et al ,2011 studied site for uranium mining in Cameron to plot a base line map for Poli province, they found that the concentrations of radionuclides and the absorbed dose are slightly higher the world average.

The aim of this work is to make base line map for the study area, to be compared with future studies for any environmental or geological changes. Study of the relation between type of soil and the radioactivity level, measurements of dose rate for population in this area, also *relation* between the geological composition of the soil and the dose rate.

2. Geology of the study area

The study area lies east of the Red sea between $24^{\circ} 22'$ 27" and $24^{\circ} 32'16$ " latitude north and $39^{\circ} 31' 36$ " and $39^{\circ} 43' 11$ " longitude east and elevation 625m above the sea level . 430km from Mekka, 220km from Yanboa the nearest port to Al-Madina Almonawra, 150km from the Red Sea , and 980km from Al-Reyad . Mountain Ohod from the north, mountain Salaa north- west, Harrat Waqem and Wabara from the south. (Badr , 1993). Rock types in the study area are :

1-Volcanic rocks, Silicic volcanic rocks, pyroclastic rocks and rhyollitic tuff. 2-Sandy rocks.

3-Sedimentary rocks , from the erosion of volcanic rocks

4-Breccia Andesitic. -5Basalt. 6-Sandy regions. 7-Sandstone.

8-Harrat areas, Harrat Khyber and Harrat Hirmah. Al-Madina also contains vales from sand and clay, and sediments from granite, (Saudi Geological Survey, 2010).

9-Felsic rocks . 10-Quaternary deposits.

3.Sampling and sample preparation

10 The study area was divided to parts, а sample was collected from each part.Sampling were done from 0 to 15 cm by a template 30x30x15 cm. Samples were collected in a polyethylene bags, then labeled. Remains of plants, weeds and rocks were removed. then soil samples were grinded, sieved with а 1mmx1mm mesh mixed sieve. for homogeneity. Samples were dried to 80 °C not to lose the volatile ¹³⁷Cs or the natural 640 polonium. A cc of the dried sample were one month weighed then stored for in a Marinelli beaker. for polyethylene gamma-ray secular equilibrium spectrometry, to reach ²²⁶*Ra* and ²²⁶*Th* between and their progeny. A 10 gm of the dried sample were used for the analysis by atomic absorption for the K. Bi Pb and Th concentrations. Also 10 Al, gm for XRD for the chemical and mineral composition.

Sampling methods adopted was done obeying bv Her Majestv's Office. the UK Atomic Energy Authority and UK Nirex Ltd, (RADREM, 1980).

4.Measurements

X-ray An diffraction spectrometer model Burker XRD D8 Advance was applied for the chemical and mineral composition. Also an inductively coupled plasma atomic absorption spectrometer of A-Analyst Perkin 700 model OPTIMA 4000 DV series, Elmer was used for the concentrations of Pb and As ppm and Al. Fe and Ca %.

A gamma ray spectrometer based on a HP Ge Canberra crystal of the vertical type model number GC2520, cryostat Canberra model 7500SL. FWHM 1.06 keV for the transition 122 keV ⁵⁷Co and 2.0 keV for the transition 1332.5 keV of 60Co, peak to Compton ratio

53:1, relative efficiency 27.1%, were applied

for the concentrations of the natural²³²Th and ²²⁶Ra series and⁴⁰K and the manmade¹³⁷Cs.

Multichannel analyzer of 8K ADC (analogue to digital converter), Genie 2000 program, ^{152}Eu in analysis. where used for spectrum 640cc Marinilli beaker. the same type, volume and material of these used for measurements, were used for absolute natural **KCl** with three calibration, and ²²⁶Ra different concentrations, as well as point source normalized to the same configuration .

Energies (keV) of 295.2 (20.1)and 351.9 (38.3) ²¹⁴Pb and 609.3 (49.9), 1120.3 (16.2)and 1764.5 (16.0) ²¹⁴Bi were used for the ²²⁶Ra series. 338.4(13) ,911.16(30.3) and 968.97(18.3)²²⁸Ac and 727.25 (8.1) ²¹²Bi, also ²⁰⁸Tl for 583.02(33.2) and 2614.48(35.9) the ^{232}Th series (Saito & ;1985). Moriuchi 1460.8(10.7) for the ${}^{40}K$ and 661.65(89.9) for the ¹³⁷Cs (Holden ;2003).

5.Results and discussion

Table (1) represents XRD analysis results it shows the major and minor minerals. The major mineral is the quartz (SiO_2) , the next is albite (NaAlSi₃ O₈), then calcite $(CaCO_3)$. The minor minerals clinochlore are $(MgFe^{2+})17Si_{20}$ $O_{54}(OH)_{6}$] microline ,and (KAlSi₂O₈).

Table (2) gives concentrations of Al, Fe and Ca % and Pb and As ppm by atomic $(^{208}\text{Pb}.$ lead absorption analysis. The stable ²⁰⁶Pb and ²⁰⁷Pb) ranged from 14.00 to 27.00 ⁴⁴Ca, ppm. Calcium, $({}^{40}Ca, {}^{42}Ca, {}^{43}Ca,$ ⁴⁶Ca and 48 Ca), they are all stable, ranged from 1.66 to 10.60%. Arsenic (⁷⁵As) ranged from 10.50 to 30.70 ppm. Aluminum (²⁷Al) ranged 4.5 to 7.7%. Iron $({}^{54}$ Fe, 56 Fe, 57 Fe from and ⁵⁸Fe), ranged from 3.08 to 4.92%.

Table (3) represents concentrations of radionuclides for the natural ${}^{238}U - {}^{226}Ra$ series and ${}^{232}Th - {}^{228}Ra$ series and ${}^{40}K$ and the manmade ${}^{137}Cs$, Bq/kg dry weight .

For the ${}^{238}U - {}^{226}Ra$ series concentrations protactinium-234m (234m Pa) ranged from LDL to 12.3, and the 226 Ra series from 7.01 to

1555. This shows disequilibrium in the series. $^{232}Th - ^{228}Ra$ series the concentrations For ranged from 5.23 to 21.8, disequilibrium can't be observed in the series. The main reasons for disequilibrium the difference in chemical and physical properties of the elements in the series, weathering, radon as a gas can escape from the sample, also the emission of beta or alpha particles may led the residual nucleus leaving the crystal .

 40 K concentrations ranged from 62.6 (2.2%) to 754.2 (25.5%) this sample contains microlene (KAl Si₃O₈).

Figures (1, 2 and 3) show the relations between ^{226}Ra and ^{228}Ra , ^{40}K and ^{226}Ra and ^{40}K and ^{228}Ra .

¹³⁷Cs were found in four samples concentrations around 3.0 Bq/kg dry weight .

The Ra_{eq} is calculated from the equation (1) (Tufail et al 2006):

 $Ra_{eq} = A_{Ra} + (A_{Th} \times 1.43) + (A_K \times 0.077)$ (1)

The absorbed dose nGy/h is given by the equation (2) (Quindos et al, 2004):

 $D = C_{Ra} A_{Ra} + C_{Th} A_{Th} + C_K A_K$ (2)

Where: C $_{Ra}$, C $_{Th}$ and C $_{K}$ are the conversion factors Bq/kg to nGy/h for radium , thorium and potassium (Quindos et al 2004).

Table (4) represents the values of the Raea and the absorbed dose. The Raed Bq/kg dry weight ranged from 22 to 104.9, less than 370 adopted by EPA for the permissible value. Using the conversion factors from Bq/kg to nGy/y (Ounidos et al ,2004) the adsorbed dose one meter above the ground, ranged from 10 nGy/h (>1mmGy/y) to 52.2 nGy/h (0.46 mGy/y), it is within the permissible value given by EPA and UNSCEAR.

As a conclusion the collec ted samples show that the study area is safe for the radiological levels, for either to live or to cultivate if the type of soil is suitable.

Table (5) gives a comparison of the activity concentrations in the present work and some published values.

Table(6)representselementalconcentrationsinppmorppbmeasuredbyICP-Atomic

Absorption spectrometer for four samples from AL-Khief.

For Ca, the concentrations in ppm of the samples are in the accepted range. For Na, samples have results show that concentrations in ppm higher than the guideline value set by EPA. and need chemical treatment before using for drinking purposes. For K, the of concentrations in pppm the samples are less than the acceptable values per a day per person. For Fe, the concentrations in ppm are ranged from < 0.1to3.08. For Al, the concentrations in ppb of the samples ranged 2268.17. from 33.53 For Cs, the to concentrations in ppb of the samples ranged < 0.1 from 0.39, Hg and Bi, the to concentrations ppb < 0.1. For Pb. in are the concentrations in ppb are less than the guideline value by EPA. For U, the set concentrations in ppb of the samples are in the accepted range.

Table (7) Shows Concentration of radioactive nuclides in water for four samples in Bq/l measured by HPGe. The measured concentrations ranged from 0.001 to 0.016 for ²³⁸U and from 1.4 ± 0.2 to 11.0 ± 0.6 for ²²⁶Ra series and from LDL to 8.5 ± 0.6 for ²³²Th series (²²⁸Ra) and from LDL to 339.2 ± 3.0 and LDL for ³⁷Cs.

Table (8) represents dose conversion factors for 238 U, 226 Ra and 228 Ra in SvBq⁻¹.

Table (9) represents the annual dose measured from 238 U, 226 Ra and 228 Ra in mSv/y for age class ≤ 1 y (infants) to class >17 y (adults).

samples The results show that the exceededthe annual of dose allowed by limit WHO (o.1 mSv/y) for all radioactive nuclides samples need in drinking water, so chemical treatment.

4. TABLES

Table (1) XRD analysis results.

Sample No.	Major	Minor	Trace
SU-1	QUARTZ , ALBITE	MICROCL INE, CLNIOCH LORE, CALCITE	LUDLOKITE , BIOTITE AUGITE , MAGNETITE
SU-2	QUARTZ , ALBITE	CALCITE , CLINOCH LORE	GEIGERITE , MICROCLINE, REEVESITE , BIOTITE , MAGNETITE
SU-3	CALCITE , QUARTZ	ALBITE , CLINOCH LORE	MAGNETITE , TINAKSITE , DUNDASITE , GEIGERITE
SU-4	QUARTZ , ALBITE		MICROCLINE, CALCITE, KAOLINITE FAUJASITE, AUGITE, MAGNETITE
SU-5	QUARTZ , ALBITE , MICROCL INE	CLINOCH LORE	CALCITE , VOLKOVSKITE , MAGNETITE
SU-6	QUARTZ , ALBITE	CLINOCH LORE	CALCITE , AUGITE , MAGNETITE , PARGASITE , BIOTITE, LUDLOKITE
SU-7	QUARTZ , ALBITE	CALCITE , CLINOCH LORE	REEVESITE , BIOTITE , MAGNETITE , PARGASITE
SU-8	QUARTZ , ALBITE	CLINOCH LORE , CALCITE	PARGASITE , AUGITE , BIOTITE, MAGNETITE
SU-9	QUARTZ , ALBITE	CALCITE , CLINOCH LORE	BIOTITE, AUGITE, PARGASITE, MICROCLINE
SU-10	QUARTZ , CALCITE , ALBITE	CLINOCH LORE	PARGASITE, BIOTITE, TUNISITE, OFFRETITE, MAGNETITE

Elements	Al	Fe	Ca	Pb	As
DL.	0.25	0.05	0.05	1.00	5.50
Units	%	%	%	ppm	ppm
SU - 1	6.98	4.72	3.75	19.00	10.50
SU - 2	7.65	4.68	4.98	18.00	12.30
SU - 3	4.48	3.08	10.60	14.00	29.10
SU - 4	6.18	4.60	2.78	16.00	30.70
SU - 5	6.84	3.08	1.60	16.00	17.26
SU - 6	6.61	4.60	3.48	16.00	17.30
SU - 7	6.79	4.68	3.51	19.00	13.41
SU - 8	6.73	4.92	3.28	15.00	12.20
SU - 9	6.80	4.32	5.04	27.00	15.70
SU - 10	6.04	4.14	8.00	25.00	28.60

able (2) Results of the atomic absorption analysis.

Table (3) a represents concentrations of radionuclides for the natural ${}^{238}U - {}^{226}Ra$ series and ${}^{232}Th - {}^{228}Ra$ series and ${}^{40}K$ and the manmade ${}^{137}Cs$, Bq/kg dry weight .

	Concentration	n Bq/kg dry weigh	nt
Sample	U-Ra	a series	Th series
code.			
	^{214m} Pa	Ra-226	Ra-228
SU-1	LDL	7.75 ±0.057	6.84 ±0.078
SU-2	12.1±0.56	10.54 ±0.051	13.95 ±0.09
SU-3	4.6±0.51	7.71±0.05	6.46 ±0.055
SU-4	3.56±0.29	10.08 ±0.044	18.79 ±0.13
SU-5	LDL	15.55 ±0.064	21.84 ±0.13
SU-6	11.42 ±0.52	7.01 ±0.037	8.21±0.054
SU-7	12.3±0.75	10.21 ±0.066	14.86 ±0.13
SU-8	LDL	8.45±0.063	8.02 ±0.099
SU-9	4.8±0.47	8.72±0.062	5.23 ±0.054
SU-10	9.7±0.7	7.60±0.045	6.16 ±0.058

Table (3) b represents concentrations of radionuclides for the natural ${}^{238}U - {}^{226}Ra$ series and ${}^{232}Th - {}^{228}Ra$ series and 40 K and the manmade 137 Cs, Bq/kg dry weight .

	Concentration I	Bq/kg dry weight	Concentration
Sample			%
code.	K-40	Cs-137	Natural-K
SU-1	262.69 ±1.42	0.94 ±0.078	8.875 ±0.048
SU-2	255.30 ±0.95	3.09 ±0.099	8.63 ±0.032
SU-3	64.64 ±0.033	3.6 ±0.16	2.183 ±0.011
SU-4	301.32 ±1.14	2.51 ±0.085	10.18 ±0.039
SU-5	754.21±2.31	1.7 ±0.06	25.48 ±0.078
SU-6	328.36 ±1.22	3.13 ±0.095	11.093 ±0.041
SU-7	312.40 ±1.57	3.181 ±0.133	10.554 ±0.053
SU-8	409.74 ±2.28	1.484 ±0.102	13.842 ±0.077
SU-9	265.92 ±1.42	0.91 ±0.071	8.984 ±0.048
SU-10	209.38 ±1.09	LDL	7.074 ±0.037

LDL: Lower than Detection Limit



Fig. (1) Relative between ²²⁸Ra and ²²⁶Ra per Bq/kg



Fig. (2) Relative between ²²⁶Ra &⁴⁰K per Bq/kg



Fig. (3) Relative between ²²⁸Ra &⁴⁰K per Bq/kg

Sample Code	Ra _{eq} Bk/kg	Absorbed dose nGy/h
SU-1	37.76	18.79
SU-2	50.15	23.89
SU-3	21.93	10.05
SU-4	60.15	28.49
SU-5	104.86	52.17
SU-6	44.03	22.07
SU-7	55.53	26.72
SU-8	51.47	26.10
SU-9	36.67	18.43
SU-10	32.53	16.04

Table (4) the radium equivalent Bq/kg and the absorbed dose nGy/h.

Table (5) Comparison of isotopes concentrations in Bq/kg dry weight concentrations in the present work and some published results.

Reference Nuclide-Series	Present work	Ibrahiem <i>etal.</i> 1993	Ibrahiem etal. , 2003	Al-Garni Z., 2008
U-238–Ra-226	7.01-15.55	5.2-63.7	31-55	9.2-18.1
Th-232–Ra- 228	5.23-21.8	2.5-95.6	2.4-3.2	9.5-22.6
K-40	64.6-754.2	29-653	65-1046	378.2-592.6

Table (6): Element concentrations in ppm or ppbmeasured by ICP-AtomicAbsorption Analyzer inwater samples.

Elements	DL	Sample-	Sample-	Sample-	Sample-
		1	2	3	4
Ca(ppm)	0.2	72.1	152.6	78	180.5
Na(ppm)	0.2	28.4	96.1	254	171.7
Mg(ppm)	0.2	15.3	36.5	28.5	53.7
K(ppm)	0.2	5.9	10.2	3.4	6.2
Fe(ppm)	0.1	0.31	0.13	<0.1	3.08
Al(ppb)	0.1	296.07	111.68	33.53	2268.17
Cs(ppb)	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	0.39	0.1
Hg(ppb)	0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Bi(ppb)	0.1	0.15	<0.1	<0.1	<0.1
Pb(ppb)	0.1	1.66	0.98	1.33	3.36
U(ppb)	0.1	0.1	1.24	1.25	1.14

Table (7): Concentration of radionuclides in watersamples in Bq/l measured by HPGe.

Sample	Concentr	ation in Bq/l		
Code	U-238 *	Ra-226 Series	Ra-228	K-40
DL.	0.001	$\textbf{0.40} \pm \textbf{0.07}$	$\textbf{0.30} \pm \textbf{0.07}$	$\textbf{4.6} \pm \textbf{0.5}$
Sample – 1				
Sample –	0.001	2.02±0.2	LDL	13.6±0.2
2	0.015	1.5±0.1	2.2±0.2	33.8±0.4
Sample – 3	0.016	11.0±0.6	8.5±0.6	339.2±3.0
Sample – 4	0.014	1.4±0.2	LDL	LDL

LDL: Lower than Detection Limit

***U-238 is measured as total uranium by atomic** absorption spectrometry.

Table (8) conversion dose Sv/Bq .

Radio- nuclide		Dose conversion factors (K) Sv/Bq						
	≤1 y	$\leq 1 \text{ y}$ 1-2 y 2-7 y 7-10 y > 17 y						
²³⁸ U	3.4×10 ⁻⁷	1.2×10 ⁻⁷	8.0×10 ⁻⁸	6.8×10 ⁻⁸	4.5×10 ⁻⁸			
²²⁶ Ra	4.7×10 ⁻⁶	9.6×10 ⁻⁷	6.2×10 ⁻⁷	8.0×10 ⁻⁷	2.8×10 ⁻⁷			
²²⁸ Ra	3.0×10 ⁻⁵	5.7×10 ⁻⁶	3.4×10 ⁻⁶	3.9×10 ⁻⁶	6.9×10 ⁻⁷			

Table (9) a The annual dose measured from $^{238}\text{U},$ $^{226}\text{Ra},$ ^{228}Ra in mSv/y for age class \leq 1y.

Doses in	Age Class <1y				
mSv/y	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	Sample 4	
²³⁸ U Dose	0.0001	0.0013	0.0013	0.0012	
²²⁶ Ra Dose	2.4	1.8	13.2	1.7	
²²⁸ Ra Dose	<2.3	16.9	65.2	<2.3	
Annual Dose ²³⁸ U+ ²²⁶ R+ ² ²⁸ R	<4.7	18.7	78.4	<4.0	

 Table (9) b The annual dose measured from ²³⁸U,

 ²²⁶Ra, ²²⁸Ra in mSv/y for age class 1-2y.

Doses in	Age Class1-2y				
mSv/y	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	Sample 4	
²³⁸ U Dose	0.00005	0.0007	0.0007	0.0006	
²²⁶ Ra Dose	0.7	0.5	3.9	0.5	
²²⁸ Ra Dose	0.6	4.6	17.7	0.6	
Annual Dose ²³⁸ U+ ²²⁶ R+ ² ²⁸ R	<1.3	5.1	21.5	<1.1	

Doses in	Age Class 2-7				
mSv/y	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	Sample 4	
²³⁸ U Dose	0.00004	0.0004	0.0005	0.0004	
²²⁶ Ra Dose	0.5	0.3	2.5	0.3	
²²⁸ Ra Dose	<0.4	2.7	10.5	<0.4	
Annual Dose ²³⁸ U+ ²²⁶ R+ ² ²⁸ R	<0.8	3.1	13.0	<0.7	

Table (9) cThe annual dose measured from 238U,226Ra, 228Rain mSv/y for age class 2-7y.

Table (9) d					from	²³⁸ U,
²²⁶ Ra, ²²⁸ Ra	in m	Sv/y for	age cl	ass 7-10y.		

Doses in	Age Class7-10					
mSv/y	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	Sample 4		
²³⁸ U Dose	0.00003	0.00038	0.00038	0.00035		
²²⁶ Ra Dose	0.6	0.4	3.2	0.4		
²²⁸ Ra Dose	<0.4	3.1	12.1	<0.4		
Annual Dose ²³⁸ U+ ²²⁶ R+ ²²⁸ R	<1.0	3.6	15.3	<0.8		

Doses in	Age Class7-10					
mSv/y	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	Sample 4		
²³⁸ U Dose	0.00003	0.00038	0.00038	0.00035		
²²⁶ Ra Dose	0.6	0.4	3.2	0.4		
²²⁸ Ra Dose	<0.4	3.1	12.1	<0.4		
Annual Dose ²³⁸ U+ ²²⁶ R+ ²²⁸ R	<1.0	3.6	15.3	<0.8		

Table (9) f The annual dose measured from 238 U, 226 Ra, 228 Ra in mSv/y for age class >17y.

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