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1. Research Activities

- > Standardization of Radionuclides :
- Activity measurements of P-32, Tl-204 by CIEMAT/NIST method.
- Activity measurement of Zn-65, Cr-51, I-131, Ir-192 by 4 π β-γ coincidence counting and digital coincidence counting techniques.
- Activity measurement of I-125 by photon-photon coincidence counting.
- Activity measurement of Pu-238 by α-γ coincidence counting.
- Emission-rate measurement of Cl-36 area source (100 mm x 100 mm) by using a multiwire proportional counting system.
- > Development of equipments and facilities :
- Radon calibration facility.
- Characteristic evaluation of radon calibration chamber.
- · Development of pulse ionization chamber system for radon measurement.
- TDCR (Triple to Double Coincidence Ratio) system.
- · Characteristic study of the system (H-3, P-32, Tl-204)
- β (LS) γ coincidence counting system. (In progress)
- Construction of detection unit.
- Comparison study with 4 π β (PPC)- γ coincidence counting
- 4 π β - γ (Ge) coincidence counting . (In progress)
 - Construction of detection unit. (HP Ge : 130 % Relative Efficiency)

2. International Activities.

- BIPM intercomparison : Pu-238, P-32, Tl-204, Zn-65, Ir-192, I-125
- APMP intercomparison : Cl-36 area source (Pilot lab. : NMIJ/Japan)
- Submission of KRISS CMCs to JCRB

- CMC review for other RMOs
- Participation of APMP/TCRI meeting

3. Laboratory Sevices

- Dissemination of radioactivity CRMs. (130 CRMs / y)
- Technical consultation to the industry.
- Calibration and test services for radiation detectors and radionuclides.
- Technical training for radiation workers.

4. Future Work

- Development of radioactivity CRMs for medical use and environmental activity measurements.
- Development of radon and radon progeny measurement techniques and calibration of radon detectors.
- Standardization of radionuclides (Cs-137, Ce-139, Sn-113, Mn-54, Sr-85, Co-56, Cs-134, Tc-99m, Hg-203, Na-22)
- Improvement of digital coincidence counting technique.
- Development of performance evaluation techniques for radiation detectors.

5. Others

- KRISS was reviewed about technical competence in the field of ionizing radiation by 3 experts from abroad in order to meet the technical requirements of ISO 17025. (May 14-17, 2002)

6. Publications

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