
RADIOACTIVITY STANDARD REFERENCE MATERIALS

Purpose

The purpose of this Procedure is twofold:

- 1) To document the quality procedures used to insure that the NIST Standard Reference Materials (SRMs) for Radioactivity Measurements are of the highest metrological quality, and
- 2) To document the principles and practices of the production processes of the radioactivity SRMs.

There are a wide range of individual values and protocols that could be used to produce a radioactivity SRM. Hence, the exact values of properties and the exact production details of the current radioactivity SRMs are presented in appendices rather than in the body of this Procedure.

Background

NIST radioactivity SRMs represent the national basis for accurate radioactivity measurements. A number of commercial companies provide secondary radioactivity standards, both for specific and general needs. These secondary standards are linked to the NIST produced national standards through Measurement Assurance Programs with NIST. Generally, the radioactivity SRMs that are available from NIST are provided for one of several reasons: (a) they are not available from outside commercial suppliers, (b) commercially produced standards may not be traceable to national standards, (c) the accuracy of commercially produced standards is not adequate for a significant number of users, or (d) there are enough requests from the user community for a standard not otherwise available. Radioactivity SRMs can typically be classified into three general categories: (1) environmental and nuclear power, (2) medicine, and (3) basic and applied research using or involving radioactivity in the development of nuclear data and the examination of basic nuclear processes.

NIST issues a wide array of SRMs for radioactivity measurements. Typically there are 50 to 60 such SRMs in stock and calibrations have been performed on approximately 80 radionuclides. Expanded uncertainties of these calibrations are typically 1 percent or less. These calibrations are performed using approximately 20 radiometric and a few mass spectrometric methods. The SRMs are issued in a number of configurations, including gamma-ray point sources mounted between thin plastic sheets, acidic solutions of alpha, beta, gamma, and x-ray emitting radionuclides, gases, and Natural Matrix materials. The NIST Natural Matrix radioactivity SRMs (see RPD Procedure 16) are a result of a collaboration of national and international environmental laboratories. These SRMs are distributed as ground, homogenized powders of soils, sediments, and organic materials and are characterized for as many as 20 radionuclides at environmental levels.

NIST radioactivity measurements are compared with the primary standards of other National Metrology Institutes (NMIs) world-wide through the International Bureau of Weights and Measures (BIPM) which organizes and analyses the measurements. The results of such International Comparisons, as well as an extensive data file of NIST Calibration and Measurement Capabilities (CMCs), may be found on the BIPM website at www.bipm.org.

Scope

Appendix A1 lists the properties of 60 radioactivity SRMs that are in stock or in preparation as of July 2009. The certified massic activities (activity divided by the total mass of the sample [1]) of the radioactivity SRMs have a range of more than 15 orders of magnitude, from less than 10^{-3} Bq·g⁻¹ to more than 10^{12} Bq·g⁻¹. The half lives have a range of more than 13 orders of magnitude, from less than 10^{-3} years (6 hours) to more than 10^{10} years. Radioactivity SRMs with short half lives are available only at certain

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preannounced times. The radionuclides range from hydrogen-3 ($Z = 1$) to curium-244 ($Z = 96$), and include solids, liquids, and gases.

For such a wide variety of radioactivity SRMs there is not a single procedure (or even a small number of procedures) that can be used to describe how they are made. There is, however, a sequence of steps that can be used to describe, in general, the production process of an SRM, including a radioactivity SRM. Each of these steps is discussed in greater detail in the Procedures section of this document. Within each step, the intent will be generally the same, but the exact sequence of the steps and the exact procedure by which each step is carried out may vary from SRM to SRM. Each of the most common procedures within each step will be described in detail in an appendix dedicated to that procedure. These appendices form a collection of "modular building blocks" from which the appropriate ones can be selected and combined to form the complete production procedure for any given radioactivity SRM. See Appendix A1 for the information necessary to construct the complete production procedure for each radioactivity SRM.

Safety

The production processes for the radioactivity SRMs involve working with radioactive materials, sometimes at very high levels of activity and dose rate, with various acids and other chemicals, and with potentially dangerous equipment. Safe work practices are an essential part of the production process. See step 6 in the procedures section.

Equipment

The production of the NIST radioactivity SRMs involves a large number of different machines and measuring instruments. See step 8 in the Procedures section.

Uncertainty Analysis

A measurement result is complete only when accompanied by a quantitative statement of its uncertainty. The uncertainty often determines the usefulness of the measurement result. The analysis and reporting of measurement uncertainties is an essential step in the production process. See step 19 in the Procedures section.

Records

The data in the production records should be complete enough so that anyone who is reasonably familiar with the SRM production process can reproduce any or all of the calculations that lead to the final measurement results and uncertainties for the SRM (i.e., the certified values) and evaluate and reproduce the production process (e.g., for the next batch of that SRM). See step 22 in the Procedures section.

Filing and Retention

The radioactivity SRM production records are stored in Building 245, Room E103. The production records are retained for as long as the SRM is available for sale to the public, plus at least an additional 10 years. See step 22 in the Procedures section.

The Radiation Physics Division (RPD) Quality Manager shall maintain the original and all past versions of this RPD Procedure.

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Procedures

The need for a new SRM largely derives from advice from the radioactivity user community. Interactions with this community include the annual CIRMS (Council on Ionizing Radiation Measurements and Standards) meeting, the NRMAP, Inc. steering committees, focused workshops and personal interactions with users within other laboratories, academia and industry. This need is usually identified by the principal investigator responsible for producing, calibrating and certifying the SRM. A need could also be identified by other Radioactivity Group (RG) members.

The responsibilities of the Radioactivity Group Leader, SRM Coordinator and SRM principal investigator as well as the coordination of SRM activities among them, is described in RPD-QM-II Sections 4.2.3.2.2 and 4.2.3.2.

Below is a sequence of general steps that can be used to describe the production process of a radioactivity SRM.

Step 1. Determine the intended use, the requirements, and the demand for the SRM.

Insuring that each NIST radioactivity SRM is of the highest metrological quality requires more than having low uncertainty of the certified values. It also requires that the form, chemical composition, size, activity, and packaging of the SRM are such that the user can easily make correct and accurate measurements; the price of the SRM must also be acceptable to the intended customers. In order to help insure all of these things, the RG seeks the advice of a number of organizations in addition to the requests and suggestions of individual customers.

If this SRM is a renewal (i.e., the production of a new batch of an already existing, but presently out-of-stock, SRM), the previous sales record is also considered. If there is some question about the continued need for a particular radioactivity SRM, then previous customers for that SRM are usually consulted to obtain their comments and suggestions.

See Appendix A1 for the (primary) intended use for each radioactivity SRM.

Step 2. Select the chemical and physical properties of the SRM, and select the chemical and physical quantities that are to be quantified and/or certified.

There are three basic guidelines for the selection of the chemical and physical properties of a radioactivity SRM:

1. The SRM should be stable (there is no chemical or physical change to the radioactivity SRM, other than the intrinsic radioactive decay, that changes a certified value by more than 25 percent of its stated uncertainty over the stated time period) for a period of at least ten half-lives of the primary radionuclide or for at least 20 years, whichever is less.
2. The SRM should be as similar as is practical to the sample(s) that the customer will measure. This helps reduce or eliminate additional uncertainties due to dilution or due to corrections for different geometries, different photon absorptions, etc.
3. The SRM should be useable by as many customers as possible. For example, at the request of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, all new batches of solution radioactivity SRMs that are used as tracers for environmental measurements are made with nitric acid. This is because stainless-steel planchets are widely used to make deposited sources for environmental measurements and nitric acid does not significantly attack stainless steel (unlike, for example, hydrochloric acid).

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There are two basic guidelines for the selection of the chemical and physical properties whose values are to be quantified:

1. All of the properties that are essential to the proper use of the radioactivity SRM must be described quantitatively. For example, some users are able to dispense solution SRMs volumetrically only using a pipette. Since the solution radioactivity SRMs have certified values of massic activity (activity per unit mass), the solution density must be accurately quantified in order for the SRM to be useful.
2. The precision of contributing measurements should be considered such that the expanded uncertainty of the SRM remains low enough to be satisfactory for the majority of users.

See Appendix A1 for the properties of each radioactivity SRM.

Step 3. Select a suitable container and packaging for the SRM.

The three basic guidelines for the selection of a suitable container for a radioactivity SRM are the same as for selecting the chemical and physical properties of the SRM (see step 2).

The containers currently in use for radioactivity SRMs have been selected according to these guidelines. See Appendix A1 for the container used for each radioactivity SRM.

As part of the production process, additional packaging is placed around the container of the radioactivity SRM. This packaging is designed to protect the SRM during handling and long-term storage, and is designed to pass the performance tests for Type-A packages of radioactive material. The packaging currently in use for the radioactivity SRMs have proven satisfactory over decades of use.

Step 4. Select a measurement model, suitable sampling and measurement method (experimental design), including the sequence of operations for the production process.

Four possible types of measurement models are considered for the radioactivity SRMs.

1. LMNL = Linear, Multiplicative, Normal, Low Correlation
2. LMNH = Linear, Multiplicative, Normal, High Correlation
3. LMOL = Linear, Multiplicative, Other than Normal, Low Correlation
4. NMNL = Non-Linear, Multiplicative, Normal, Low Correlation

The first type of measurement model has proven to be appropriate for most of the radioactivity SRMs. The measurement model is selected in consultation with the NIST Statistical Engineering Division, if needed.

Measurements are made on one or more samples of the master solution/mixture to determine the values of the properties that are to be quantified. In order for these measurements to be relevant to the SRM solution/mixture, the two solutions or mixtures must be gravimetrically related. In the RPD, only gravimetric measurements are used when dispensing or diluting the master and the SRM solutions.

It is clearly advantageous in terms of production effort (and often in terms of minimizing the measurement uncertainty as well) to have the master solution and the SRM solution be the same, and this is done whenever practical. For most gamma-ray-emitting radioactivity SRMs, the master solution and the SRM solution are the same solution. For the gamma-ray-emitting solutions, both liquids and gases, the unopened SRM ampoule is the sample for measurement. For the point sources, the sample to be measured is an aliquot taken from the master solution used to prepare the sources.

For alpha-particle-emitting and beta-particle-emitting radioactivity SRMs, the master solution and the SRM solution may or may not be the same solution. For the low-level environmental tracer solutions, the SRM

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solution is a quantitative dilution of the master solution. Careful and thorough mixing of the solutions is essential if the calibration of the master solution is to be relevant to the SRM solution. The master solution is gravimetrically dispensed to make point sources and/or liquid scintillation sources for measurement. If the master solution is to be diluted to make the SRM solution, this is usually done at the same time.

The selection of primary and confirmatory measurement methods depends primarily on the decay mode of the primary radionuclide and on the activity and physical form of the sample(s) to be measured. The general criteria for the selection of a measurement method are:

1. Non-destructive to the sample (if possible)
2. Ease of measurement
3. Ease of sample preparation
4. Low measurement uncertainty
5. Selectivity (if more than one radionuclide is present)
6. High detection efficiency (especially if the decay rate is low)

There are presently 16 basic methods, some with many variations, that are used for primary and/or confirmatory and/or impurity measurements of the radioactivity SRMs. See Appendix A1 for the measurement method(s) used for each radioactivity SRM.

The sequence in which the required steps are to be carried out, and the required facilities, equipment, personnel, supplies, and funding, should be documented in whatever form is satisfactory for the purpose, such as lists, tables, drawings, flow charts, Gantt diagrams, etc.

Step 5. Have the proposed production process reviewed and approved.

The review and approval of the SRM production plan are carried out by the Radioactivity Group Leader and the SRM Coordinator. A record of this review shall be maintained with the SRM documentation.

Step 6. Have the proposed safety measures reviewed and approved by the NIST Occupational Health and Safety Division.

The acquisition and use of radioactive material at NIST must be approved, in advance, by the NIST Health Physics Group (HP), a part of the NIST Occupational Health and Safety Division. For the radioactivity SRM production process, this is done by submitting a written Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for approval along with a properly signed (by the RG Leader or RPD Chief) NIST 364, "Radioactive Material Request." Once approved by the Health Physics Group, the SOP is assigned an identification number and can be referenced in future production processes.

Step 7. Obtain the necessary funding.

This step is normally carried out by the Coordinator of radioactivity SRM production together with the RG leader. Funding of a radioactivity SRM production from the SRM Working Capital Fund requires the approval of the RPD Administrative Officer, the RPD Chief, the Director of the Physics Laboratory, and the NIST Comptroller.

Step 8. Arrange for the use of the necessary facilities, equipment, and personnel

A number of suitable general purpose radiochemistry laboratories are available in the NIST Radiation Physics Division/Radioactivity Group (RPD/RG) for the preparation of radioactivity SRMs and measurement of samples. The production of the NIST radioactivity SRMs involves a large number of

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different machines and measuring instruments. It is the intent of the RPD/RG that there are enough units of each type of equipment available so that no one piece of equipment is essential to the production process of any SRM. For example, the preparation of 50 mg radioactive point sources may require a microbalance with a capacity of >7 g, a readability of <5 μg , and a standard uncertainty of <50 μg (relative to the SI). The RPD/RG currently has at least 6 balances that meet these specifications, all of which are serviced and calibrated once per year with NIST traceable masses.

This step is normally carried out by, or in cooperation with, the Coordinator of radioactivity SRM production and with the concurrence of the RG leader.

Step 9. Acquire suitable materials.

As used here, materials include

- a. the radioactive material for the radioactivity SRM,
- b. chemical reagents and other consumable materials, and
- c. SRM containers, glassware, and other laboratory supplies.

Most radionuclides used to produce radioactivity SRMs are available from commercial suppliers. Radionuclidic purity and carrier concentration vary somewhat, but one can usually purchase suitable radioactive starting material that does not require any additional chemical purification. A few radionuclides that are used for radioactivity SRMs are the parent of a radioactive decay chain and chemical purification may be necessary to improve the calibration accuracy or because of the way in which the SRM is used.

Chemical reagents used as solvents and non-radioactive carriers are at least Analytical Grade reagents, and each bottle is provided with a lot analysis. Spectroscopic Grade reagents or Trace Element Grade reagents are preferred.

Borosilicate glass or Teflon containers are always used for solution radioactivity SRMs.

Step 10. Prepare and characterize the materials (as necessary).

The SRM containers, glassware, and other laboratory supplies are prepared, as necessary, using standard analytical laboratory techniques for washing, rinsing, drying, labeling, etc.

For most of the radioactivity SRMs, the radioactive starting material is received as a solution. The material is measured for radiological (and sometimes chemical) impurities. This is typically done using gamma-ray spectrometry. If the radioactive material is a pure alpha-particle emitter or a pure beta-particle emitter, a portion of the solution may also be measured using alpha-particle or beta-particle spectrometry. Depending upon the nature and level of the impurities, additional chemical separation may be required.

Step 11. Prepare the master solution (or mixture) and, if different from the master, the SRM solution (or mixture).

The master solution or mixture is the material that is calibrated, and the measurements on this material are used to determine the certified values; it is always gravimetrically related to the SRM solution or mixture. The massic activity of the master solution is optimized for the calibration measurements.

For solution radioactivity SRMs, the density of the SRM solution is measured because some users are able to dispense solution SRMs volumetrically only using a pipette. In the RPD/RG, only gravimetric

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measurements are used when dispensing or diluting the master and the SRM solutions.

Step 12. Dispense the SRM solution (or mixture) into the SRM containers.

For a point source, this consists of gravimetrically dispensing from as little as 15 mg to as much as 300 mg of the SRM solution unto the center of the point source mount (filter round on adhesive polyester tape, bare tape, or stainless-steel disk) using a small plastic pycnometer. The mass dispensed depends upon the desired activity for the point source and the type of point source mount (plastic or stainless steel). A larger dispensed mass has a lower relative uncertainty associated with the measurement of the mass, but a smaller area for the deposited radionuclide is also desirable, especially when using the plastic source mounts. For the plastic source mounts, a deposited solution mass of 15 mg to 50 mg is usually satisfactory.

Solution radioactivity SRMs are prepared using a precision liquid dispenser to dispense the SRM solution. For gamma-ray-emitting solution SRMs, the volume of solution is (5.0 ± 0.1) mL in a NIST standard 5 mL borosilicate-glass ampoule (from a NIST ampoule stock reserved for this purpose), and each ampoule is weighed before and after filling (some gamma-ray-emitting solution SRMs are used for measurements as the unopened ampoule). Since the solution radioactivity SRMs have certified values of activity per unit mass, the total mass of the solution in the ampoule must also be measured and included in the certificate.

For alpha-particle-emitting and beta-particle-emitting radioactivity SRMs, the ampoules are also made of borosilicate glass but need not be NIST standard 5 mL ampoules. The volume of solution is approximately 5.0 mL, and some of the ampoules (usually >10 %) are weighed before and after filling. The mass of the solution may or may not be included in the certificate as alpha-particle and beta-particle measurements cannot be made on the solution in an unopened ampoule.

For gaseous radioactivity SRMs, the borosilicate-glass gas ampoules are filled to a measured pressure, usually somewhat less than atmospheric pressure, using a vacuum rack and a gas transfer system. No attempt is made to measure the exact volume of a gas ampoule. Gas ampoules are certified in terms of the total activity in each ampoule.

Step 13. Seal and sterilize the SRM containers.

Point sources: After the deposited solution dries, the point source is covered and sealed using another layer of adhesive polyester tape (or using another stainless-steel disk that is then welded around the edge). Point source radioactivity SRMs are not sterilized.

Ampoules: All ampoules are flame sealed. Some of the solution radioactivity SRMs are sterilized in a pressure cooker for 15 minutes at 103.421kPa (15 psi) to kill any organism that may be present. This is important for those SRM solutions that have a pH between 1 and 13. The growth of organisms in solutions with pH greater than 13 or less than 1 is unlikely. The sterilization procedure also serves as a pressure test for the seal on the ampoule. After sterilization, the ampoules and the pressure cooker are checked to determine any leakage of radioactive material

Step 14. Prepare samples for measurement.

For the gamma-ray-emitting solution radioactivity SRMs, both liquids and gases, the SRM is the sample for measurement. For the point sources, the sample to be measured is an aliquot from the master solution used to prepare the sources.

For the alpha-particle-emitting and beta-particle-emitting radioactivity SRMs, the master solution is the

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sample for the calibration measurements. The master solution is gravimetrically dispensed to make point sources and/or liquid scintillation sources for measurement. In addition, some of the SRM ampoules (typically the first, middle, and last ampoule filled) are opened and similar sources are made to check the gravimetric dilution ratio between the master solution and the SRM solution. In general, the uncertainty associated with the direct measurement of the dilution ratio will be much larger than the uncertainty associated with the gravimetric measurements. The direct measurement serves as a check on any serious error in the gravimetric measurements, in the calculations, or in the thoroughness of mixing the solution.

See Appendix A1 for the method of preparing the measurement samples for each radioactivity SRM.

Step 15. Measure the value of each selected property using a primary measurement method.

For the gamma-ray-emitting solution radioactivity SRMs, both liquids and gases, each ampoule is measured in the Pressurized Ionization Chamber "A" (PIC "A") to determine the total activity of the primary radionuclide. Corrections are made for the response due to any other photon-emitting radionuclides present.

See Appendix A1 for the primary measurement method used for each radioactivity SRM.

Step 16. Confirm each measured value using one or more confirmatory measurement methods.

Where possible, independent confirmatory measurement methods are used to verify the results from the primary measurement method. Comparison with samples from one or more of the previous batches of the same SRM is also used when such samples are available. A confirmatory method is also used to measure one or more of the individual radioactivity SRMs when the SRM solution is not the master solution. This serves as an additional check on the dispensing and/or dilution of the master solution.

See Appendix A1 for the confirmatory measurement method(s) used for each radioactivity SRM.

Step 17. Measure the homogeneity among (and possibly within) SRM units.

The homogeneity among radioactivity SRM units is usually confirmed by making measurements on several units within the same batch.

For gamma-ray-emitting solution radioactivity SRMs, the massic activity of the solution in each ampoule can be calculated from the measured activity and the measured solution mass. The massic activities are checked for deviant values and for correlations (such as with dispensing sequence or mass of solution).

For gamma-ray-emitting point sources, each point source can be measured with reproducible (but not necessarily known) efficiency. The massic response for each point source can be calculated from the measured response and the measured mass of solution dispensed unto the point source. The massic responses are checked for deviant values and for correlations (such as with dispensing sequence or mass of solution). The activity of one or more of the point sources can be determined (usually using a calibrated photon spectrometry system) and compared with the activity expected from the mass of calibrated solution dispensed unto the source.

For alpha-particle-emitting and pure beta-particle-emitting solution radioactivity SRMs, several ampoules (typically one of the first, middle, and last of the ampoules filled) are opened and the massic activity of each solution is measured. The massic activities are checked for deviant values and for correlations (such as with dispensing sequence).

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See Appendix A1 for the homogeneity test(s) used for each radioactivity SRM.

Step 18. Establish traceability.

For solution radioactivity SRMs, the measurements include:

1. Radionuclide(s),
2. Massic Activity(ies),
3. Expanded Uncertainty(ies),
4. Reference Time,
5. Solution Mass, and
6. Solution Density (uncertified) at a reference temperature (usually 20 °C).

For gas ampoules and point sources, the measurements include:

1. Radionuclide(s),
2. Total Activity(ies),
3. Expanded Uncertainty(ies), and
4. Reference Time.

The measurements made as part of the calibration of a radioactivity SRM are traceable to NIST as follows:

1. Time

Measurements of clock time are made using direct time transmissions from NIST Boulder. Counting time increments obtained with calibration instruments are measured by counting the number of cycles from temperature compensated crystal oscillators whose frequencies are measured using a frequency meter traceable to NIST.

2. Mass

Balances and scales used to measure the mass of the SRM solution (or solid) are serviced and calibrated at least once per year using masses (weight sets) directly traceable to NIST.

3. Length (Volume)

Volumetric glassware used to determine the solution density is Class A glassware and is gravimetrically calibrated using distilled water and the well-established relationship between the density of pure water and the temperature.

4. Temperature / Pressure / Relative Humidity

The manufacturer's stated accuracy for instruments used to measure temperature, pressure and relative humidity are sufficient.

The determination of activity requires that the number of radioactive decays that occur during a finite time interval be counted. The time interval can usually be chosen so as to make its uncertainty negligible. The difficulty lies in determining the efficiency of the detector for the radioactive decays. Every radioactivity detector has some intrinsic inefficiency, has a finite size (and hence boundaries), cannot detect radioactive decays that deposit less than some minimum amount of energy in the detector (threshold), and gives some count rate even in the absence of radioactive decays in the source (background count rate). The efficiency of a single detector (decays detected/total decays) cannot be verified without reference to one or more other detectors.

The efficiency of a detector has to be calculated on the basis of one or more theoretical measurement models, each of which has some inherent uncertainty. For radioactive decay, the theoretical measurement models with the lowest uncertainties are those that use multiple detectors, time correlation measurements, and efficiency extrapolations. (See references [4-6].) These measurement models (and the related measurement methods: coincidence and anticoincidence counting with efficiency-extrapolation techniques)

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cannot be used with all radionuclides or types of decay. But activity calibrations using these models and techniques have become the cornerstone of the international measurement system for radioactivity. The calibration of virtually all radioactivity measurement instruments is based upon them.

Step 19. Evaluate the uncertainty.

Measurement uncertainty is evaluated in accordance with the *Guide to the Expression of Uncertainty in Measurement* [2] and the *Guidelines for Evaluating and Expressing the Uncertainty of NIST Measurement Results* [3].

In general, the uncertainty components associated with the instruments and artifacts used to measure time, mass, length (volume), temperature, pressure, and relative humidity, are small and reasonably well known. For most radioactivity SRMs, the largest component of uncertainty arises from the uncertainty in the detection efficiency for the radioactive decays. The uncertainties associated with the detection efficiency (decays detected/total decays) vary with the type of radioactive decay, with the type of detector, and with the measurement method.

See Appendix A1 for the radionuclide, the decay mode(s), the expanded uncertainty, the measurement method(s), and other data for each radioactivity SRM.

Step 20. Label, package, and store the SRM containers.

As part of the production process, additional packaging is placed around the container for the radioactivity SRM. This packaging is designed to protect the SRM during handling and long-term storage. The packaged SRMs are stored in Building 245, Room B49 until shipped to the customer.

The US Department of Transportation (USDOT) and the US Nuclear Regulatory Commission (USNRC) require that personnel that label and package radioactive material for shipping be certified to do so. USDOT certification is available through training by the NIST Health Physics Group.

Step 21. Prepare the SRM Certificate and Conduct Technical Review.

The NIST Certificate for a radioactivity SRM contains information about the composition, the properties, and the proper use of the SRM, and additional required information as stated in NIST-QM-I Sections 5.10.2 and 5.10.3. For an example of previously issued certificates, see Appendix A3.

Prior to issuance, the certificate undergoes a final technical review. The technical review must be approved (and signed) by the principal investigator, RG leader, the RPD chief and the SRM coordinator.

Step 22. Collect and store the production records.

The radioactivity SRM production plan, detailed descriptions of the certification methods and procedures, methods of validation, measurement uncertainty, and sampling plans are archived together in a three ring binder. These documents and records are stored in Building 245, Room E103. The production information is retained for as long as the SRM is available for sale to the public, plus at least an additional 10 years.

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A list of the typical contents of the Record File is presented below:

Preparatory

- Justification for SRM production. This is a simple statement as to why the SRM is being produced; e.g., reissue of previous one, new demand for new one and justification, etc. The SRM coordinator can assist in the justification.
- Funding request to and approval from the SRM Program Office. This is largely handled by the SRM coordinator.
- Approval for acquisition and use of radioactive materials by Health Physics (NIST 364)
- Description of the experimental design/plans (i.e., list, table, diagrams, outline, flowchart, etc.), which may include measurement methods, sequence of steps to be used, facilities, equipment, supplies, personnel, counting source preparation details, etc.
- Production approval by SRM coordinator, including number to be produced, activity levels, composition, etc.
- Purchase order for radioactive material (if necessary).
- Acquisition of material explanation (if not purchased).

Production (as applicable)

- Any relevant technical information of the material provided by the manufacturer or from previous production.
- MSDS (if material has a physical, chemical or biological hazard).
- Preparation of carrier solution data.
- Preparation of master solution or mixture data.
- Dispenser test data (if applicable).
- SRM dispensing data (if applicable).
- Statement of SRM sterilization and independent documentation if available (e.g., radiation sterilization for natural matrix SRM).
- Preparation of counting sources/samples data (if applicable).

Data and Analyses (for standardization)

- Hardcopies of all original data, including all original hand-written data sheets and all instrument print outs.
- Notations of any equipment and instruments settings (as needed).
- Hardcopies of all data analyses records (electronic version is acceptable to include, but hardcopy is needed), including all analysis software output, all spreadsheets, all summary tables, graphs, etc.
- Any calculations performed, e.g., for corrected masses, solution composition, decay corrections, decay-corrected K values for appropriate RRS (see RPD Procedure 01), LS detection efficiencies, etc.
- Explanation of any calculation assumptions.
- An uncertainty analysis page (including basis, assumptions, and derivations as needed).

Certification and Transfer

- Summary statement(s) – in short paragraph or tabular form-- regarding the basis for the certified values and how they were determined.
- Production/calibration schedule of all principal steps (from the initial design and lab set up through the certification) with a listing of the responsible person(s) and dates.
- All the drafts of the certificate and revisions (see NIST-QM-I Sections 5.10.2 and 5.10.3 for everything that the certificate must contain at a minimum).
- Packaging information and a sample of the SRM label.
- All packaging inserts; user notes, MSDS, etc.

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- Technical review sheet (signed).
- Transfer form(s) to SRM stock or inventory control. This is largely handled by the SRM coordinator.

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The first four references below are of general interest. The calibration and/or production processes for some of the radioactivity SRMs have been published in the literature. Where this is the case, it is noted under "Other Information" in Appendix A1 and the reference is listed below.

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SRM Number	4201B	4218F	4222C	4226C
Radionuclide	Nb-94	Eu-152	C-14	Ni-63
Decay Mode(s) (>1%)	BP,GR	BP,EC,GR	BP	BP
Half Life	20.3 ka	13.537 a	5.70 ka	100.1 a
Intended Use	CAL(Ge,NaI)	CAL(Ge,NaI)	CAL(LSC)	CAL(LSC)
Physical State	Solid	Solid	Liquid	Liquid
Chemical Form	NbO	EuCl ₃	n-Hexadecane	NiCl ₂
Solution/Mixture Composition	-	-	n-Hexadecane	0.9 mol·L ⁻¹ HCl
Solution/Mixture Mass (g)	-	-	~5	5.080
Solution density (g·mL ⁻¹)	-	-	0.771	1.014
Containment	PSG	PSG	5AMP	5AMP
Non-radioactive Carrier	NbO	EuCl ₃	None	NiCl ₂
Carrier Concentration (mg·L ⁻¹)	~140 µg total	~10 µg total	-	220
Massic Activity (Bq·g ⁻¹)	~4 kBq total*	<150 kBq total*	54.02 k	47.10 k
Reference Time	Apr 1970	01 Jan 1999	03 Sep 1990	15 Nov 2005
Expanded Uncertainty (k=2) (%)	1.5	0.78	0.81	0.94
Source of Starting Material(s)	PUR(COM)	PUR(USDOE)	PUR(COM)	PUR(COM)
Preparation of Starting Material(s)	None	None	None	None
Impurity Measurement Method	GRS0&2(Ge)	GRS0&2(Ge)	GRS0(Ge),LSC2	GRS0&2(Ge)
Radionuclidic Impurities Detected	Nb-93m	Eu-154	None	None
Relative Activity of the Impurity	7.1E-1	3.8E-3	-	-
Preparation of Master Solution	DIL	DIL	DIL	CAR,DIL
Preparation of SRM Solution	= Master	= Master	= Master	= Master
Preparation of Measurement Samples	GRV2	DIL5	GRV2	GRV2
Primary Measurement Model Type	LMNL	LMNL	LMNL	LMNL
Primary Measurement Method	CAC	PIC1(CPD)	LSC2+ET(H-3)	LSC2+ET(H-3), CPR
Confirmatory Method(s)	CPD2(Ge)	CPD2(Ge)	None	None
Homogeneity Test	ALL	ALL	SEQ	SEQ
Other Information	[a]	[a]	-	-

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SRM Number	4233E	4241C	4274	4288B
Radionuclide	Cs-137	Ba-133	Ho-166m	Tc-99
Decay Mode(s) (>1%)	BP,GR	EC,GR	BP,GR	BP
Half Life	30.04 a	10.52 a	1.20 ka	211 ka
Intended Use	CAL(Ge,NaI)	CAL(Ge,NaI)	CAL(Ge,NaI)	CAL,ENV
Physical State	Liquid	Solid	Liquid	Liquid
Chemical Form	CsCl	BaCl ₂	HoCl ₃	KTcO ₄
Solution/Mixture Composition	1 mol·L ⁻¹ HCl	-	1 mol·L ⁻¹ HCl	0.001 mol·L ⁻¹ KOH
Solution/Mixture Mass (g)	5.067	-	5.057	4.994
Solution density (g·mL ⁻¹)	1.015	-	1.016	0.997
Containment	5NIST	PSG	5NIST	5AMP
Non-radioactive Carrier	CsCl	BaCl ₂	HoCl ₃	None
Carrier Concentration (mg·L ⁻¹)	27	~7 µg total	282	-
Massic Activity (Bq·g ⁻¹)	298.6 k	<140 kBq total*	19.3 k	31.55 k
Reference Time	30 Sep 2005	01 Jan 1999	15 Feb 2006	01 May 2008
Expanded Uncertainty (k=2) (%)	0.70	0.60	0.81 to 2.4	0.66
Source of Starting Material(s)	PUR(COM)	PUR(COM)	PUR(USDOE)	PUR(USDOE)
Preparation of Starting Material(s)	None	None	None	None
Impurity Measurement Method	GRS0&2(Ge)	GRS0&2(Ge)	GRS0&2(Ge)	GRS0&2(Ge)
Radionuclidic Impurities Detected	None	None	Tm-170	None
Relative Activity of the Impurity	-	-	In preparation	-
Preparation of Master Solution	CAR,DIL	DIL	DIL	DIL
Preparation of SRM Solution	= Master	= Master	= Master	= Master
Preparation of Measurement Samples	None	DIL5	None	GRV2
Primary Measurement Model Type	LMNL	LMNL	LMNL	LMNL
Primary Measurement Method	PIC2(CAC)	PIC1(CAC)	GRS(Ge)	LSC 2+ET(H-3)
Confirmatory Method(s)	None	CPD2(Ge)	PIC2(CAC)	CAC+ET(Co-60), LSC(TDCR), CPR
Homogeneity Test	ALL	ALL	ALL	SEQ
Other Information	-	[a]	-	-

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SRM Number	4321C	4322C	4323B	4324B
Radionuclide	U-NAT	Am-241	Pu-238	U-232
Decay Mode(s) (>1%)	AP	AP,GR	AP	AP
Half Life	4.468 Ga	432.6 a	87.7 a	68.9 a
Intended Use	CAL,ENV	CAL,ENV	CAL,ENV	CAL,ENV
Physical State	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid
Chemical Form	UO ₂ (NO ₃) ₂	Am(NO ₃) ₃	Pu(NO ₃) ₆	UO ₂ (NO ₃) ₂
Solution/Mixture Composition	1 mol·L ⁻¹ HNO ₃	1 mol·L ⁻¹ HNO ₃	3 mol·L ⁻¹ HNO ₃	2 mol·L ⁻¹ HNO ₃
Solution/Mixture Mass (g)	5.258	5.1546	~5.5	5.321
Solution density (g·mL ⁻¹)	1.053	1.030	1.101	1.064
Containment	5AMP	5NIST	5AMP	5NIST
Non-radioactive Carrier	None	None	None	None
Carrier Concentration (mg·L ⁻¹)	-	-	-	-
Massic Activity (Bq·g ⁻¹)	486.2	106.4	41.52	38.22
Reference Time	01 Aug 1997	16 May 2007	15 Nov 1999	01 Jul 2002
Expanded Uncertainty (k=2) (%)	0.78	0.26	0.68	0.80
Source of Starting Material(s)	PUR(USDOE)	PUR(COM)	PUR(USDOE)	PUR(COM)
Preparation of Starting Material(s)	DSS	None	DSS	None
Impurity Measurement Method	GRS1(Ge),APS2	GRS0(Ge)	GRS0(Ge),APS2	GRS0(Ge),APS1
Radionuclidic Impurities Detected	None	None	None	None
Relative Activity of the Impurity	-	-	-	-
Preparation of Master Solution	QDIL	DIL	DIL	None
Preparation of SRM Solution	QDIL	QDIL	QDIL	QDIL
Preparation of Measurement Samples	GRV1	GRV1	GRV1	GRV1
Primary Measurement Model Type	LMNL	LMNL	LMNL	LMNL
Primary Measurement Method	WTR0,MS2	LSC1	LSC1	CAC
Confirmatory Method(s)	LSC2,SB	CAC1	LSC2	PIC1(THE),CPR
Homogeneity Test	SEQ	RAN	SEQ	SEQ
Other Information	-	-	-	-

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SRM Number	4326	4328C	4329	4330C
Radionuclide	Po-209	Th-229	Cm-243	Pu-239
Decay Mode(s) (>1%)	AP	AP,GR	AP,GR	AP
Half Life	102 a	7.340 ka	29.1 a	24.110 ka
Intended Use	CAL,ENV	CAL,ENV	CAL,ENV	CAL,ENV
Physical State	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid
Chemical Form	PoCl ₄	Th(NO ₃) ₄	Cm(NO ₃) ₃	Pu(NO ₃) ₆
Solution/Mixture Composition	2 mol·L ⁻¹ HCl	1.1 mol·L ⁻¹ HNO ₃	1 mol·L ⁻¹ HNO ₃	3.4 mol·L ⁻¹ HNO ₃
Solution/Mixture Mass (g)	5.160	5.1791	5.156	2.7707
Solution density (g·mL ⁻¹)	1.031	1.036	Not given	1.1082
Containment	5AMP	5NIST	5AMP	5AMP
Non-radioactive Carrier	None	None	None	None
Carrier Concentration (mg·L ⁻¹)	-	-	-	-
Massic Activity (Bq·g ⁻¹)	85.42	35.29	69.50	38.41
Reference Time	15 Mar 1994	31 Dec 2007	13 Jun 1984	1 May 2009
Expanded Uncertainty (k=2) (%)	0.42	0.60	1.4	0.46
Source of Starting Material(s)	PUR(COM)	PUR(USDOE)	PUR(USDOE)	PUR(USDOE)
Preparation of Starting Material(s)	None	DSS	DSS	DSS
Impurity Measurement Method	GRS0(Ge),APS1	GRS0(Ge)	GRS0(Ge),APS2	GRS0(Ge),APS2
Radionuclidic Impurities Detected	Po-208	None	Am-243;Cm-244	None
Relative Activity of the Impurity	1.E-3	-	8.E-4;8.E-4	-
Preparation of Master Solution	DIL	DIL	DIL	DIL
Preparation of SRM Solution	QDIL	QDIL	= Master	QDIL
Preparation of Measurement Samples	GRV1	GRV1	GRV1	GRV1
Primary Measurement Model Type	LMNL	LMNL	LMNL	LMNL
Primary Measurement Method	LSC1	CAC1&2	DSA1	LSC1
Confirmatory Method(s)	GCE1,SB1	LSC2+ET(H-3), LSC(TDCR),SB2 , APS, CPR	None	CPR
Homogeneity Test	SEQ	SEQ	None	RAN
Other Information	-	-	-	-

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SRM Number	4332E	4334H	4337	4338A
Radionuclide	Am-243	Pu-242	Pb-210	Pu-240
Decay Mode(s) (>1%)	AP,GR	AP	BP,GR	AP
Half Life	7.370 ka	373.5 ka	22.2 a	6.564 ka
Intended Use	CAL,ENV	CAL,ENV	CAL,ENV	CAL,ENV
Physical State	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid
Chemical Form	Am(NO ₃) ₃	Pu(NO ₃) ₆	Pb(NO ₃) ₂	Pu(NO ₃) ₆
Solution/Mixture Composition	1.1 mol·L ⁻¹ HNO ₃	3.2 mol·L ⁻¹ HNO ₃	1 mol·L ⁻¹ HNO ₃	2.8 mol·L ⁻¹ HNO ₃
Solution/Mixture Mass (g)	5.1713	~5.5	5.133	5.471
Solution density (g·mL ⁻¹)	1.035	1.105	1.028	1.091
Containment	5AMP	5AMP	5NIST	5AMP
Non-radioactive Carrier	None	None	Pb(NO ₃) ₂ , Bi(NO ₃) ₃	None
Carrier Concentration (mg·L ⁻¹)	-	-	16, 35	-
Massic Activity (Bq·g ⁻¹)	38.49	26.31	9.037 k	40.88
Reference Time	1 Oct 2008	07 Jun 1994	15 June 2006	01 May 1996
Expanded Uncertainty (k=2) (%)	0.90	0.72	2.4	0.76
Source of Starting Material(s)	PUR(COM)	PUR(USDOE)	PUR(COM)	PUR(USDOE)
Preparation of Starting Material(s)	None	DSS	None	DSS
Impurity Measurement Method	GRS0(Ge)	GRS1(Ge),APS 2	GRS0&2(Ge)	GRS0(Ge),APS 2
Radionuclidic Impurities Detected	None	Pu-241	None	Pu-238;Am-241
Relative Activity of the Impurity	-	3.5E-3	-	9.E-3;2.E-4
Preparation of Master Solution	DIL	DIL	DIL	DIL
Preparation of SRM Solution	QDIL	QDIL	QDIL	QDIL
Preparation of Measurement Samples	GRV1	GRV1	GRV1	GRV1
Primary Measurement Model Type	LMNL	LMNL	LMNL	LMNL
Primary Measurement Method	LSC2+ET(H-3)	LSC1	LSC2+ET(H-3)	DSA1,LSC1
Confirmatory Method(s)	CPR	LSC2	GRS2(Ge)	LSC2
Homogeneity Test	SEQ	SEQ	RAN	SEQ
Other Information	-	-	-	-

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SRM Number	4339B	4340B	4341A	4342A
Radionuclide	Ra-228	Pu-241	Np-237	Th-230
Decay Mode(s) (>1%)	BP	BP	AP,GR	AP
Half Life	5.75 a	14.33 a	2.14 Ma	75.38 ka
Intended Use	CAL,ENV	CAL,ENV	CAL,ENV	CAL,ENV
Physical State	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid
Chemical Form	Ra(NO ₃) ₂	Pu(NO ₃) ₆	Np(NO ₃) ₃	Th(NO ₃) ₄
Solution/Mixture Composition	1 mol·L ⁻¹ HNO ₃	2.8 mol·L ⁻¹ HNO ₃	2 mol·L ⁻¹ HNO ₃	1.3 mol·L ⁻¹ HNO ₃
Solution/Mixture Mass (g)	In preparation	5.5050	In preparation	5.1626
Solution density (g·mL ⁻¹)	In preparation	1.087	In preparation	1.032
Containment	5NIST	5AMP	5AMP	5NIST
Non-radioactive Carrier	Ba(NO ₃) ₂	None	None	None
Carrier Concentration (mg·L ⁻¹)	In preparation	-	In preparation	-
Massic Activity (Bq·g ⁻¹)	In preparation	258.5	In preparation	40.83
Reference Time	In preparation	15 June 2007	In preparation	1 Apr 2007
Expanded Uncertainty (k=2) (%)	In preparation	3.8	In preparation	0.38
Source of Starting Material(s)	DON(NIST)	PUR(COM)	PUR(USDOE)	PUR(USDOE)
Preparation of Starting Material(s)	DSS,SEP	None	DSS	DSS,SEP
Impurity Measurement Method	GRS1(Ge)	GRS1(Ge)	GRS0(Ge),APS1	GRS1,MS0
Radionuclidic Impurities Detected	In preparation	None	None	Th-229;Th-232
Relative Activity of the Impurity	In preparation	-	-	4E-4;6E-7
Preparation of Master Solution	DIL	DIL	DIL	DIL
Preparation of SRM Solution	QDIL	QDIL	QDIL	QDIL
Preparation of Measurement Samples	GRV1&2	GRV1	GRV1	GRV1
Primary Measurement Model Type	LMNL	LMNL	LMNL	LMNL
Primary Measurement Method	LSC	LSC2+ET(H-3)	In preparation	LSC1
Confirmatory Method(s)	CPD2	LSC2(TDCR)	In preparation	SB2
Homogeneity Test	In preparation	RAN	In preparation	RAN
Other Information	In preparation	-	In preparation	-

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SRM Number	4361C	4370C	4401H	4401L
Radionuclide	H-3	Eu-152	I-131	I-131
Decay Mode(s) (>1%)	BP	BP,EC,GR	BP,GR	BP,GR
Half Life	12.32 a	13.537 a	8.02070 d	8.02070 d
Intended Use	HYD	CAL(Ge,NaI)	CAL,NM	CAL,NM
Physical State	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid
Chemical Form	H ₂ O	EuCl ₃	KI	KI
Solution/Mixture Composition	H ₂ O	1 mol·L ⁻¹ HCl	0.008 mol·L ⁻¹ LiOH+	0.007 mol·L ⁻¹ LiOH+
Solution/Mixture Mass (g)	~500	5.0338	4.9420*	4.9744*
Solution density (g·Ml ⁻¹)	0.998	Not given	0.999	0.999
Containment	500GB	5NIST	5NIST	5NIST
Non-radioactive Carrier	None	EuCl ₃	KI	KI
Carrier Concentration (mg·L ⁻¹)	-	277	600	70
Massic Activity (Bq·g ⁻¹)	2.009	93.90 k	206.8 M	5.365 M
Reference Time	03 Sep 1998	02 Feb 1987	every Jan	every Jan
Expanded Uncertainty (k=2) (%)	0.76	1.1	0.70	0.70
Source of Starting Material(s)	PUR(COM)	PUR(USDOE)	PUR(COM)	PUR(COM)
Preparation of Starting Material(s)	None	None	None	None
Impurity Measurement Method	GRS0(Ge),BPS 1	GRS1(Ge)	GRS2(Ge)	GRS1&2(Ge)
Radionuclidic Impurities Detected	None	Eu-154	None	None
Relative Activity of the Impurity	-	2.9E-3	-	-
Preparation of Master Solution	= 4926E	CAR,DIL	CAR,DIL	= 4401H
Preparation of SRM Solution	QDIL	= Master	= Master	CAR,QDIL
Preparation of Measurement Samples	GRV2	None	None	None
Primary Measurement Model Type	LMNL	LMNL	LMNL	LMNL
Primary Measurement Method	GCI	PIC1(CPD)	PIC1(CAC)	PIC1&2(CAC)
Confirmatory Method(s)	LSC2	CPD2(Ge)	CPD2(Ge)	CDP2(Ge)
Homogeneity Test	SEQ	ALL	ALL	ALL
Other Information	[e]	-	-	-

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SRM Number	4404H	4404L	4407H	4407L
Radionuclide	Tl-201	Tl-201	I-125	I-125
Decay Mode(s) (>1%)	EC,GR	EC,GR	EC,GR	EC,GR
Half Life	72.912 h	72.912 h	59.400 d	59.400 d
Intended Use	CAL,NM	CAL,NM	CAL,NM	CAL,NM
Physical State	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid
Chemical Form	TlNO ₃	TlNO ₃	KI	KI
Solution/Mixture Composition	1.2 mol·L ⁻¹ HNO ₃	1.2 mol·L ⁻¹ HNO ₃	0.07 mol·L ⁻¹ LiOH	0.01 mol·L ⁻¹ LiOH
Solution/Mixture Mass (g)	5.3317*	5.2051*	5.1459*	4.9608*
Solution density (g·Ml ⁻¹)	1.039	1.040	1.007	0.999
Containment	5NIST	5NIST	5NIST	5NIST
Non-radioactive Carrier	TlNO ₃	TlNO ₃	KI	KI
Carrier Concentration (mg·L ⁻¹)	200	100	5000	60
Massic Activity (Bq·g ⁻¹)	67.22 M	5.858 M	211.0 M	1.433 M
Reference Time	every Jun	every Jun	every Dec	every Dec
Expanded Uncertainty (k=2) (%)	0.80	0.80	0.78	0.78
Source of Starting Material(s)	PUR(COM)	PUR(COM)	PUR(COM)	PUR(COM)
Preparation of Starting Material(s)	None	None	None	None
Impurity Measurement Method	GRS2(Ge)	GRS1&2(Ge)	GRS2(Ge)	GRS1&2(Ge)
Radionuclidic Impurities Detected	Tl-200;Tl-202	Tl-200;Tl-202	None	None
Relative Activity of the Impurity	2.E-3;2.E-3	2.E-3;2.E-3	-	-
Preparation of Master Solution	CAR,DIL	= 4404H	DIL	= 4407H
Preparation of SRM Solution	= Master	CAR,QDIL	= Master	CAR,QDIL
Preparation of Measurement Samples	None	None	GRV2	GRV2
Primary Measurement Model Type	LMNL	LMNL	LMNL	LMNL
Primary Measurement Method	PIC1(CAC)	PIC1&2(CAC)	SPC2	SPC
Confirmatory Method(s)	CPD2(Ge)	CPD2(Ge)	CPD2(Ge)	CDP2(Ge)
Homogeneity Test	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL
Other Information	-	-	-	-

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SRM Number	4410H		4412H	4412L
Radionuclide	Tc-99m		Mo-99	Mo-99
Decay Mode(s) (>1%)	IT,GR		BP,GR	BP,GR
Half Life	6.01 h		65.94 h	65.94 h
Intended Use	CAL,NM		CAL,NM	CAL,NM
Physical State	Liquid		Liquid	Liquid
Chemical Form	NaTcO ₄		Na ₂ MoO ₄	Na ₂ MoO ₄
Solution/Mixture Composition	0.16 mol·L ⁻¹ NaCl		3.1 mol·L ⁻¹ HNO ₃	3.1 mol·L ⁻¹ HNO ₃
Solution/Mixture Mass (g)	4.9865*		5.4834*	5.5053*
Solution density (g·Ml ⁻¹)	1.005		1.102	1.102
Containment	5NIST		5NIST	5NIST
Non-radioactive Carrier	None		Na ₂ MoO ₄	Na ₂ MoO ₄
Carrier Concentration (mg·L ⁻¹)	-		1000	90
Massic Activity (Bq·g ⁻¹)	1.408 G		353.9 M	15.22 M
Reference Time	every May		every Feb	every Feb
Expanded Uncertainty (k=2) (%)	0.64		0.72	0.72
Source of Starting Material(s)	PUR(COM)		PUR(COM)	PUR(COM)
Preparation of Starting Material(s)	None		None	None
Impurity Measurement Method	GRS2(Ge)		GRS2(Ge)	GRS1&2(Ge)
Radionuclidic Impurities Detected	Mo-99		None	None
Relative Activity of the Impurity	1.E-6		-	-
Preparation of Master Solution	DIL		CAR,DIL	= 4412H
Preparation of SRM Solution	= Master		= Master	CAR,QDIL
Preparation of Measurement Samples	None		None	None
Primary Measurement Model Type	LMNL		LMNL	LMNL
Primary Measurement Method	PIC1(CAC)		PIC1(CAC)	PIC1&2(CAC)
Confirmatory Method(s)	CPD2(Ge)		CPD2(Ge)	CDP2(Ge)
Homogeneity Test	ALL		ALL	ALL
Other Information	-		-	-

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SRM Number	4415H	4415L	4416H	4416L
Radionuclide	Xe-133	Xe-133	Ga-67	Ga-67
Decay Mode(s) (>1%)	BP,GR	BP,GR	EC,GR	EC,GR
Half Life	5.243 d	5.243 d	3.2612 d	3.2612 d
Intended Use	CAL,NM	CAL,NM	CAL,NM	CAL,NM
Physical State	Gas	Gas	Liquid	Liquid
Chemical Form	Xe	Xe	GaCl ₃	GaCl ₃
Solution/Mixture Composition	Xe	Xe	2 mol·L ⁻¹ HCl	2 mol·L ⁻¹ HCl
Solution/Mixture Mass (g)	~20 mg total	~7 mg total	5.0180*	5.1523*
Solution density (g·mL ⁻¹)	~75 kPa	~25 Kpa	1.033	1.033
Containment	5GAS	5GAS	5NIST	5NIST
Non-radioactive Carrier	None	None	GaCl ₃	GaCl ₃
Carrier Concentration (mg·L ⁻¹)	-		800	800
Mass Activity (Bq·g ⁻¹)	7.560 G total*	563.8 M total*	89.88 M	4.688 M
Reference Time	every Sep	every Sep	every Apr	every Apr
Expanded Uncertainty (k=2) (%)	0.78	0.78	0.60	0.60
Source of Starting Material(s)	PUR(COM)	PUR(COM)	PUR(COM)	PUR(COM)
Preparation of Starting Material(s)	None	None	None	None
Impurity Measurement Method	GRS2(Ge)	GRS1&2(Ge)	GRS2(Ge)	GRS1&2(Ge)
Radionuclidic Impurities Detected	Kr-85;Xe-131m	Kr-85;Xe-131m	None	None
Relative Activity of the Impurity	4.E-6;1.5E-2	5.E-6;1.5E-2	-	-
Preparation of Master Solution	CAR,DIL	= 4415H	CAR,DIL	= 4416H
Preparation of SRM Solution	= Master	CAR,QDIL	= Master	CAR,QDIL
Preparation of Measurement Samples	None	None	None	None
Primary Measurement Model Type	LMNL	LMNL	LMNL	LMNL
Primary Measurement Method	PIC1(GCI)	PIC1&2(GCI)	PIC1(CAC)	PIC1&2(CAC)
Confirmatory Method(s)	CPD2(Ge)	CPD2(Ge)	CPD2(Ge)	CDP2(Ge)
Homogeneity Test	Not applicable	Not applicable	ALL	ALL
Other Information	-	-	-	-

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Certified values are in bold type. Abbreviations and Notes are provided at the end of Appendix A1.				
SRM Number	4417H	4417L	4427H	4427L
Radionuclide	In-111	In-111	Y-90	Y-90
Decay Mode(s) (>1%)	EC,GR	EC,GR	BP	BP
Half Life	2.8047 d	2.8047 d	64.0 h	64.0 h
Intended Use	CAL,NM	CAL,NM	CAL,NM	CAL,NM
Physical State	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid
Chemical Form	InCl ₃	InCl ₃	YCl ₃	YCl ₃
Solution/Mixture Composition	2.8 mol·L ⁻¹ HCl	3.2 mol·L ⁻¹ HCl	1.1 mol·L ⁻¹ HCl	1.1 mol·L ⁻¹ HCl
Solution/Mixture Mass (g)	5.235*	5.265*	5.0200*	5.0844*
Solution density (g·mL ⁻¹)	1.047	1.053	1.017	1.017
Containment	5NIST	5NIST	5NIST	5NIST
Non-radioactive Carrier	InCl ₃	InCl ₃	YCl ₃	YCl ₃
Carrier Concentration (mg·L ⁻¹)	500	60	50	50
Massic Activity (Bq·g ⁻¹)	64.23 M	6.224 M	74.73 M	5.731 M
Reference Time	every Aug	every Aug	every Oct	every Oct
Expanded Uncertainty (k=2) (%)	0.54	0.54	0.72	0.72
Source of Starting Material(s)	PUR(COM)	PUR(COM)	PUR(COM)	PUR(COM)
Preparation of Starting Material(s)	None	None	None	None
Impurity Measurement Method	GRS2(Ge)	GRS1&2(Ge)	GRS2(Ge)	GRS1&2(Ge)
Radionuclidic Impurities Detected	In-114m	In-114m	Sr-90	Sr-90
Relative Activity of the Impurity	3.E-4	3.E-4	7.E-8	7.E-8
Preparation of Master Solution	CAR,DIL	= 4417H	CAR,DIL	= 4427H
Preparation of SRM Solution	= Master	CAR,QDIL	= Master	CAR,QDIL
Preparation of Measurement Samples	None	None	GRV2	GRV2
Primary Measurement Model Type	LMNL	LMNL	LMNL	LMNL
Primary Measurement Method	PIC1(CAC)	PIC1&2(CAC)	LSC2	LSC2
Confirmatory Method(s)	CPD2(Ge)	CPD2(Ge)	PIC2(LSC)	PIC2(LSC)
Homogeneity Test	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL
Other Information	-	-	-	-

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SRM Number	4915F	4919I	4926E	4927F
Radionuclide	Co-60	Sr-90	H-3	H-3
Decay Mode(s) (>1%)	BP,GR	BP	BP	BP
Half Life	5.2712 a	28.79 a	12.32 a	12.32 a
Intended Use	CAL(Ge,NaI)	CAL(LSC)	CAL(LSC),HYD	CAL(LSC)
Physical State	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid
Chemical Form	CoCl ₂	SrCl ₂	H ₂ O	H ₂ O
Solution/Mixture Composition	1.1 mol·L ⁻¹ HCl	1.0 mol·L ⁻¹ HCl	H ₂ O	H ₂ O
Solution/Mixture Mass (g)	5.0595	5.0790	~20	~5.0
Solution density (g·mL ⁻¹)	1.017	1.017	0.998	0.998
Containment	5NIST	5AMP	20SERUM	5AMP
Non-radioactive Carrier	CoCl ₂	SrCl ₂ ;YCl ₃	None	None
Carrier Concentration (mg·L ⁻¹)	130	36;50	-	-
Mass Activity (Bq·g ⁻¹)	58.29 k	4.261 k	5.038 k	634.7 k
Reference Time	01 Nov 2005	25 Dec 2006	03 Sep 1998	03 Sep 1998
Expanded Uncertainty (k=2) (%)	0.5	0.48	0.72	0.72
Source of Starting Material(s)	PUR(COM)	PUR(COM)	PUR(COM)	PUR(COM)
Preparation of Starting Material(s)	None	None	None	None
Impurity Measurement Method	GRS2(Ge)	GRS1(Ge)	GRS0(Ge),BPS0	GRS0(Ge),BPS1
Radionuclidic Impurities Detected	Co-57	None	None	None
Relative Activity of the Impurity	3.8E-4	-	-	-
Preparation of Master Solution	CAR,DIL	DIL(4234A)	=4927F	DIL
Preparation of SRM Solution	= Master	CAR,QDIL	QDIL	=Master
Preparation of Measurement Samples	None	GRV2	GRV2	GRV2
Primary Measurement Model Type	LMNL	LMNL	LMNL	LMNL
Primary Measurement Method	PIC2(CAC)	LSC2+ET(H-3)	GCI1	GCI2
Confirmatory Method(s)	None	LSC(TDCR)	LSC2	LSC2
Homogeneity Test	ALL	RAN	SEQ	SEQ
Other Information	-	-	-	-

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SRM Number	4929F	4943	4947C	4949C
Radionuclide	Fe-55	Cl-36	H-3	I-129
Decay Mode(s) (>1%)	EC	BP,EC	BP	BP,GR
Half Life	2.737 a	301 ka	12.32 a	15.7 Ma
Intended Use	CAL(LSC),EN V	CAL(LSC),ENV	CAL(LSC)	ENV,CAL(LSC)
Physical State	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid
Chemical Form	FeCl ₃	NaCl	Toluene	NaI
Solution/Mixture Composition	1 mol·L ⁻¹ HCl	H ₂ O	Toluene	0.01 mol·L ⁻¹ NaOH+
Solution/Mixture Mass (g)	5.080	~3	~4	~5.0
Solution density (g·mL ⁻¹)	1.014	Not given	0.8669	1.003
Containment	5AMP	5AMP	5AMP	5AMP
Non-radioactive Carrier	FeCl ₂	NaCl	None	None
Carrier Concentration (mg·L ⁻¹)	56	200	-	-
Mass Activity (Bq·g ⁻¹)	58.43 k	10.95 k	308.1 k	3.451 k
Reference Time	30 Nov 2005	Dec 1984	04 Mar 1987	21 Mar 1993
Expanded Uncertainty (k=2) (%)	1.7	0.82	1.2	0.64
Source of Starting Material(s)	PUR(COM)	PUR(COM)	PUR(COM)	PUR(COM)
Preparation of Starting Material(s)	None	None	None	None
Impurity Measurement Method	GRS1&2(Ge)	GRS0(Ge),BPS2	GRS1(Ge),BPS2	GRS1(Ge),BPS2
Radionuclidic Impurities Detected	None	None	None	None
Relative Activity of the Impurity	-	-	-	-
Preparation of Master Solution	CAR,DIL	DIL	DIL	DIL
Preparation of SRM Solution	CAR,QDIL	=Master	=Master	CAR,QDIL
Preparation of Measurement Samples	GRV2	GRV2	GRV2	GRV2
Primary Measurement Model Type	LMNL	LMNL	LMNL	LMNL
Primary Measurement Method	MC	GCE1	LSC2	CAC1
Confirmatory Method(s)	LSC2, CPR	LSC2	None	LSC2
Homogeneity Test	RAN	SEQ	SEQ	SEQ
Other Information	-	-	-	-

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SRM Number	4965	4966A	4967A	4969
Radionuclide	Ra-226	Ra-226	Ra-226	Ra-226
Decay Mode(s) (>1%)	AP,GR	AP,GR	AP,GR	AP,GR
Half Life	1.600 ka	1.600 ka	1.600 ka	1.600 ka
Intended Use	CAL,ENV	CAL,ENV	CAL,ENV	CAL,ENV
Physical State	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid
Chemical Form	RaCl ₂	RaCl ₂	RaCl ₂	RaCl ₂
Solution/Mixture Composition	1.4 mol·L ⁻¹ HCl	1 mol·L ⁻¹ HCl	1 mol·L ⁻¹ HCl	1.5 mol·L ⁻¹ HCl
Solution/Mixture Mass (g)	5.098	5.085	5.086	5.122
Solution density (g·mL ⁻¹)	1.019	1.017	1.017	1.024
Containment	5NIST	5NIST	5NIST	5NIST
Non-radioactive Carrier	BaCl ₂	BaCl ₂	BaCl ₂	BaCl ₂
Carrier Concentration (mg·L ⁻¹)	1700	63	80	100
Massic Activity (Bq·g ⁻¹)	30.99	287.6	2.482 k	3.047
Reference Time	09 Sep 1991	0 Jan 2007	01 Sep 2003	15 Sep 1998
Expanded Uncertainty (k=2) (%)	1.23	1.3	1.20	1.8
Source of Starting Material(s)	PUR(COM)	PUR(COM)	PUR(COM)	PUR(COM)
Preparation of Starting Material(s)	None	None	None	None
Impurity Measurement Method	GRS0&1(Ge)	GRS0&1(Ge)	GRS0&1(Ge)	GRS0&1(Ge)
Radionuclidic Impurities Detected	None	None	None	None
Relative Activity of the Impurity	-	-	-	-
Preparation of Master Solution	CAR,QDIL	CAR,QDIL	CAR,QDIL	CAR,QDIL
Preparation of SRM Solution	CAR,QDIL	CAR,QDIL	CAR,QDIL	CAR,QDIL
Preparation of Measurement Samples	GRV2	GRV2	GRV2	GRV2
Primary Measurement Model Type	LMNL	LMNL	LMNL	LMNL
Primary Measurement Method	WTR0	RPIC	WTR0	WTR0
Confirmatory Method(s)	LSC2	GRS1(Ge), GRS1(NaI)	LSC2	LSC2
Homogeneity Test	PIC2,CPD2	PIC2,CPD2	PIC2,CPD2	PIC2,CPD2
Other Information	-	-	-	-

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Appendix A1: Properties and Preparation of the NIST Radioactivity SRMs, as of July 2009. Certified values are in bold type. Abbreviations and Notes are provided at the end of Appendix A1.				
SRM Number	4971	4972	4973	4974
Radionuclide	Ra-226	Ra-226	Ra-226	Ra-226
Decay Mode(s) (>1%)	AP,GR	AP,GR	AP,GR	AP,GR
Half Life	1.600 ka	1.600 ka	1.600 ka	1.600 ka
Intended Use	RN222	RN222	RN222	RN222
Physical State	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid	Liquid
Chemical Form	RaCl ₂	RaCl ₂	RaCl ₂	RaCl ₂
Solution/Mixture Composition	1 mol·L ⁻¹ HCl	1 mol·L ⁻¹ HCl	1 mol·L ⁻¹ HCl	1 mol·L ⁻¹ HCl
Solution/Mixture Mass (g)	~0.2	~0.2	~0.2	~0.2
Solution density (g·mL ⁻¹)	1.017	1.017	1.017	1.017
Containment	POLY	POLY	POLY	POLY
Non-radioactive Carrier	BaCl ₂	BaCl ₂	BaCl ₂	BaCl ₂
Carrier Concentration (mg·L ⁻¹)	80	80	80	80
Massic Activity (Bq·g ⁻¹)	5.192 Bq total*, fo=0.891, a=0.064	49.55 Bq total*, fo=0.867, a=0.039	517.7 Bq total*, fo=0.877, a=0.057	5.761 kBq total*,fo=0.844, a=0.013
Reference Time	01 Sep 2003	01 Sep 2003	01 Sep 2003	01 Sep 2003
Expanded Uncertainty (k=2) (%)	1.2,1.7,38	1.2,1.6,41	1.2,1.6,26	1.3,1.4,78
Source of Starting Material(s)	PUR(COM)	PUR(COM)	PUR(COM)	PUR(COM)
Preparation of Starting Material(s)	None	None	None	None
Impurity Measurement Method	GRS0(Ge)	GRS0(Ge)	GRS0(Ge)	GRS0(Ge)
Radionuclidic Impurities Detected	None	None	None	None
Relative Activity of the Impurity	-	-	-	-
Preparation of Master Solution	CAR,QDIL	CAR,QDIL	CAR,QDIL	CAR,QDIL
Preparation of SRM Solution	CAR,QDIL	CAR,QDIL	CAR,QDIL	CAR,QDIL
Preparation of Measurement Samples	GRV2	GRV2	GRV2	GRV2
Primary Measurement Model Type	LMNL	LMNL	LMNL	LMNL
Primary Measurement Method	WTR0	WTR0	WTR0	WTR0
Confirmatory Method(s)	RPIC	RPIC	RPIC	RPIC
Homogeneity Test	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL
Other Information	[c]	[c]	[c]	[c]

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Appendix A1: Properties and Preparation of the NIST Radioactivity SRMs, as of July 2009. Certified values are in bold type. Abbreviations and Notes are provided at the end of Appendix A1.				
SRM Number	4990C			
Radionuclide	C-14			
Decay Mode(s) (>1%)	BP			
Half Life	5.70 ka			
Intended Use	C14			
Physical State	Solid			
Chemical Form	Oxalic Acid			
Solution/Mixture Composition	Powder			
Solution/Mixture Mass (g)	28 x 8			
Solution density (g·mL ⁻¹)	-			
Containment	60JAR x 8			
Non-radioactive Carrier	None			
Carrier Concentration (mg·L ⁻¹)	-			
Massic Activity (Bq·g ⁻¹)	0.008			
Reference Time	1980			
Expanded Uncertainty (k=2) (%)	1.6			
Source of Starting Material(s)	PUR(COM)			
Preparation of Starting Material(s)	None			
Impurity Measurement Method	GRS0(Ge)			
Radionuclidic Impurities Detected	None			
Relative Activity of the Impurity	-			
Preparation of Master Solution	OA			
Preparation of SRM Solution	OA			
Preparation of Measurement Samples	OA			
Primary Measurement Model Type	LMNL			
Primary Measurement Method	GCI2			
Confirmatory Method(s)	LSC2			
Homogeneity Test	RAN			
Other Information	[[d],[e]			
Production Steps not Used	-			

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ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMSGeneral

* = Representative value; each unit is individually measured and certified.

+ = Solution also contains other components. See the SRM Certificate for more information.

Decay Modes

AP = Alpha-Particle emission

BP = Beta-Particle emission

EC = Electron Capture

GR = Gamma-Ray emission

IT = Internal Transition

Intended Use

AMS = Accelerator Mass Spectrometry

CAL() = Calibration of instruments () and procedures

C14 = Carbon-14 dating measurements

ENV = Environmental measurements

GEO = Geological and geochronological measurements

HYD = Hydrological measurements

NM = Nuclear Medicine

RN222 = Radon-222 measurements

Containment

20SERUM = 20 mL glass serum vial

500GB = 500 mL glass bottle

5AMP = 5 mL borosilicate glass ampoule

5GAS = 5 ml gas ampoule [b]

5NIST = 5 mL NIST glass ampoule

60JAR = 60 mL glass jar

POLY = Polyethylene capsule [c]

PSG = Point Source for Gamma-ray emitters [a]

Source of Starting Material

COM = Commercial supplier

DON () = Donated by ()

IAEA = International Atomic Energy Agency

PUR () = Purchased from ()

USDOE = United States Department of Energy

Preparation of Starting Material(s)

DSS = Dissolution of solid material(s)

SEP = Radiochemical Separation / Purification

Measurement Methods

0 = Starting material

1 = Material from the Master Solution

2 = Material from the SRM container

AC = Atom Counting

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APS = Alpha-particle Spectrometry
 BPS = Beta-particle Spectrometry
 CAC = Coincidence/Anticoincidence Counting
 CPD() = Calibrated Photon Detection System (Ge, NaI, etc.)
 CPR = Compared with previous RSRM
 DSA = Defined Solid Angle Counting
 ET() = Efficiency Tracing using () as the tracing radionuclide
 GCE = Gas Counting (External)
 GCI = Gas Counting (Internal)
 Ge = Germanium photon detector
 GRS() = Gamma-ray Spectrometry using ()
 LSC = Liquid Scintillation Counting
 MC = Microcalorimetry
 MS = Mass Spectrometry
 NaI = Sodium Iodide photon detector
 OA = Other Agency. Distributed but not certified by NIST.
 PIC() = Ionization Chamber calibrated using ()
 RPIC = Pulse Ionization Chamber for Radon Measurements
 SB = Surface Barrier alpha-particle detector
 SPC = Sum-Peak Counting
 TDCR = Triple-to-Double Coincidence Ratio
 THE = Theoretically Computed
 WTR = Weight of Radionuclide

Preparation of Solutions/Mixtures

BL = Blending
 CAR = Addition of non-radioactive carrier
 DIL = Dilution
 DIL5 = Dilution to (5.0 ± 0.1) mL in a 5 mL NIST ampoule
 QDIL = Quantitative dilution

Preparation of Measurement Samples

0 = Starting material
 1 = Material from the Master Solution
 2 = Material from the SRM container
 DIL5 = Dilution to (5.0 ± 0.1) mL in a 5 mL NIST ampoule
 GRV = Dispense by mass
 QDIL = Quantitative dilution

Measurement Models

LMNL = Linear, Multiplicative, Normal Distribution, Low Correlation
 LMNH = Linear, Multiplicative, Normal Distribution, High Correlation
 LMOL = Linear, Multiplicative, Other than Normal Distribution, Low Correlation
 NMNL = Non-Linear, Multiplicative, Normal Distribution, Low Correlation

Homogeneity Test

ALL = Measure every SRM dispensed
 SEQ = Measure sequential samples of the SRM (typically the first, some of the middle, and the last dispensed)
 RAN = Measure SRMs randomly selected out of the total dispensed

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Other Information

[letter] = Note

[number] = Reference

fo = Radon-222 emanation fraction at equilibrium

a = Radon-222 fraction contained in the polyethylene

NOTES

[a] The standard consists of a dried deposit, usually with a diameter of less than 0.5 cm, of the radionuclide sealed between two layers of 0.006 cm thick polyester tape that are supported on an aluminum annulus. The annulus has an outside diameter of 5.4 cm, an inside diameter of 3.8 cm, and a thickness of 0.05 cm.

[b] Flame-sealed borosilicate glass ampoule with an outside diameter of 1.5 cm and a length of 4.5 cm.

[c] SRMs 4971, 4972, 4973 and 4974 are intended for the calibration of radon-222 measuring instruments. They consist of small heat-sealed polyethylene cylinders containing approximately 0.2 g of radium-226 solution. These SRMs are calibrated in terms of radium-226 activity and in terms of the emanation fraction of radon-222 under specified conditions.

[d] SRM 4990C replaces SRM 4990, which has been in use in radiocarbon dating laboratories since 1958. The material is part of a 450 kg lot of oxalic acid that was prepared by fermentation of French beet molasses from the 1977 spring, summer, and fall harvests. The ratio of the massic activity of SRM 4990C to that of SRM 4990, and the isotopic ratios of carbon-13 to carbon-12 in each, were measured by eleven international carbon dating laboratories in an intercomparison organized by L.M. Cavallo and W.B. Mann. See Proceedings of the 11th International Radiocarbon Dating Conference, M. Stuiver and R. Kra, Editors, *Radiocarbon* **25**, No. 2 (1983).

[e] This standard is not radioactive material for licensing or shipping purposes.

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Appendix A3.



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Certificate

Standard Reference Material[®] 4330C

Plutonium-239 Radioactivity Standard

This Standard Reference Material (SRM) consists of a solution of a standardized and certified quantity of radioactive plutonium-239 in a suitably stable and homogeneous matrix. It is intended primarily for the calibration of instruments that are used to measure radioactivity and for the monitoring of radiochemical procedures. A unit consists of a solution, whose composition is specified in Table 1, contained in a flame-sealed 5 mL borosilicate-glass ampoule (see Note 1).

The certified **Plutonium-239** massic activity value, at a **Reference Time of 1200 EST, 1 May 2009**, is:

$$(38.41 \pm 0.18) \text{ Bq}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$$

Additional physical, chemical, and radiological properties for this SRM, as well as details on the standardization method, are given in Table 1. Uncertainties for the certified quantities are expanded ($k = 2$). The uncertainties are calculated according to the ISO and NIST Guide (see Note 2). Table 2 contains a specification of the components that comprise the uncertainty analyses.

Expiration of Certification: The certification of **SRM 4330C** is valid indefinitely provided the SRM is handled and stored properly and no evaporation or change in composition has occurred. The solution matrix, in an unopened ampoule, is indefinitely homogeneous and stable within its half-life-dependent useful lifetime provided the SRM is handled in accordance with instructions given in this certificate (see "Instructions for Use"). The certification is nullified if the SRM is damaged, contaminated, or otherwise modified.

Maintenance of Certification: NIST will monitor this SRM over the period of its certification. If substantive technical changes occur that affect the certification before the expiration of this certificate, NIST will notify the purchaser. Registration (see attached sheet) will facilitate notification.

This SRM may represent a radiological hazard and a chemical hazard. Consult the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS), enclosed with the SRM shipment, for details (see Note 1).

This Standard Reference Material was prepared in the Physics Laboratory, Ionizing Radiation Division, Radioactivity Group, M.P. Unterweger, Group Leader. The overall technical direction and physical measurement leading to certification were provided by R. Collé and L. Laureano-Pérez of the NIST Radioactivity Group, with production assistance by D.B. Golas, Research Associate of the Nuclear Energy Institute, and photon-emitting impurity analyses by L. Pibida

Support aspects involved in the issuance of this SRM were coordinated through the NIST Measurement Services Division.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

Storage: SRM 4330C should be stored and used at a temperature between 5 °C and 65 °C. The ampoule (or any subsequent container) should always be clearly marked as containing radioactive material.

Handling: If the ampoule is transported, it should be packed, marked, labeled, and shipped in accordance with the applicable national, international, and carrier regulations. The solution in the ampoule is a dangerous good (hazardous material) because of both the radioactivity and the strong base or acid. The ampoule should be opened only by persons qualified to handle both radioactive material and alkaline and/or acidic solutions. Appropriate shielding and/or distance should be used to minimize personnel exposure. Refer to MSDS for further information.

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Table 1. Properties of SRM 4330C

Certified values	
Radionuclide	Plutonium-239
Reference time	1200 EST, 1 May 2009
Massic activity of the solution	38.41 Bq·g ⁻¹
Relative expanded uncertainty ($k = 2$)	0.46 % (see Note 2)*

Uncertified information	
Source description	Liquid in a flame-sealed 5 mL borosilicate-glass ampoule (see Note 1)
Solution composition	3.4 mol·L ⁻¹ HNO ₃
Solution density	(1.1082 ± 0.002) g·mL ⁻¹ at 23.9 °C (see Note 3)
Solution mass	(2.7707 ± 0.0003) g (see Note 3)
Photon-emitting impurities	None detected (see Note 4)
Half-lives used	²³⁹ Pu : (24100 ± 11) a (see Note 5) [1]
Calibration methods (and instruments)	The certified massic activity for ²³⁹ Pu was obtained by 4π α liquid scintillation (LS) spectrometry with three commercial LS counters.

[†] See Note 5

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Table 2. Uncertainty evaluation for the massic activity of SRM 4330C

Uncertainty component		Assessment Type †	Relative standard uncertainty contribution on massic activity of ²³⁹ Pu (%)
1	LS measurement precision; standard deviation for $n = 9$ mean determinations (equivalent to standard deviation of the mean) as obtained with 3 different cocktail compositions (5 sources of each composition) measured 3 times in 3 different LS counters (135 determinations in all). See Note 6*. Data passes normality test at 95 % and 99 %. The typical internal relative standard deviation of the mean ($n = 15$ for the 5 sources measured 3 times) for each of the 9 determinations ranged from 0.06 % to 0.10%.	A	0.17
2	Background LS measurement variability; wholly embodied in component 1	A	---
3	Gravimetric (mass) determinations for LS sources; estimated from calibration data and tests.	B	0.07
4	Decay correction due to the decay time interval and 0.046 % uncertainty in half-life.	B	5×10^{-8}
5	Live time determinations for LS counting time intervals, includes uncorrected dead time effects; assumed from specified tolerance limits of counters' gated oscillators	B	0.1
6	LS detection efficiency, including wall effects loss and extrapolation to zero energy; estimated from nuclear data and tests.	B	0.07
7	Alpha decay probability; assumed from nuclear decay data based on % of spontaneous fission	B	3×10^{-10}
8	LS non-detection of 26 min ²³⁵ U ^m ; estimated from nuclear data and tests of LS counter detection threshold	B	< 0.001
9	Correction for ingrowth of ²³⁵ U; estimated from nuclear data	B	3×10^{-8}
10	Alpha-particle emitting impurities; based on nuclear data and mass spectrometric measurements of supplier. (See Note 7)	B	0.06
11	Photon-emitting impurities (non-detected). See Note 4.	B	---
Relative combined standard uncertainty			0.23
Relative expanded uncertainty ($k = 2$)			0.46

† = (A) denotes evaluation by statistical methods; (B) denotes evaluation by other methods.

* Notes and references may be found on page 4.
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Note 1. Refer to <http://physics.nist.gov/Divisions/Div846/srm.html> for assistance and instructions on how to properly open an ampoule. Information on additional storage and handling requirements is also included on the website. This SRM is contained in a generic borosilicate-glass ampoule and not in the standard NIST ampoule.

Note 2. The uncertainties on certified values are expanded uncertainties, $U = ku_c$. The quantity u_c is the combined standard uncertainty calculated according to the ISO and NIST Guides [2-3]. The combined standard uncertainty is multiplied by a coverage factor of $k = 2$ and was chosen to obtain an approximate 95 % level of confidence.

Note 3. The stated uncertainty is two times the standard uncertainty. See reference [3].

Note 4. The estimated lower limit of detection for photon-emitting impurities, expressed as massic photon emission rate, on 1 May 2009 is:

0.64 $\text{s}^{-1}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$ for energies between 40 keV and 50 keV,

0.17 $\text{s}^{-1}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$ for energies between 50 keV and 250 keV, and

0.13 $\text{s}^{-1}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$ for energies between 250 keV and 2600 keV.

provided that the photons are separated in energy by 4 keV or more from photons emitted in the decay of ^{239}Pu or progeny.

Note 5. The stated uncertainty is the standard uncertainty. See reference [3].

Note 6. The mean was found to be invariant of: (i) cocktail composition based on scintillation fluid used and the aqueous fraction, (ii) aliquant mass in cocktails, (iii) sample quenching; and (iv) instrument (with different detection thresholds).

Note 7. From mass spectrometric measurements performed by the supplier, the massic activities of other detected radionuclides (in $\text{Bq}\cdot\text{g}^{-1}$ as of 1200 EST, 15 November 1999) are: $^{240}\text{Pu} = 0.002$, $^{241}\text{Pu} = 0.02$, $^{241}\text{Am} = 0.001$. Solution was purified 10 December 1979.

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