

Level-3 Consequence Analysis Part 3 Protective Measures

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Objectives

- Distinguish between the three phases of the accident for the application of protective measures
- List the various zones that can be modeled and their spatial relationship
- List the mitigative measures available in each phase and their general objectives
- Understand how different portions of the public can be treated via different cohorts

Outline

- Introduction to Protective Measures
- MACCS2 Modeling
- Emergency-Phase Actions
- Intermediate-Phase Actions
- Long-Term-Phase Actions

Introduction to Protective Measures

- Mitigative actions are protective measures designed to reduce exposures and health effects
- Mitigative measures in MACCS are divided into three phases (as defined by the EPA) with different protective actions possible in each phase
 - Emergency phase – up to one week from the beginning of an accident
 - Emergency-phase protective actions are called emergency-response (ER) actions
 - Evacuation
 - Sheltering
 - Temporary relocation

Introduction to Protective Measures (cont.)

- Intermediate phase - begins immediately after the emergency phase and extends up to 1 year
 - ◆ Continuation of temporary relocation when projected dose exceeds the user specified limit
- Long-term phase - follows the intermediate phase
 - ◆ Mitigative actions attempt to reduce long-term health effects
 - ◆ Decontamination*
 - ◆ Temporary interdiction*
 - ◆ Condemnation*
 - ◆ Crop disposal
 - ◆ Restricted crop production

* Long-term exposure is based on groundshine and resuspension inhalation

MACCS2 Modeling of Phases

- ATMOS does not model a phase directly but provides necessary information to EARLY and CHRONC:
- The Emergency Phase is modeled by EARLY.
 - Duration is specified by user
 - Extends up to one week after the arrival of the first plume at a spatial location
- EARLY can model up to twenty emergency response cohorts.

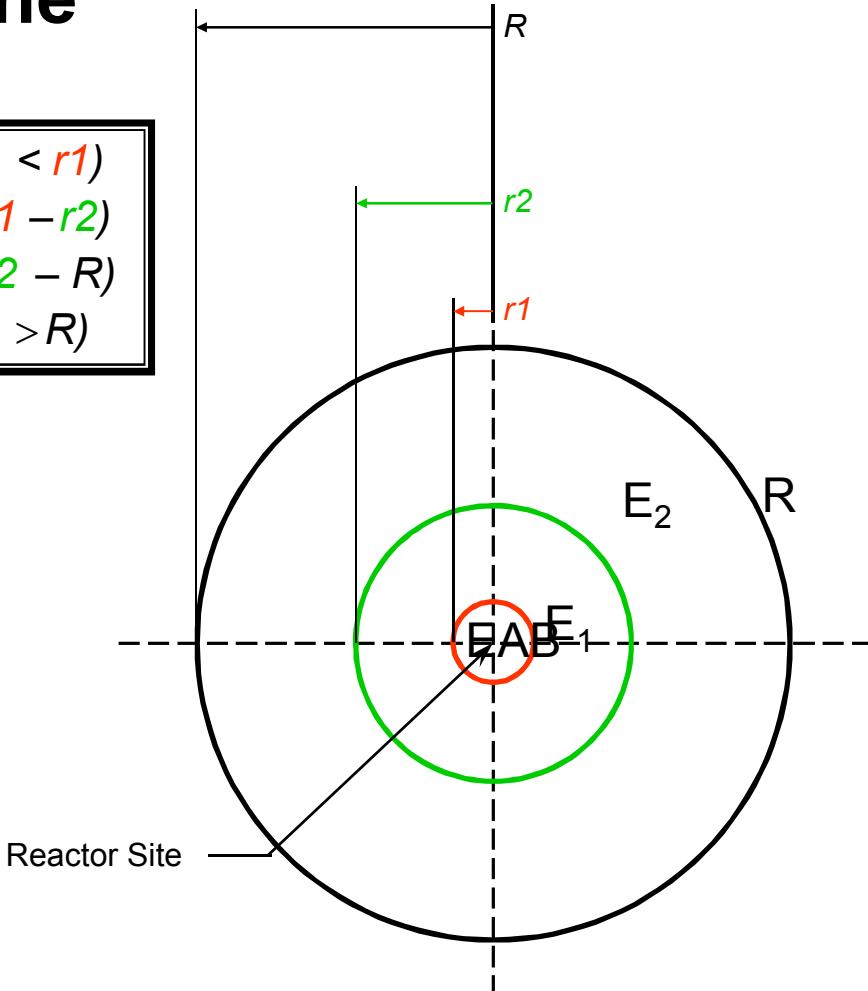
MACCS2 Modeling of Phases (cont.)

- CHRONC models intermediate and long-term phases.
- These combined, weighted results are termed the “overall combined” results.
- The discussion in the balance of this section is for a single emergency response cohort.

Emergency Planning Zone

Exclusion Area Boundary	($< r1$)
↗ E_1 : Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ)	($r1 - r2$)
↗ E_3 : Shadow Evacuation Zone	($r2 - R$)
↗ R : Relocation Zone	($> R$)

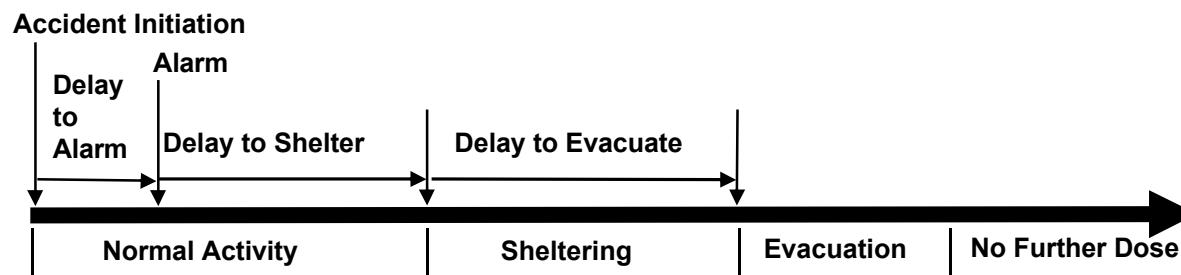
- The exclusion area boundary is bounded by $r1$.
- Evacuation and sheltering generally occur within the EPZ.
- Shadow or ad hoc evacuation may occur beyond the EPZ.
- Relocation applies to all spatial elements beyond the evacuation or sheltering zones.



Shielding Factors

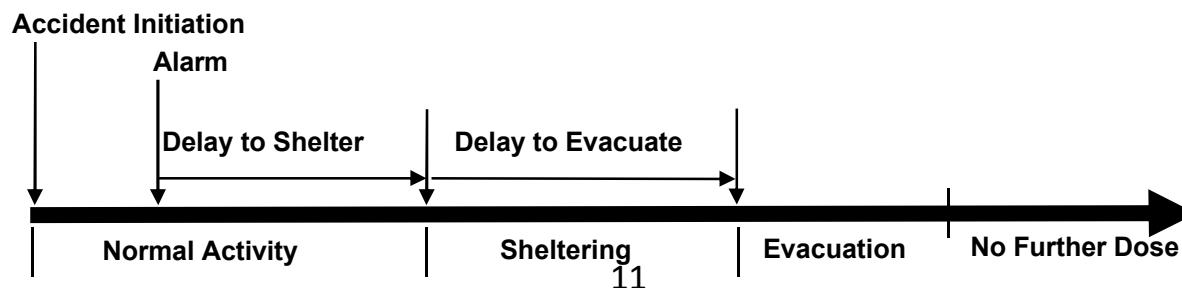
- Specified for each of three groups
 - Evacuees
 - People taking shelter
 - People continuing normal activity
- Shielding factors are multipliers in dosimetry calculations for each pathway and activity
 - Cloudshine
 - Groundshine
 - Inhalation
 - Skin
- Typical relationship
$$1.0 \geq SFs \text{ for evacuees} \geq SFs \text{ for normal activity} \geq SFs \text{ for sheltering} \geq 0.0$$

- First period: Delay time prior to sheltering (user-specified for each zone)
 - Normal activity (and normal activity shielding factors) assumed
 - Delay time is from off-site alarm time
- Second period: Delay time prior to evacuation (user-specified for each zone)
 - Shielding factors for sheltering are used
 - Delay time is from beginning of sheltering



Sheltering and Evacuation (cont.)

- Third period: Evacuation
 - Speeds are user specified and can vary with
 - Three subphases
 - Weather
 - Grid element
 - Evacuation is to (user-specified) distance from reactor site
 - Evacuating shielding factors apply
 - Exposure to plume depends on location relative to front and back of plume
- Fourth period: After evacuation
 - Following evacuation, evacuees avoid further exposure in **EARLY**



Sheltering and Evacuation (cont.)



- Fifth period: After end of Emergency Phase
 - Evacuees move back to original spatial element if habitability criterion satisfied.
 - Population unaffected by plume effectively are not evacuated.
 - Any additional exposures are from long-term exposure pathways.

Intermediate Phase

- The Intermediate Phase begins at the end of the Emergency Phase
- Extends for a user-specified interval of time
- Optional (interval can be set to zero)
- Relocation is the only mitigative action during intermediate phase
- Relocation criterion parameters
 - Dose limit
 - Critical organ

Long-Term Phase

- Initiation
 - End of intermediate phase
 - At the end of the emergency phase if there is no intermediate phase
- Mitigative actions depend of the following:
 - Projected doses
 - Cost-effectiveness of the action
- Decontamination worker doses are calculated for
 - Farmland
 - Non-farm properties

Decontamination and Temporary Interdiction

- Habitability criterion
 - Based on dose projection over a user-specified time period
 - Land is habitable when projection is less than dose limit
 - Population is present for rest of long-term phase when habitability criterion is met
 - Mitigative actions are considered in order when the habitability criterion is not met
 - ◆ Decontamination (three levels of increasing effectiveness)
 - ◆ Period of interdiction following the maximum decontamination
 - ◆ Atomic decay
 - ◆ Weathering
 - ◆ Condemnation of land

Long-Term Ingestion Doses

- Three mitigative actions are modeled for farmland.
 - Removal of farmland from production when uninhabitable
 - Removal of farmland from production when too contaminated to grow crops (not farmable)
 - Disposal of milk and/or crops during growing season
- The user specifies the maximum allowable food doses.
 - Short-term milk dose
 - Short-term food dose (other than dairy)
 - Long-term dose from all food

Long-Term Ingestion Doses (cont.)

- Farmland is condemned if
 - Land cannot be restored to habitability
 - Costs of decontamination and interdiction exceed farm value
- User-specified limits affect
 - Milk disposal
 - Crop disposal
 - Ability to farm

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