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Preface

This 1989 Annual Report from Pacific Northwest Laboratory (PNL) to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) describes research in environment, safety, and health conducted during fiscal year 1989. The report again consists of five parts, each in a separate volume.

The five parts of the report are oriented to particular segments of the PNL program. Parts 1 to 4 report on research performed for the DOE Office of Health and Environmental Research in the Office of Energy Research. Part 5 reports progress on all research performed for the Assistant Secretary for Environment, Safety, and Health. In some instances, the volumes report on research funded by other DOE components or by other governmental entities under interagency agreements. Each part consists of project reports authored by scientists from several PNL research departments, reflecting the multidisciplinary nature of the research effort.

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Activities of the scientists whose work is described in this annual report are broader in scope than the articles indicate. PNL staff have responded to numerous requests from DOE during the year for planning, for service on various task groups, and for special assistance.

Credit for this annual report goes to the many scientists who performed the research and wrote the individual project reports, to the program managers who directed the research and coordinated the technical progress reports, to the editors who edited the individual project reports and assembled the five parts, and to Ray Baalman, editor in chief, who directed the total effort.

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Foreword

This report summarizes progress on OHER human health, biological, general life sciences, and medical applications research programs conducted at PNL in FY 1989. The research develops the knowledge and scientific principles necessary to identify, understand, and anticipate the long-term health consequences of energy-related radiation and chemicals. Our continuing emphasis is to decrease the uncertainty of health risk estimates from existing and developing energy-related technologies through an increased understanding of how radiation and chemicals cause biological damage.

The sequence of this report of PNL research reflects the OHER programmatic structure. The first section, on human health research, concerns statistical and epidemiological studies for assessing health risks. The next section contains reports of biological research in laboratory animals and in vitro cell systems, including research with radionuclides and chemicals. The general life sciences research section reports research conducted for the OHER human genome research program, and the medical applications section summarizes commercial radioisotope production and distribution activities at DOE facilities.

Human Health Research

The section on human health research reports the status of epidemiological studies, including occupational studies of radiation workers and a study of body iron stores as biological markers related to cancer in Japanese atomic bomb survivors.

Cancer risk analyses of combined data from mortality studies of workers at the Hanford Site, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, and Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons Plant were published in *Radiation Research*. These analyses focused on the effects of occupational exposure to external radiation, and were the first of several planned efforts to combine data on workers at DOE facilities and to pool analyses of data from nuclear workers in the United States, the United Kingdom, and Canada. All confidence limits from individual sites and combined data included zero and were much wider than those based on atomic bomb survivors, but upper limits based on the combined data were comparable to those based on atomic bomb survivors. These results strengthen the hypothesis that estimates obtained through extrapolation from high-dose data do not seriously underestimate risk estimates for low-dose exposure, but leave open the possibility that extrapolation may overestimate the risks.

A comparison of five epidemiological studies of body iron stores and cancer risk was completed. In studies of overall cancer risk, high body iron stores were associated with increased risk. When stomach cancer cases were examined individually, low body iron stores were associated with increased risk of stomach cancer. Studies suggest that high body iron may play an etiological role in most types of cancer; however, precursors of stomach cancer may lead to poor iron absorption and loss of iron from bleeding. Studies are continuing on the possible interaction of iron stores and radiation.

Biological Research

The section on biological research reports results from experimental animal inhalation dose-effect relationship studies with inhaled radionuclides. Lifespan studies in beagles that inhaled $^{239}\text{PuO}_2$, $^{238}\text{PuO}_2$, or $^{239}\text{PuO}(\text{NO}_3)_4$ are summarized to 16, 15, and 12 years after exposure, respectively. The primary plutonium-exposure-related causes of death were lung cancer for inhaled $^{239}\text{PuO}_2$, and lung and bone cancer for inhaled $^{238}\text{PuO}_2$ and $^{239}\text{PuO}(\text{NO}_3)_4$. Other plutonium-exposure-related effects include sclerosis of the tracheobronchial lymph nodes, lymphopenia, focal radiation pneumonitis, focal dystrophic osteolytic lesions in bone, adenomatous hyperplasia of the liver, serum chemistry indicative of liver damage, and intrahepatic bile duct tumors. In a new project, "National Radiobiology Archives," information from these lifespan studies in beagles and from beagle radiation studies from other DOE laboratories will

be stored in a computerized database with selected research documents and tissues for future research and analyses.

Dose-effect relationship studies on inhaled $^{239}\text{PuO}_2$ in rats are in progress to obtain lung-tumor-incidence data at lifetime lung doses of 0.07 to 20 Gy. Thus far, the lung cancer dose-response curve is best fitted by a quadratic function and a "practical" threshold of >1 Gy; maximum lung cancer incidence was at 8 Gy. Quantitative scanning electron microscopy and autoradiography indicate lung carcinoma formation was preceded by proliferative dysplastic lesions associated with peribronchiolar plutonium aggregates. A much higher cell turnover rate was seen in pulmonary cells associated with large plutonium aggregates than in other areas of the lung. Proliferative rates of hyperplastic, metaplastic, and neoplastic lesions, often associated with regions of Pu aggregation, were similar to those seen in cells encompassing Pu aggregates.

Rats exposed by inhalation to radon daughters are under study to determine the influence of dose, dose rate, and cigarette smoke on lung cancer incidence. Analyses of histopathological data for 100-WL (working-level) exposure rates showed that lung tumor incidence was elevated compared to that of controls at cumulative exposures comparable to those found in houses, that is, 40 WLM (working-level months). Histopathological examination of sacrificed rats at 25 and 52 weeks from start of exposure to 100 WL and 320 WLM on an initiation-promotion-initiation study showed no lung tumors at 25 weeks. At 52 weeks, those with a 320-WLM continuous exposure had increased lung tumor incidence compared to those with split exposure with or without cigarette smoke. A search for nonrespiratory tract neoplasms in 1000 rats exposed to various levels of radon daughters and uranium ore dust revealed a trend toward excess kidney tumor neoplasms versus cumulative radon-daughter exposure. Carcinogenesis modeling of PNL radon-induced lung tumor data in rats within the framework of the two-mutation recessive oncogenesis model revealed that fractionation of exposure increased the lifetime probability of tumors; the first but not the second mutation rate was strongly dependent on the rate of exposure to radon daughters.

A DOE interlaboratory comparison of survival-response data on Chinese hamster ovary cells exposed to radon and radon daughters revealed a D_{37} value of about a 75-cGy dose to the cell nucleus. Southern blot analysis of radon-induced mutations at the CHO-HGPRT locus showed predominantly deletion-type events. Chromosome aberrations in human peripheral blood lymphocytes increased as metaphases were collected at later time intervals after radon-daughter exposures of 6 to 17 cGy. Methods for calculating the radiation dose to cell nuclei from radon and daughter products have been developed for our in vitro cell exposures. These methods allow comparison of dose distribution and hit probability calculations for cells of the human respiratory tract with cells grown and irradiated under laboratory conditions.

Studies to examine the role of oncogenes, growth factors, and their receptors in radiation-induced lung cancer use tumor tissue from the animal studies previously described. Using immunocytochemical assays in formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded lung tissue, we have demonstrated abnormally high expression of epidermal growth factor receptor, epidermal growth factor, transforming growth factor- α , and bombesin in radon-induced rat lung tumors and plutonium-induced dog lung tumors, mainly associated with epidermoid carcinomas.

The dog *N-ras* DNA sequence shares homology with the human genes, 100% with the first exon and 94% for the second exon. The comparisons of the predicted amino acid sequences show homology of 100% and 96% for the first and second exons, respectively. Our studies indicate that radiation and chemicals activate the *ras* genes by different mechanisms. Chemical agents usually activate *ras* genes by causing specific and reproducible single-point mutations in the 12th, 13th, 59th, or 61st codons. In plutonium-induced dog lung tumors examined thus far, the *N-ras* second exon sequences are identical with the normal canine sequence. In the first exon, only one tumor had altered sequences. Radiation does not usually cause point mutations in the *ras* genes. Rather, radiation appears to activate the *ras* genes by causing gene rearrangements that result in overexpression of the affected genes.

In our chemical-related biological research, we began studies to identify structural and functional changes in chromatin associated with formation of bulky adducts during tumor initiation. Incubation of benzo[a]pyrene (BaP), freshly isolated rat hepatocytes, and a 3200-bp plasmid (pXP-14) fragment resulted in DNA adduct profiles that were essentially identical to those found in mouse skin where BaP-induced tumors are initiated. These results suggest that bulky DNA adducts can be prepared in vitro in quantities sufficient that the influence of carcinogenic adducts on chromatin structure and gene expression can be evaluated in simple in vitro systems as surrogates for in vivo systems. A new genetic system is being used to study chemical exposure-induced mutations in synthetic DNA targets in Ames tester strain bacteria. Targets consisting of GCGCGC (guanine, cytosine) had a low rate of mutation when exposed to 6-aminochrysene. However, a target that was a direct repeat of this target and its flanking regions had a high rate. Subsequent analysis of the DNA sequences of these mutants showed that the entire repeated insert was deleted. Targets consisting of GGGGGG were also highly mutable; mutations were either 1-bp deletions or 14-bp insertions (a repeat of target flanking sequences).

In our fetal and juvenile radiation research, we continued to examine correlates between the physico-chemical and biological factors that may be involved in fetoplacental radionuclide disposition. We found that fetoplacental radionuclide disposition displays a general relationship to values of fractional absorption from the gastrointestinal tract. Studies to apply newer methodological approaches to the problem of the mechanisms by which prenatal irradiation produces teratogenesis showed that in vitro radiation exposures below 1 Gy produced cell death, altered histology, and caused histochemical changes in embryonic limbs.

In our inhalation technology studies, aerosol chambers for whole-body exposure of rodents have been modified with a recirculation system that increases the uniformity of concentration of reactive aerosols in the chamber without substantially increasing the volume requirements for conditioned air or the mass of aerosolized material. Theoretical studies to evaluate the size of aerosol particles that have equivalent mobility in gases determined that the mean velocity is defined by weighting the average molecular speeds of the component gases in the mixture by their mole fraction rather than their average molecular weight. We have assembled equipment and developed techniques to perform a wide variety of pulmonary function measurements on experimental animals during exposure to estimate inhaled dose and, following exposure, to measure acute and chronic effects.

General Life Sciences Research

J. E. Schmaltz, a detailee to OHER's Human Genome Research program, provides computer science expertise to the computational analysis and database components of the Human Genome Task Group. He participates in review, coordination, and liaison of the informatics components of this multidisciplinary program.

PNL is developing a computer information system to graphically display and manipulate the vast amounts of information on the human genome. The user interface, named GnomeView, provides researchers with graphical representations of chromosomes, genetic and physical maps, and DNA sequences on a SUN workstation. It accesses database centers such as GENBANK as primary information sources. Unique features include the ability to provide genetic information in easily understandable color graphics, allowing the user to create hybrid or new maps.

PNL biomedical research is an interdisciplinary effort requiring scientific contributions from many research departments at PNL. Personnel in the Life Sciences Center are the principal contributors to this report.

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Statistical Health Effects Studies

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The overall objective of this project is to increase understanding of health risks resulting from low-level chronic exposure by providing methodology and analyses for a direct assessment of these risks. Analyses of data on workers exposed occupationally to low levels of radiation are a major component of this project. Efforts in the past year have included contributing to national and international pooling of data, improving understanding of historical external dosimetry data, participating in plans for DOE's Comprehensive Epidemiologic Data Resource (CEDR), and developing updated and more detailed data on Hanford workers to meet the needs of both pooled analyses and CEDR. Analyses of combined data from U.S. studies have been published, and reports documenting historical dosimetry practices and describing a dosimetry validation study are near completion.

Pooling of Data from U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Facilities

Analyses of combined data from the Hanford Site, Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL), and Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons Plant have been conducted, with the results published in *Radiation Research*. These analyses focus on the effects of occupational exposure to external radiation, and are the first of several planned efforts to combine data on workers at DOE facilities. Analyses based on combined data provide greater power for detecting departures from risk estimates obtained through extrapolation from data on populations exposed at high doses, and provide tighter confidence limits on risk estimates than those based on data from any single study population. Also, application of similar methodology to data from all populations, and presentation of results in a comparable format, facilitate the comparison of results from different studies.

Table 1 shows excess relative risk estimates with confidence limits for all cancer and for leukemia, based on each of the individual studies and based on the combined data. The comparable estimates, based on recent atomic bomb survivor data and recently revised (DS86) dosimetry, are also given. Because Hanford is the largest population, the upper confidence limits based on the Hanford data were considerably lower than those based on ORNL or Rocky Flats data. The upper confidence

limits based on the combined data were lower, however, than those obtained from the Hanford data alone.

TABLE 1. Excess Relative Risk Estimates (per 10 mSv) with 90% Confidence Limits for All Cancer and for Leukemia^(a)

	All Cancer	Leukemia ^(b)
Hanford	- 0.9% (<0, 0.9%)	<0 ^(c) (<0, 4.8%)
ORNL	- 0.7% (<0, 3.2%)	<0 ^(c) (<0, 13%)
Rocky Flats	<0 ^(c) (<0, 2.8%)	4.3% (<0, 52%)
Combined	- 1.0% (<0, 0.4%)	<0 ^(c) (<0, 3.4%)
Atomic bomb survivors ^(d)	0.41% (0.32%, 0.52%)	5.2% (3.8%, 7.1%)

(a) Based on monitored white males employed at least 6 months at the Hanford Site (WA), Oak Ridge National Laboratory (TN), or the Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons Plant (CO).

(b) Excluding chronic lymphatic leukemia.

(c) Likelihood maximized at a value that would have led to negative relative risks.

(d) As presented in Shimizu et al. (Y. Shimizu, H. Kato, W. J. Schull, D. L. Preston, S. Fujita, and D. A. Pierce. 1987. *Life Span Study Report II, Part I. Comparison of Risk Coefficients for Site-Specific Cancer Mortality Based on the DS86 and T65D Shielded Kermas and Organ Doses*. TR87-12, Radiation Effects Research Foundation, Hiroshima 730, Japan) for all cancer (column 1) except leukemia, and for leukemia only (column 2).

All confidence limits based on the worker studies included zero and were much wider than those based on the atomic bomb survivors, but upper limits based on the combined data were roughly comparable to those based on the atomic bomb survivors. A number of difficulties (such as possible lack of dosimetry comparability and bias resulting from unidentified confounding factors) make this comparison imprecise. Nevertheless, these results strengthen support for the conclusion that estimates obtained through extrapolation from high-dose data do not seriously underestimate risks of low-dose exposure, but leave open the possibility that extrapolation may overestimate risks.

A second paper, based on the combined U.S. data, emphasizes statistical methodology for analyzing combined data, and is intended to provide a model that will be useful in planning future pooled analyses. The paper also uses data from the three studies noted previously to evaluate and compare results based on various levels of aggregation of exposure data. The use of grouped exposure data has been common practice in most epidemiologic studies of nuclear workers, and thus the possible loss of statistical power or precision of estimates from this practice is of concern. On this issue, the paper concludes that using just three dose categories (as has been done in some studies) is not to be recommended; the loss of power resulting from this practice rather than using ungrouped data is roughly equivalent to the loss that would result from halving the sample size. However, the use of 11 categories (rather than using ungrouped data) leads to much less loss of power, roughly equivalent to a 3% reduction in sample size.

Pooling of Data from the United States, the United Kingdom, and Canada

Plans for international combined analyses of nuclear worker studies in the United States, the United Kingdom, and Canada are proceeding with the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) serving as the coordinating agency. A subcommittee of the working group (consisting of representatives from all studies) has met twice, with PNL providing representation for the U.S. studies. As a result of these meetings, a protocol for analyses of the combined international data has been developed that sets out criteria for selection of cohorts to be included and describes

the variables that must be provided by participants. The subcommittee also identified two topics needing special attention in pooled analyses; these topics are 1) the use of job category data in determining socioeconomic status, and 2) dosimetry.

For Hanford workers, PNL and the Hanford Environmental Health Foundation (HEHF) are exploring the use of job category data as an indicator of socioeconomic status or social class. Difficulties in using this information are inconsistencies in titles for similar jobs in different time periods or for different contractors, errors in coding job titles, and difficulties in handling workers with several different titles during their employment. A system to provide a measure of socioeconomic status based on Hanford job titles has been developed. The system is reasonably comparable to that used in the United Kingdom for defining social class from job titles.

Comparability of dosimetry in various studies was a major focus of a second subcommittee meeting held at IARC in April, which included dosimetry experts with PNL representing the United States. A questionnaire on dosimetry practices was requested from each of the contributing studies (including Hanford, ORNL, and Rocky Flats in the United States), and this information was used for preliminary evaluation of dosimetry comparability. An objective of the dosimetry evaluation is to determine possible bias in recorded measurements of external dose, at different facilities and in different time periods, relative to the 1-cm-depth dose in tissue. A second objective is to provide the best feasible assessment of organ dose. In the United States, the need for this information led to the formation of a dosimetry committee for further evaluation of dosimetry for the three U.S. studies. The data on external doses, supplied to IARC, will consist of the doses as reported by individual facilities, but the outcome of the dosimetry evaluation may suggest the need for adjustment factors to be applied in some analyses.

External Dosimetry for Hanford Site Workers

A technical report documenting historical dosimetry practices at the Hanford Site is near completion. The preparation of this report has included a review of dosimetry documents and of quality assurance studies. Overall, it has been found that

the Hanford Site dosimetry system is well documented and that good professional practices were followed. An intercomparison study of the response of all past Hanford beta/gamma and neutron personnel dosimeters to several sources of radiation has also been conducted. Based on this study, the comparability of recorded doses over time, and the relationship of recorded dose to the 1-cm-depth dose, are being evaluated.

A study of detailed dosimetry source records for 139 workers is also near completion. The objectives of this investigation are 1) to assess the extent to which dose estimates used in mortality analyses agree with information in source records and 2) to gain a better understanding of dosimetry practices. The workers selected for this study were chosen to provide validation of doses of leukemia deaths, multiple myeloma deaths, and other cancer deaths with cumulative doses exceeding 20 rem. They were also chosen to provide information on special groups such as workers in occupations of special interest, workers known to have a high potential for neutron exposure, and workers in jobs with little or no potential for exposure.

Dose estimates obtained from information on microfiche or microfilm source records have been compared with dose estimates on computerized files used in mortality analyses. Because of difficulties in reading some early source records, and because of variation in the format of records and in algorithms for calculating whole-body dose, this validation has been difficult. In many instances, dose estimates used in mortality analyses could not be verified exactly, but most apparent discrepancies led to only minor modifications in cumulative dose. Discrepancies in cumulative dose were less than 0.1 rem for 88% of the workers in this study, never exceeded 1.5 rem, and would be unlikely to distort conclusions of dose-response analyses. Also, most discrepancies occurred in early years of the study, especially 1944-1946, with very few problems with dose estimates from the 1960s and 1970s.

This study also provides data on dosimetry practices, including frequency of monitoring, the number and proportion of dosimeters yielding positive results, and the magnitude of doses recorded for individual dosimeters. Information on these variables has been tabulated by calendar year and for various subgroups of workers.

Comprehensive Epidemiologic Data Resource (CEDR)

PNL has participated in the DOE's Comprehensive Epidemiologic Data Resource (CEDR) Working Group. The CEDR program was established to develop a public use data set containing worker demographics, work histories, radiation and chemical exposures, medical information, vital statistics, and other health-related data on workers at DOE facilities. The program is a coordinated effort between DOE's Office of Health and Environmental Research, Oak Ridge Associated Universities, Los Alamos National Laboratory, PNL, and HEHF, the major groups currently involved in epidemiologic studies of DOE workers. Argonne National Laboratory is serving as coordinator for CEDR, and a National Academy of Sciences Advisory Committee has been established to provide guidance on the establishment and control of data included in CEDR.

The CEDR working group has met three times to address questions such as what data should be included, how to facilitate collection of data from DOE facilities for which data are not yet available, documentation of data, database management, and the provision of basic information on the nature of operations at included facilities. Particular attention has been given to what variables should be included in the database, and lists of variables that are currently available for each facility have been assembled. The initial CEDR will include variables specified by the IARC protocol for the three study populations contributing to the international combined analyses (Hanford, ORNL, and Rocky Flats). Additional variables and data from other facilities will be added later.

Update of the Hanford Site Database

The database for the Hanford worker study is being updated to include workers employed between 1979 and 1983 and more recent dosimetry. This updating process involves linkage of occupational histories (maintained by HEHF) and dosimetry files (maintained by PNL's Health Physics Department), extensive edits of the two files against one another and against our previous analysis file, and resolution of identified discrepancies. Additional detail on both job histories and dosimetry is being extracted to meet the requirements of the IARC protocol.

Iron Stores and Risk of Cancer

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This research program is studying the effect of body iron stores on the long-term risk of cancer and on the prognosis after cancer diagnosis, and the possible modifying effect of iron stores on risk of radiation-induced tumor formation. During this year, biological mechanisms whereby iron might influence risk of radiation injury have been examined in detail. Results of our stomach cancer case-control study in a Japanese population have been compared to previous studies of iron and cancer, and this comparison has been presented at an international symposium.

Mechanisms

Biological mechanisms whereby iron might influence risk of radiation injury were reviewed [see Stevens and Kalkwarf, *Environ. Health Perspect.* 87 (in press)]. The two general mechanisms by which iron may increase risk of cancer or affect radiation-induced transformation are depicted in Figure 1. First, excess intracellular iron may increase the ambient concentration of oxygen radicals, leading to depletion of cellular reserves of reducing agents. Increased oxidative stress may thus render the cell more sensitive to the radicals produced by ionizing radiation (left side of Figure 1). Excess intracellular iron may also increase the effective range of radicals produced by radiation. Second, iron may be a limiting nutrient to the growth and replication of a transformed cell in the human body, and high iron stores thus may increase the likelihood that a transformed cell will survive to become a clinically apparent neoplasm (right side of Figure 1).

If body iron stores affect sensitivity to radiation injury, this effect has important implications for 1) second malignant neoplasms arising from radiation therapy, 2) diagnostic radiation exposure, 3) occupational radiation and residential radon exposures, and 4) exposure of astronauts and airline crews to cosmic radiation. In these instances, relative capacity of the host to scavenge oxygen radicals may influence cancer risk associated with radiation exposure, and this capacity may be closely related to iron metabolism. Nutritional

antioxidants have received much attention in this regard, but the "oxidant" iron has received very little.

Epidemiological Study Populations

A comparison of the available epidemiological studies of iron and cancer risk was presented at the Fourth International Symposium in Hematology and Oncology at the Karolinska Hospital in Stockholm [Stevens, *Medical Oncology & Tumor Pharmacotherapy* (in press)]. This comparison, designed to provide perspective on our work on the Japanese atomic bomb survivors, is summarized here. Five epidemiological study populations were compared:

- Akiba et al. (in review; *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*) have completed a study of serum ferritin and transferrin and risk of stomach cancer in Japanese atomic bomb survivors (subsequently referred to as Japan). From 1970 to 1972, blood samples were drawn from participants in the Adult Health Study of atomic bomb survivors at biennial clinical examinations at the Radiation Effects Research Foundation in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. In this group, 233 cases of stomach cancer were diagnosed from 1973 to 1983. Serum ferritin and transferrin levels in stored serum from 1970 to 1972 for the stomach cancer cases were compared to levels in controls matched for age, sex, city, and radiation exposure. Adjustment was made for smoking.

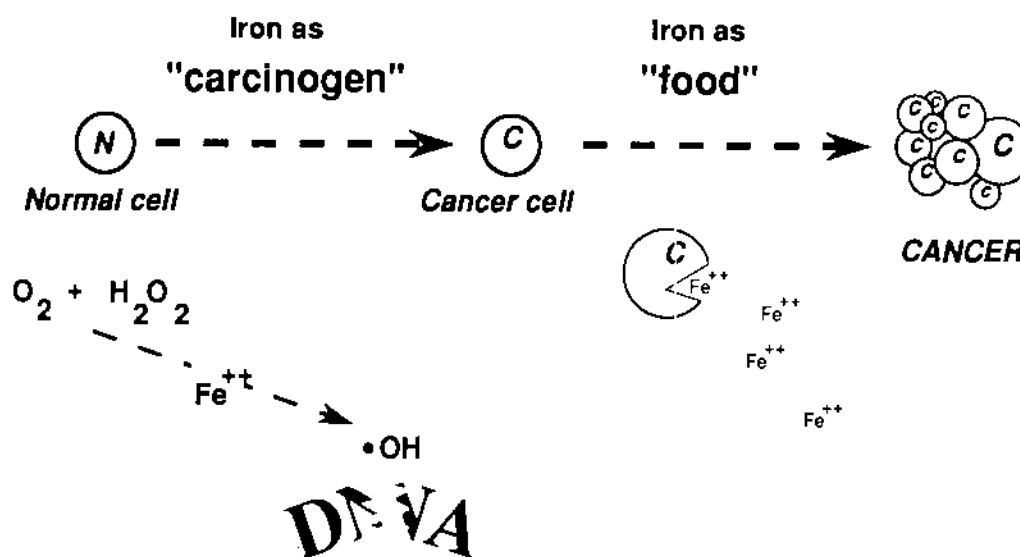


FIGURE 1. Illustration of Two Possible Mechanisms by Which Iron Might Increase Cancer Risk. First (left), iron can catalyze the production of oxygen radicals, which may be directly carcinogenic or may increase oxidative stress to a cell and thereby increase sensitivity to ionizing radiation damage. Second (right), cancer cells need iron to grow. Iron may be a limiting nutrient to growth and development of cancer cell into a clinically apparent neoplasm.

- Stevens et al. (*Am. J. Epidemiol.* 118:550, 1983) studied the relationship of serum ferritin and transferrin to subsequent risk of death for a 10-year period in the Solomon Islands (referred to hereafter as Solomons).
- Stevens et al. (*J. Natl. Cancer Inst.* 76:605, 1986) reported the results of a study of serum ferritin and transferrin level in serum stored since 1975-1978 in 192 male Chinese government workers who developed primary hepatocellular carcinoma (PHC) or died of any cancer by 1983, and in 358 age-matched control men who had not died or developed cancer (referred to as Taiwan).
- Selby and Friedman (*Int. J. Cancer* 41:677, 1988) reported more than 175,000 members of a health maintenance plan in northern California followed from 1964 to 1973 (referred to as Kaiser). Each subject had a baseline medical examination and a measurement of total iron-binding capacity (TIBC) during this period. The population was followed through 1980, and incident cases of cancer recorded; TIBC was compared between cases and those who did not develop cancer over the study period.
- Using the existing database on the "National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey I" in the United States, Stevens et al. (*N. Engl. J. Med.* 319:1047, 1988) compared transferrin saturation and TIBC in 14,707 subjects who developed cancer as of 1984 to those who did not (referred to as NHANES).

Comparison of Iron Stores

Populations differed for each of the iron stores studies; measurement methods for iron status and outcomes also differed. However, comparison of results provided further insight into the possible effect of iron status on cancer risk. Serum ferritin and serum transferrin were used in the Solomons study of general mortality, in the Taiwan study of incidence of PHC and cancer deaths excluding PHC, and in the Japan study of stomach cancer incidence. The NHANES study used transferrin saturation and TIBC, whereas the Kaiser study used only TIBC. In general, there is a direct correlation of serum ferritin and transferrin saturation with available body iron stores, and an inverse correlation of serum transferrin and TIBC with iron stores; that is, high iron stores result in

high ferritin and transferrin saturation and low serum transferrin and TIBC.

Figure 2 qualitatively summarizes the data presented in Tables 1, 2, and 3. Table 1 shows a comparison of the studies that used ferritin or transferrin saturation. Serum ferritin was significantly higher in men in the Solomons study who died than in those who did not die over a 10-year period; the difference in women was not significant. In Taiwan, men who died of cancer had higher ferritin although not significantly so. Men who died of or developed PHC had significantly higher ferritin than their controls. In the NHANES study, men who developed cancer (all types combined) had significantly higher transferrin saturation than controls, whereas women did not. Persons with stomach cancer in the Japan study had significantly *lower* ferritin than controls.

Table 2 shows results for serum transferrin and TIBC. Transferrin was significantly lower in those who died than in those who did not in the Solomons. Men who died of cancer had significantly lower transferrin than those who did not in Taiwan. Women with cancer in the Kaiser study, and men with cancer in the NHANES study, had lower TIBC than controls. In the Japan study, stomach cancer cases had significantly *higher* transferrin than controls.

The Solomons, Taiwan, and NHANES studies gave results consistent with the hypothesis that *higher* iron stores increase risk of death or of cancer in men. The Kaiser study gave evidence for an association in women but not in men. The NHANES study suggested that women with very high transferrin saturation might also be at moderately elevated risk of cancer.

	Solomons, Male Deaths	Taiwan		Kaiser Women	NHANES Men	Japan, Stomach Cancer
		PHC	Other			
Ferritin	↑	↑				↓
Transferrin Saturation		*			↑	
TIBC				↓	↓	
Transferrin	↓		↓			↑
Albumin	↓		↓		↓	
Iron Stores	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑	↓

FIGURE 2. Qualitative Description of Results Presented in Tables 1, 2, and 3. Case value as compared to control is given for serum ferritin, transferrin saturation, TIBC, serum transferrin, and serum albumin. Iron status in cases compared to controls is then inferred. Upward-pointing arrow indicates cases had higher value than controls.

TABLE 1. Mean Serum Level of Ferritin (ng/ml) or Transferrin Saturation (%) in Cancer Cases and Controls. A higher level in cancer patients is consistent with the hypothesis that cases had higher iron stores than controls before death or diagnosis.

	Ferritin		Transferrin Saturation	
	Cases	Controls	Cases	Controls
Solomons				
Males, death	71 ^(a)	51.8		
Females, death	52	51		
Taiwan				
Males, cancer death ^(b)	149.1	142.7		
Males, PHC	121.4 ^(a)	99.9		
NHANES				
Males, cancer incidence			33.1 ^(a)	30.7
Males, stomach cancer			26.4	30.7
Females, cancer incidence			28.2	27.4
Japan				
Stomach cancer	49 ^(a)	69.2		

(a) Significantly different from control. Solomons, Solomon Islands study; Taiwan, study of Chinese government workers; NHANES, National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey I; Japan, Japanese atomic bomb survivors.

(b) Excluding PHC, primary hepatocellular carcinoma.

In the Japan study, the association of serum ferritin and transferrin is in the *opposite* direction: lower iron stores are associated with increased stomach cancer incidence. There were only 8 cases of stomach cancer in the NHANES study and 24 in the Taiwan study. However, the male cases in NHANES had a transferrin saturation of 26.4%, lower than controls, and TIBC of 67.0 μ mol/liter, higher than controls. In the Taiwan study, persons with stomach cancer also had lower ferritin than controls. Thus, the results of these three studies are consistent.

In the Taiwan study, persons with liver cancer had greatly elevated ferritin before diagnosis. The highest ferritin values were found in those diagnosed less than 1 year after blood samples were drawn, suggesting that elevated ferritin may be a marker of early PHC.

Table 3 shows mean levels of serum albumin before diagnosis of disease in cases and controls. A consistent, and highly statistically significant,

negative association of serum albumin level in men and risk of death and/or cancer was seen in these studies. Albumin is lower in smokers than nonsmokers, and decreases with age. However, the negative association persisted after controlling for these factors.

TABLE 2. Serum Levels of Transferrin (mg/dl) or Total Iron Binding Capacity (TIBC, μ mol/liter) in Cases and Controls. A lower level in cases is consistent with the hypothesis that cases had higher iron stores than controls before death or diagnosis.

	Transferrin		TIBC	
	Cases	Controls	Cases	Controls
Solomons				
Males, death	242 ^(a)	269.7		
Females, death	244 ^(a)	270.2		
Taiwan				
Males, cancer death ^(b)	283.9 ^(a)	307.7		
Males, PHC	286.2	267.8		
Kaiser				
Males, cancer incidence			50.09	49.51
Females, cancer incidence			47.69 ^(a)	48.37
Males, lung cancer			48.89	49.58
Females, lung cancer			45.34 ^(a)	48.37
NHANES				
Males, cancer incidence			61.4 ^(a)	62.9
Males, stomach cancer			67.0	62.9
Females, cancer incidence			66.4	66.5
Japan				
Stomach cancer	278 ^(a)	269		

(a) Significantly different from control. Solomons, Solomon Islands study; Taiwan, study of Chinese government workers; Kaiser, health plan members, northern California; NHANES, National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey I; Japan, Japanese atomic bomb survivors.

(b) Excluding PHC, primary hepatocellular carcinoma.

Discussion

Stomach cancer risk appears to be associated with lower iron stores. A mechanism whereby precursors of stomach cancer lead to lower iron stores is a possible explanation discussed in the paper reporting the Japan study.

Blumberg et al. (*Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci.* 78:3222, 1981) stated the hypothesis that the risk of PHC in

chronic carriers of hepatitis B virus (HBV) is increased in those with high liver iron stores. Lustbader et al. (*Science* 220:423, 1983) studied hemodialysis patients challenged with HBV, and found that those patients who became chronic carriers had higher serum ferritin before challenge than those who developed antibody. Evidence from the Taiwan study further implicates iron level in the etiology of HBV-induced PHC.

TABLE 3. Serum Albumin in Cases and Controls in Three Epidemiological Studies

	Serum Albumin (g/liter)	
	Cases	Controls
Solomons		
Males, death	39.1	41.5 ^(a)
Females, death	40.1	40.6
Taiwan		
Males, cancer death ^(b)	42.0	44.0 ^(a)
NHANES		
Males, cancer incidence	43.7	44.3 ^(a)
Females, cancer incidence	43.3	43.4

(a) Statistically significant difference.

(b) Excluding PHC, primary hepatocellular carcinoma.

The negative association of serum albumin level and subsequent cancer risk in men seen in these epidemiological studies is an intriguing finding. It may result simply from confounding effects of age and cigarette smoking, although adjustment was made for these factors in analyses. Albumin level is used clinically to assess protein-calorie status, and low albumin suggests low protein intake. Protein intake, however, has been found to *increase* cancer risk in experimental animals; low albumin in cancer victims appears inconsistent with results from animal studies. Albumin is the most abundant serum protein and is important in maintaining osmotic pressure of blood, and in transporting many substances. In particular, albumin may bind iron to inhibit the growth of bacteria, and, by extension, the growth of cancer cells.

The iron-cancer hypotheses have many potential applications. Blood donors might be at reduced risk of cancer because of their chronically lowered iron levels. Although asbestos is believed to be carcinogenic in humans, particularly in conjunction with cigarette smoking, the difference in carcinogenicity between amphibole asbestos (high cancer risk and high iron content) and serpentine asbestos (low cancer risk and low iron content) may be explained by the iron content of these respective silicates. Iron may influence cancer at some sites and not at others. Data presented from the studies reviewed here show evidence of increased overall cancer risk, although of *lower* stomach cancer risk, in those with high iron stores. It has been argued that iron binding by phytase may account for a reduced colon cancer risk for those consuming a high-fiber diet.

The prominence of iron in human physiology, and the high iron content of the western diet, emphasize the importance of pursuing further research on the possible role of iron in risk of cancer and in risk of radiation-induced transformation.

Future Plans

Studies of smoking and serum proteins in Japanese atomic bomb survivors and of iron stores and the risk of stomach cancer in Japanese populations, described in the Pacific Northwest Laboratory Annual Report for 1988 to the DOE Office of Energy Research, are in journal review (*American Journal of Epidemiology*).

Analyses of serum albumin and cancer risk in Japanese bomb survivors are continuing as is the development of a research protocol for a study of serum ferritin and transferrin and subsequent risk of colon and bladder cancers. A new study of hepatitis B virus and risk of liver cancer is also planned. Possible roles of iron stores (Stevens et al., *J. Natl. Cancer Inst.* 76:605, 1986) and radiation in this relationship (Asano et al., *J. Natl. Cancer Inst.* 69:1221, 1982) will also be investigated.



**Biological
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Inhaled Plutonium Oxide in Dogs

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This project is concerned with long-term experiments to determine the lifespan dose-effect relationships of inhaled $^{239}\text{PuO}_2$ or $^{238}\text{PuO}_2$ in beagles. The data will be used to estimate the health effects of inhaled transuranics. Beagle dogs given a single exposure to $^{239}\text{PuO}_2$ or $^{238}\text{PuO}_2$ aerosols to obtain dose-level groups with initial lung burdens (ILB) approximately 1, 8, 40, 50, 700, and 2800 times the maximum permissible lung dose for a plutonium worker are being observed for lifespan dose-effect relationships. Increased incidence of lung tumors was observed in the four highest dose-level groups exposed to $^{239}\text{PuO}_2$ during the 16-year postexposure period. All the dogs exposed to $^{239}\text{PuO}_2$ are dead. During the 15 years after exposure to $^{238}\text{PuO}_2$, increased incidence of lung and/or bone tumors was observed in the five highest dose-level groups. Chronic lymphopenia, occurring 0.5 to 2 years after exposure, was the earliest observed effect after inhalation of either $^{239}\text{PuO}_2$ or $^{238}\text{PuO}_2$ in the four highest dose-level groups that had ILB ≥ 80 nCi. Other plutonium-exposure-related effects include sclerosis of the tracheobronchial lymph nodes, focal radiation pneumonitis, adenomatous hyperplasia of the liver, and dystrophic osteolytic lesions in the skeleton.

To determine the lifespan dose-effect relationships of inhaled plutonium, 18-month-old beagle dogs were exposed to aerosols of $^{239}\text{PuO}_2$ (mean AMAD, 2.3 μm ; mean GSD, 1.9), prepared by calcining the oxalate at 750°C for 2 hours; or to $^{238}\text{PuO}_2$ (mean AMAD, 1.8 μm ; mean GSD, 1.9), prepared by calcining the oxalate at 700°C and subjecting the product to H_2^{16}O steam in argon exchange at 800°C for 96 hours. This material, referred to as pure plutonium oxide, is used as fuel in space-nuclear-power systems.

One hundred thirty dogs exposed to $^{239}\text{PuO}_2$ in 1970 and 1971 were selected for long-term studies; 14 were sacrificed to obtain plutonium distribution and pathology data; 116 were assigned to lifespan dose-effect studies (Table 1). The 116 dogs exposed to $^{238}\text{PuO}_2$ in 1973 and 1974 were selected for lifespan dose-effect studies (Table 2), and 21 additional dogs were exposed for periodic sacrifice. The Appendix (which follows Part 1 of this Annual Report) shows the status of the dogs in these experiments.

TABLE 1. Lifespan Dose-Effect Studies with Inhaled $^{239}\text{PuO}_2$ in Beagles^(a)

Dose-Level Group	Number of Dogs		Initial Lung Deposition ^(b)	
	Male	Female	nCi ^(c)	nCi/g Lung ^(c)
Control	10	10	0	0
1	12	12	3.5 \pm 1.3	0.029 \pm 0.011
2	10	11	22 \pm 4	0.18 \pm 0.04
3	10	10	79 \pm 14	0.66 \pm 0.13
4	11	11	300 \pm 62	2.4 \pm 0.4
5	10	11	1100 \pm 170	9.3 \pm 1.4
6	3	5	5800 \pm 3300	50 \pm 22
	66	70		

(a) Exposed in 1970 and 1971.

(b) Estimated from external thorax counts at 14 and 30 days after exposure and estimated lung weights (0.011 x body weight).

(c) Mean \pm 95% confidence intervals around means.

Table 3 summarizes, by dose-level group, the mortality and lesions associated with deaths through 16 years after exposure to $^{239}\text{PuO}_2$. All the dogs exposed to $^{239}\text{PuO}_2$ are dead. Mean survival time

was decreased in the three highest dose-level groups compared to that in the other groups. Fourteen dogs were sacrificed for comparison of plutonium tissue distribution. Table 4 shows the primary cause of death and the distribution of ^{239}Pu in the tissues as percent of final body burden. Figure 1 shows the plutonium tissue distribution as percent of initial lung burden (ILB).

TABLE 2. Lifespan Dose-Effect Studies with Inhaled $^{238}\text{PuO}_2$ in Beagles^(a)

Dose-Level Group	Number of Dogs		Initial Lung Deposition ^(b)	
	Male	Female	nCi ^(c)	nCi/g Lung ^(c)
Control	10	10	0	0
1	10	10	2.3±0.8	0.016±0.007
2	11	10	18±3	0.15±0.03
3	12	10	77±11	0.56±0.07
4	10	10	350±81	2.6±0.5
5	10	10	1300±270	10±1.9
6	7	6	5200±1400	43±12
	70	66		

(a) Exposed in 1973 and 1974.

(b) Estimated from external thorax counts at 14 and 30 days after exposure and estimated lung weights (0.011 x body weight).

(c) Mean ± 95% confidence intervals around means.

Table 4 indicates that, as survival time increased, the fraction of plutonium in the lung decreased to 16% of the final body burden by 15 to 16 years after exposure. During the first year after exposure, plutonium was translocated primarily to the thoracic lymph nodes; little plutonium was translocated to other tissues. Plutonium content of the thoracic lymph nodes increased to 71% of the final body burden at 15 to 16 years after exposure; the abdominal lymph nodes, principally the hepatic nodes, contained ~3%. The fraction of plutonium in liver increased, accounting for 25% of the final body burden in the higher (≥75 nCi final body burden) dose-level groups. The organ distribution of plutonium in the periodically sacrificed dogs was generally similar to that of the higher dose-level dogs euthanized when death was imminent during the first 2 years after exposure. The lower dose level (≤75 nCi final body burden) dogs sacrificed or euthanized during the 4th to 16th postexposure years generally had a much smaller fraction of the final body burden in the liver, with a larger fraction retained in the lungs and/or thoracic lymph nodes.

The fraction of plutonium in the livers of these dogs was ~7% of the final body burden 15 to 16 years after exposure; about 1% was in the skeleton.

Figure 1 shows the ^{239}Pu tissue distribution as percent of the ILB for all dogs for which tissue radiochemical analyses are complete. The ILB for those dogs for which radiochemical analysis of excreta were not complete were estimated from external thorax counts at 14 and 30 days after exposure. For dogs whose analyses were complete, ILB were estimated from the summation of the tissue burdens of plutonium, plus the plutonium excreted, minus plutonium excreted in the feces during the first 3 days after exposure. The latter was assumed to be deposited in the upper respiratory tract. Uptake and retention functions were fitted to the organ burden data. Based on the premise that the organ burdens were interrelated, the uptake and retention function for all organs was fitted simultaneously instead of fitting isolated functions for each organ.

The organs were treated as compartments of a single system, with transfer rates specifying the total amount, leaving a compartment per unit time and the fractional distribution of that amount among the other compartments. The transfer rates assumed that plutonium moved through the body in a single pass. The material initially deposited in the lung was either excreted or moved to some other organ, from which it was excreted. It was assumed that there were no feedback loops in the system. Organ systems included lung, thoracic lymph nodes, liver, skeleton, and all other tissues. The functions were estimated using weighted, nonlinear least squares. The weights were estimated by biweighting procedures that give the more extreme data values very little weight. The curves for liver were based on all dogs; dogs with ≤75 nCi had less plutonium translocated to the liver.

The nine dogs euthanized because of radiation pneumonitis during the 3-year postexposure period had increased respiration rates, and hypercapnia and hypoxemia associated with lesions in the lungs. Intermittent anorexia and body weight loss accompanied the respiratory insufficiency. Histopathological examination of the lungs showed radiation pneumonitis characterized by focal

TABLE 3. Summary of Lesions in Dogs Euthanized During the 16-Year Period After Inhalation of $^{239}\text{PuO}_2$

	Dose Group						
	6	5	4	3	2	1	Control
Number of Dogs/Group	6	21	22	20	21	24	20
Number of Dead Dogs/Group	8	21	22	20	21	24	20
Mean Survival Post Exposure, years	2	6	10	13	13	12	13
Condition ^(a)							
Radiation pneumonitis	7	1					
Radiation pneumonitis, lung tumor	1						
Lung tumor		18	12	6	2		4
Nephropathy, lung tumor			1	1	1		
Leiomyosarcoma, lung tumor			1		1		
Lung tumor, bile duct carcinoma			1				
Lung tumor, hepatocellular carcinoma			1				
Urinary bladder tumor, lung tumor		1					
Adrenal cortical carcinoma, lung tumor				1			
Kidney tumor, lung tumor				1			
Malignant lymphoma, lung tumor, hepatocellular carcinoma				1			
Pneumonia, lung tumor						1	
Malignant lymphoma				1		4	2
Malignant lymphoma, bile duct carcinoma							1
Hemangiosarcoma (heart, spleen)						2	1
Hemangiosarcoma (liver)						1	1
Bone tumor					1	2	
Urinary bladder tumor				1	2		
Malignant melanoma						2	1
Pituitary tumor, Cushing's			1			1	
Pheochromocytoma					1		
Pheochromocytoma, hepatocellular carcinoma							1
Thyroid carcinoma				1			
Reticulum cell sarcoma			1				
Ovarian tumor					1		
Round cell sarcoma, bile duct adenoma						1	
Hemangioma (spleen)					1		
Neurofibrosarcoma				1			
Meningioma						1	
Lymphocytic leukemia						1	
Oral tumor							1
Pneumonia			2	2	4	4	
Chronic nephropathy				1	1	1	1
Chronic nephropathy, liver							1
reticuloendothelial carcinoma							
Kidney failure						1	
Nephrosclerosis							1
Glomerulosclerosis						1	
Epilepsy					1	1	1
Pyometra		1		1			
Thromboembolism				1			1
Cardiac insufficiency				1	1		
Unknown					1	1	
Liver cirrhosis			1				
Septicemia						1	
Peritonitis					1		
Adrenitis							1
Cushing's, intestinal carcinoma							1
Luxated vertebral disc							1

(a) Number of dogs with lesions associated with death.

TABLE 4. Tissue Distribution of Plutonium in Beagles After Inhalation of $^{239}\text{PuO}_2$

Dog Number	Time After Exposure, months	Final Body Burden, μCi	Percent of Final Body Burden					Cause of Death
			Lungs	Thoracic Lymph Nodes ^(a)	Abdominal Lymph Nodes ^(b)	Liver	Skeleton	
478M	0.25	0.293	98	0.15	0.02	0.24	0.18	Sacrifice
435F	0.25	3.841	99	0.11	0.01	0.00	0.03	Sacrifice
816M	0.50	0.389	99	0.12	0.01	0.00	0.03	Sacrifice
918M	1	0.074	99	0.82	0.02	0.11	0.08	Sacrifice
920F	1	0.011	94	0.47	0.03	0.08	0.61	Sacrifice
913M	1	4.849	98	1.1	0.00	0.03	0.05	Sacrifice
702F	5	1.682	94	5.7	0.00	0.01	0.09	Sacrifice
709M	5	1.726	97	2.2	0.00	0.00	0.05	Sacrifice
734M	5	0.914	96	3.4	0.00	0.01	0.05	Sacrifice
739F	5	1.511	95	4.7	0.03	0.00	0.00	Sacrifice
910M	11	12.229	84	15	0.01	0.06	0.05	Radiation pneumonitis
747F	12	5.434	71	29	0.03	0.07	0.07	Radiation pneumonitis
906F	12	6.154	88	12	0.00	0.03	0.05	Radiation pneumonitis
849F	13	0.0007	80	15	0.20	0.04	1.6	Sacrifice
896F	15	4.115	81	15	0.92	0.23	0.12	Radiation pneumonitis
817M	21	3.794	64	34	0.13	1.4	0.19	Radiation pneumonitis
815M	25	0.074	64	32	—	0.08	0.10	Sacrifice
829M	26	3.198	75	19	0.79	4.2	0.45	Radiation pneumonitis
760M	31	0.978	71	23	0.57	3.7	0.28	Radiation pneumonitis
890F	31	2.012	55	28	2.2	13	0.26	Radiation pneumonitis
804M	37	1.101	62	29	0.19	7.9	0.36	Radiation pneumonitis, lung tumor
798F	43	0.0056	55	44	0.02	0.17	0.43	Sacrifice
772M	53	1.821	42	22	0.88	25	0.69	Lung tumor
759M	53	0.707	43	27	12	15	0.65	Lung tumor
796F	55	0.671	40	31	4.1	21	1.0	Lung tumor
783M	59	1.377	59	11	1.8	26	0.67	Lung tumor
873M	62	1.748	45	27	6.4	16	0.76	Lung tumor
753F	69	1.171	35	31	0.09	24	0.84	Lung tumor
761M	69	1.064	36	37	6.3	19	0.53	Lung tumor
727M	72	0.585	39	24	12	23	0.78	Lung tumor
762M	72	0.0017	51	42	0.34	0.71	0.66	Sacrifice
837M	72	1.034	42	38	0.70	14	0.46	Lung tumor
863F	76	0.817	33	12	1.3	47	1.4	Lung tumor
852F	77	1.067	33	35	0.88	26	0.94	Lung tumor
803M	79	0.415	20	46	11	20	1.4	Interstitial pneumonitis
875M	83	0.0026	24	66	0.34	0.84	6.3	Malignant lymphoma, kidney
754M	84	0.0046	29	66	0.23	0.39	1.2	Status epilepticus
835F	86	0.099	27	65	0.95	3.1	1.7	Reticulum cell sarcoma
880F	86	0.468	19	31	13	34	0.37	Lung tumor
769F	90	0.019	36	57	0.32	1.7	1.8	Ovarian tumor
888M	93	0.179	32	40	10	12	2.1	Lung tumor
856F	94	0.306	40	45	0.78	8.0	3.9	Lung tumor
889F	94	0.613	14	27	6.9	41	8.1	Lung tumor
787M	95	0.473	24	19	12	39	2.7	Lung tumor
820F	96	0.387	14	40	7.6	29	1.4	Lung tumor
834F	97	0.025	30	46	17	3.5	0.91	Pyometra
752M	98	0.055	24	62	1.2	7.7	0.98	Lung tumor
864F	100	0.616	18	22	2.9	50	2.9	Lung tumor
908F	101	0.0073	14	72	0.049	0.56	0.93	Unknown
778M	102	0.065	11	85	1.3	1.0	0.52	Pulmonary thromboembolism
812M	103	0.288	15	36	29	16	2.2	Lung tumor

(a) Includes tracheobronchial, mediastinal, and sternal lymph nodes.

(b) Includes hepatic, splenic, and mesenteric lymph nodes.

TABLE 4. Continued

Dog Number	Time After Exposure, months	Final Body Burden, μ Cl	Percent of Final Body Burden					Cause of Death
			Lungs	Thoracic Lymph Nodes ^(a)	Abdominal Lymph Nodes ^(b)	Liver	Skeleton	
814F	104	0.054	49	33	4.1	10	1.6	Lung tumor
840F	107	0.389	17	35	5.8	37	2.0	Lung tumor
777M	109	0.392	11	52	7.8	24	1.7	Lung tumor
857M	109	0.333	20	39	9.4	27	2.4	Lung tumor
898F	111	0.333	10	34	28	21	3.4	Urinary bladder tumor, lung tumor
899F	113	0.0066	7.5	87	0.14	0.27	1.6	Hemangiosarcoma (heart)
697M	114	0.141	15	64	8.1	9.9	1.4	Cardiac insufficiency
909M	115	0.444	16	46	11	25	1.2	Lung tumor
824F	116	0.178	21	75	0.50	2.3	0.70	Pneumonia
691M	116	0.0023	11	64	0.064	0.48	1.5	Septicemia
836M	117	0.333	12	63	15	7.4	0.97	Lung tumor
892M	120	0.348	10	47	18	20	3.7	Lung tumor
794M	120	0.397	13	33	14	31	3.5	Pituitary tumor, Cushing's
781F	122	0.034	37	59	0.25	1.1	0.72	Kidney tumor, lung tumor
809F	123	0.120	12	36	18	28	3.3	Liver cirrhosis, thyroid tumor, Addison's
854M	124	0.435	12	66	15	3.8	1.3	Lung tumor
807F	125	0.0021	10	71	0.55	1.2	1.3	Pituitary tumor, Cushing's
810F	126	0.219	5.9	43	20	22	1.8	Lung tumor
900M	126	0.0016	13	60	2.3	9.0	2.9	Round cell sarcoma, bile duct adenoma
748F	127	0.0015	10	50	0.87	0.33	1.2	Unknown
860M	133	0.335	8.2	68	8.0	11	2.5	Lung tumor
805F	134	0.189	5.8	55	8.9	21	2.8	Esophageal leiomyoma, lung tumor
780F	135	0.0074	28	69	0.37	0.02	0.79	Pheochromocytoma
905F	135	0.080	13	50	10	19	1.7	Malignant lymphoma
825F	137	0.0020	9.5	85	0.74	0.54	2.7	Hemangiosarcoma, spleen
764F	139	0.081	15	75	3.9	4.9	0.73	Lung tumor
808F	139	0.206	11	30	1.8	53	3.0	Lung tumor
806F	140	0.010	11	78	1.8	5.1	2.3	Malignant melanoma, palate
850F	140	0.00062	12	82	0.61	0.11	2.0	Bone tumor
833F	143	0.157	3.1	40	22	31	1.1	Metritis, adrenal and thyroid carcinoma
862M	145	0.0026	21	56	0.85	4.4	6.9	Peritonitis
904F	145	0.0013	8.9	87	0.30	0.88	1.0	Chondrosarcoma
756M	147	0.0016	15	75	1.0	1.6	4.1	Epilepsy
782M	148	0.043	12	72	4.9	9.0	0.86	Neurofibrosarcoma
888F	149	0.00085	13	51	15	3.6	13	Meningioma
795F	152	0.030	24	26	8.3	38	1.5	Lung tumor
771F	153	0.019	20	71	1.0	5.8	1.1	Lung tumor
813F	153	0.036	22	44	4.7	27	1.1	Multilobar sarcoma, skull
826F	153	0.0034	8.0	88	0.38	0.92	1.2	Hemangioma, spleen
859M	154	0.048	19	31	29	7.3	0.79	Urinary bladder tumor
870F	154	0.00062	8.2	70	4.9	9.6	4.8	Pneumonia
879M	154	0.00093	19	75	0.52	0.81	1.6	Hemangiosarcoma
884M	155	0.077	13	45	9.4	30	1.6	Lung tumor
831F	155	0.0087	24	71	0.65	3.3	1.0	Pneumonia
866M	156	0.145	15	41	9.3	34	0.20	Lung tumor, hepatocellular carcinoma
823M	157	0.072	7.3	83	1.8	6.0	1.5	Urinary bladder tumor

(a) Includes tracheobronchial, mediastinal, and sternal lymph nodes.

(b) Includes hepatic, splenic, and mesenteric lymph nodes.

TABLE 4. Continued

Dog Number	Time After Exposure, months	Final Body Burden, μ Cl	Percent of Final Body Burden					Cause of Death
			Lungs	Thoracic Lymph Nodes (a)	Abdominal Lymph Nodes (b)	Liver	Skeleton	
838M	157	0.044	18.0	73	0.77	5.4	1.4	Malignant lymphoma, lung tumor, hepatocellular carcinoma
788M	158	0.0022	22	70	2.0	1.8	0.11	Chronic nephropathy
845F	158	0.012	28	69	0.25	1.5	0.63	Urinary bladder tumor
853M	158	0.0081	13	77	2.2	5.4	0.54	Bronchopneumonia
750M	161	0.071	20	51	13.0	9.5	2.4	Lung tumor, malignant lymphoma
847M	163	0.00061	22	75	0.15	0.60	1.2	Kidney failure
776M	163	0.0020	29	67	0.11	1.2	1.1	Bronchopneumonia
802M	164	0.019	13	45	33	6.7	1.3	Pneumonia
827F	164	0.075	4.5	49	17	27	1.5	Acute pneumonia
874M	165	0.0048	5.6	90	0.54	1.4	0.58	Chronic nephropathy
842M	166	0.0054	4.7	90	0.78	3.2	0.75	Lung tumor, chronic nephropathy
770F	166	0.0023	17	80	0.15	0.69	0.52	Glomerulosclerosis
844F	170	0.097	19	50	8.9	19	1.3	Nephropathy, lung tumor
819F	170	0.085	18	42	4.2	30	3.0	Nephropathy, lung tumor
907F	174	0.00097	7.4	69	1.2	0.78	0.61	Pneumonia
876F	175	0.0080	10	80	1.6	6.1	0.68	Nephropathy, lung tumor
877F	175	0.011	13	79	2.2	3.8	0.70	Lung tumor
867M	175	0.0027	23	52	5.8	16	1.6	Malignant lymphoma
893M	177	0.0021	10	87	0.19	0.63	1.0	Pneumonia
839F	177	0.105	6.4	53	11	27	2.0	Lung tumor, bile duct carcinoma
841F	178	0.0028	6.8	89	0.13	2.1	0.84	Malignant lymphoma
832F	178	0.0020	8.3	87	0.17	1.5	0.88	Malignant lymphoma
767M	180	0.0088	33	64	0.22	1.1	0.96	Valvular endocardopathy
848F	180	0.047	9.8	80	4.9	3.7	0.80	Acute pneumonia
871M	181	0.0028	10	86	0.59	1.6	1.0	Malignant melanoma (oral)
851F	182	0.025	15	77	1.7	4.8	1.2	Thyroid carcinoma, hypothyroidism
865F	182	0.00062	7.0	89	0.23	0.92	1.5	Acute pneumonia, lung tumor
797F	182	0.056	11	43	11	31	1.7	Lung tumor
881F	182	0.0066	13	85	0.27	0.33	0.75	Acute pneumonia
786M	183	0.047	11	60	6.5	10	1.4	Adrenocortical carcinoma, lung tumor
858M	183	0.00042	5.4	88	2.2	1.6	0.80	Lymphocytic leukemia
757M	191	0.018	58	30	2.8	6.4	1.6	Leiomyosarcoma, kidney and lung tumor
883M	196	0.036	11	76	3.2	6.0	2.0	Chronic nephropathy

(a) Includes tracheobronchial, mediastinal, and external lymph nodes.

(b) Includes hepatic, splenic, and mesenteric lymph nodes.

interstitial and subpleural fibrosis, increased numbers of alveolar macrophages, alveolar epithelial hyperplasia, and foci of squamous metaplasia. Autoradiographs showed activity primarily composed of large stars, more numerous in areas of interstitial and subpleural fibrosis. One dog euthanized because of radiation pneumonitis also had a pulmonary tumor.

Of 116 exposed dogs euthanized 3 to 16 years after exposure, 52 had lung tumors. Four control dogs were euthanized because of lung tumors. Radiographic evidence of pulmonary neoplasia frequently preceded development of respiratory insufficiency. In dogs with neoplasia in the lung, respiratory insufficiency, when it was observed, was usually a late clinical finding that occurred

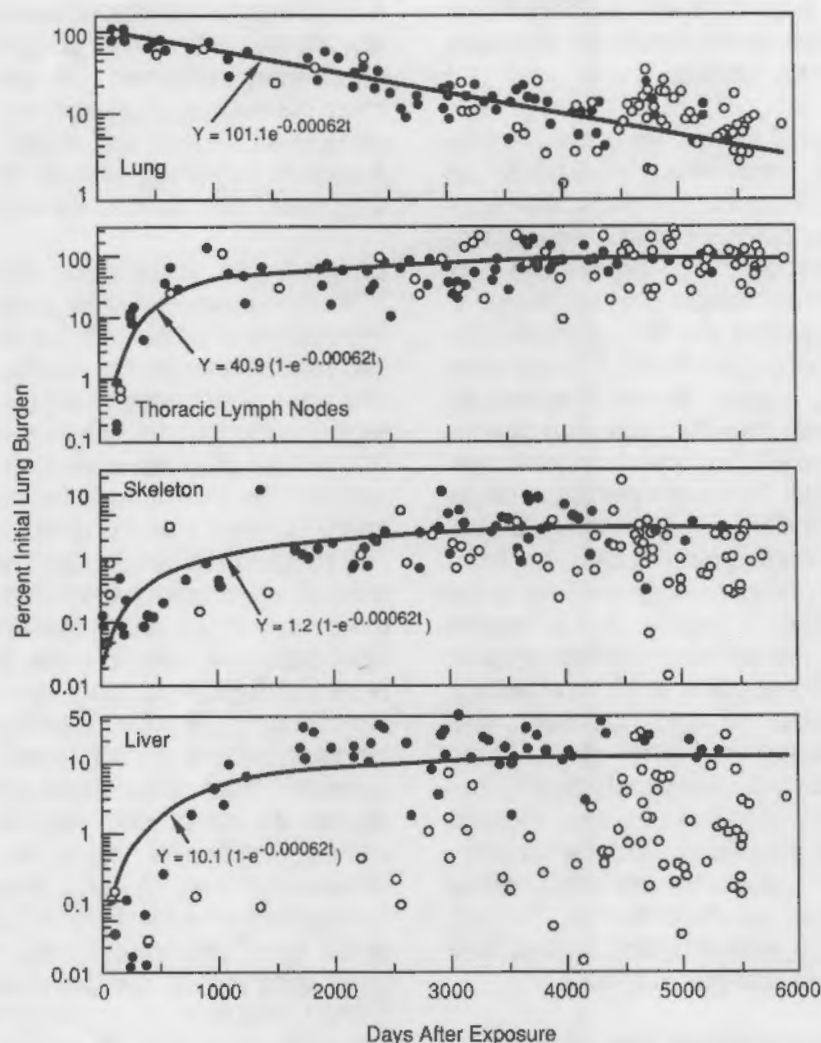


FIGURE 1. Plutonium in Tissues of Dogs After Inhalation of $^{239}\text{PuO}_2$. Points represent data from individual dogs ($\bullet = \geq 75$ nCi, $\circ = \leq 75$ nCi final body burden). Uptake and retention curves and function were based on dogs in which initial lung burdens were estimated from external thorax counts at 14 and 30 days after exposure. Curve for liver was based on all dogs.

shortly before euthanasia. Eleven of the dogs with lung tumors were euthanized for other causes.

Two dogs in dose-level 1 were euthanized 11.7 and 12.1 years, respectively, after exposure: one had an osteosarcoma involving the nasal cavity and maxilla; the other had a chondrosarcoma involving the nasal cavity. One dog in dose-level 2, euthanized 12.8 years after exposure, had a multilobular sarcoma of the skull. No bone tumors were observed in the controls.

Two dose-level 4 dogs, one dose-level 3 dog, one dose-level 1 dog, and three control dogs had liver tumors (bile duct adenomas, bile duct carcinomas,

hepatocellular carcinomas, or reticuloendothelial sarcomas) as incidental observations at necropsy not related to the cause of death. Three exposed dogs with incidental liver tumors also had lung tumors, and one was euthanized for other causes. The three control dogs also were euthanized for other causes. One dose-level 1 dog and one control dog died of liver hemangiosarcomas.

During the 7- to 16-year postexposure period, 51 exposed dogs died or were euthanized with causes presently thought to be unrelated to plutonium exposure; 22 died of various neoplastic diseases and 29 of various other causes. Of the control dogs, 4 were euthanized because of lung

cancer, 1 of liver tumors, 3 with incidental liver tumors, 5 of various other neoplastic diseases, and 7 of various other causes.

In 23 dogs, the lung tumors were classified as bronchioloalveolar carcinoma; in 6 dogs, as adenosquamous carcinoma; in 9 dogs, adenocarcinoma; in 4 dogs, epidermoid and adenocarcinoma; in 4 dogs, epidermoid carcinoma; in 1 dog, epidermoid and bronchioloalveolar carcinoma; in 3 dogs, adenocarcinoma and bronchioloalveolar carcinoma; in 1 dog, epidermoid carcinoma, adenocarcinoma, and bronchioloalveolar carcinoma; and in another dog, adenocarcinoma, adenosquamous carcinoma, and bronchioloalveolar adenocarcinoma. The epidermoid carcinomas metastasized to the lungs, skeletons, brains, intestines, and thoracic lymph nodes; the bronchioloalveolar carcinomas metastasized only to the thoracic lymph nodes in 8 dogs, and to several organs (including mediastinum; kidney; thyroid; skeleton; heart; adrenal gland; aorta; and axillary, prescapular, cervical, splenic, thoracic, and hepatic lymph nodes) in 4 other dogs. Three adenosquamous carcinomas metastasized to thoracic lymph nodes, mediastinum, and thoracic pleura, and one to the hepatic and tracheobronchial lymph nodes. The adenocarcinomas metastasized to the lungs; tracheobronchial, hepatic, splenic, sternal and axillary lymph nodes; and heart, kidney, and esophagus in 5 dogs.

The lung tumors in the control dogs were classified as bronchioloalveolar adenocarcinomas in two dogs with metastases to thoracic and abdominal lymph nodes, trachea, esophagus, and mediastinum; adenocarcinoma with metastases to the diaphragm and abdominal lymph nodes in one dog; and combined epidermoid and adenocarcinoma with metastases to the thoracic lymph nodes, diaphragm, liver, and kidney in another.

Three of the exposed dogs had lesions of secondary hypertrophic osteoarthropathy. Sclerosing lymphadenopathy was associated with the high concentration of plutonium in the thoracic and hepatic lymph nodes of dogs in dose-level Groups 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6. There was also a generalized lymphoid atrophy that may be related, in the dogs with respiratory insufficiency, to debilitation or to lymphopenia. Livers of the dogs in dose-level Groups 4 and 5, which were euthanized during the

4- to 13-year postexposure period, showed moderate, diffuse, centrilobular congestion. Liver cells in these areas contained fine, granular, yellow pigment resembling lipofuscin and were frequently vacuolated. Focal aggregation of vacuolated, lipofuscin-containing cells in the sinusoids was associated with alpha stars on autoradiographs.

Lymphopenia developed after inhalation of $^{239}\text{PuO}_2$ in dose-level groups with mean initial lung depositions of 79 nCi or more (Figure 2). Through 123 months after exposure, mean lymphocyte values were significantly lower ($p < 0.05$) for dose-level Groups 3 and 4 than for the control group. At 127 months after exposure, mean lymphocyte values for dose-level Groups 3 and 4 were not significantly different from those of the control groups. The reduction in lymphocytes was dose related, both in time of appearance and magnitude. Over the course of this study, there has been a slight age-related decrease in mean lymphocyte values of control dogs. In addition, mean lymphocyte concentrations in Groups 3 and 4 have tended to increase, making the differences between control dogs and these groups less significant than previously. At mean lung depositions of 3.5 and 22 nCi, lymphocyte values were within ranges observed in control dogs. A reduction in total leukocytes was evident in the higher dose groups, which were also lymphopenic. No effects have been observed on red cell parameters following $^{239}\text{PuO}_2$ inhalation. By 14 years after exposure, too few dogs were alive for meaningful dose-group comparison.

Serum chemistry assays have been performed to detect organ-specific damage from plutonium that translocated from lung to extrapulmonary sites. No consistent dose-related alterations have occurred in serum constituents (glutamic pyruvic transaminase [GPT], glutamic oxaloacetic transaminase, alkaline phosphatase [ALP], urea nitrogen, and serum protein fractions) of dogs exposed to $^{239}\text{PuO}_2$.

Table 5 summarizes, by dose-level group, mortality and lesions associated with death through 15 years after exposure to $^{239}\text{PuO}_2$. During this period, all the dogs in the highest level dose group and in dose-level Groups 4 and 5, 21 dogs in Group 3, 19 dogs in Group 2, and 18 dogs in dose-level Group 1 were euthanized when death

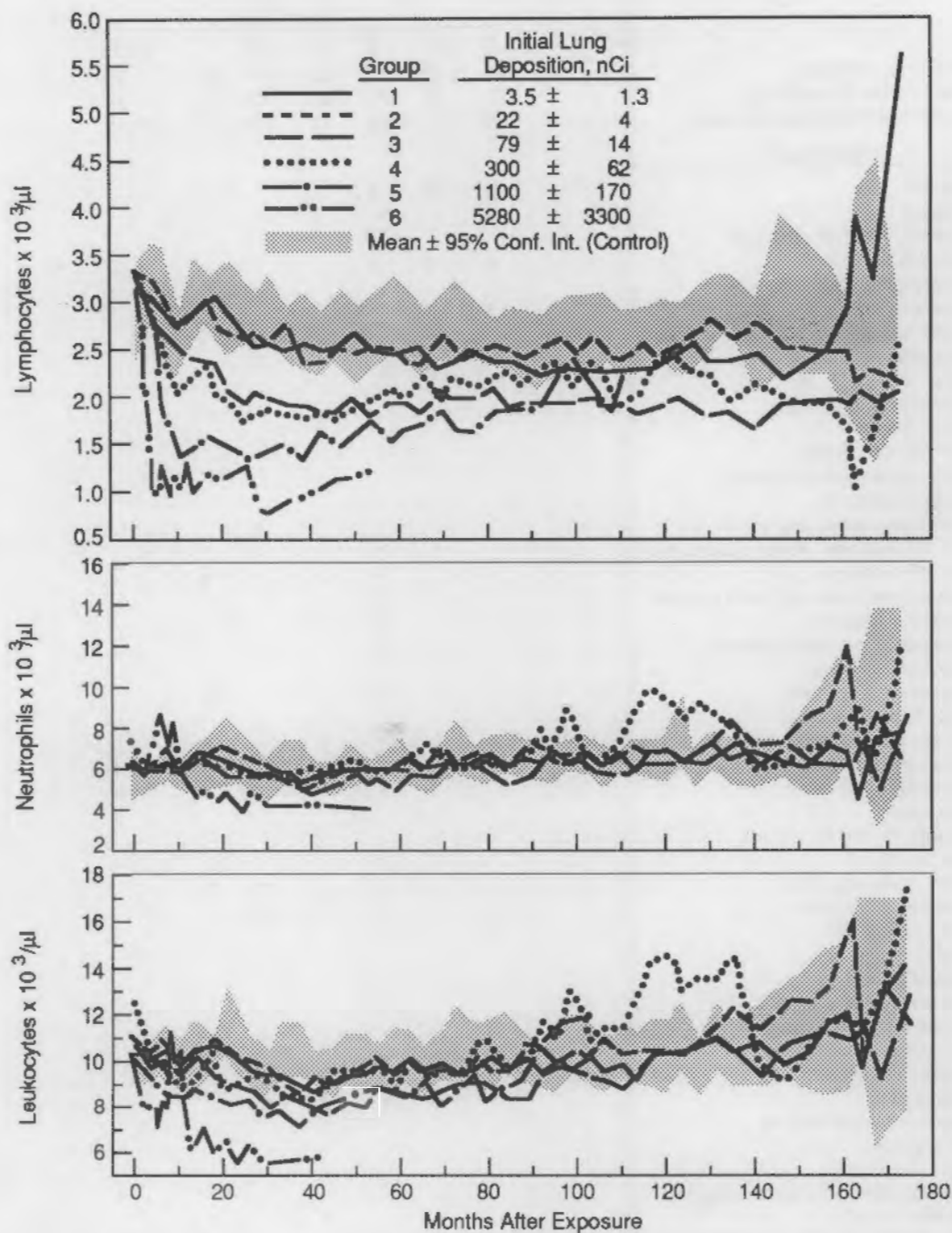


FIGURE 2. Mean Leukocyte, Neutrophil, and Lymphocyte Values in Dogs After Inhalation of $^{239}\text{PuO}_2$

was imminent; 14 control dogs were also euthanized during the 15-year postexposure period. Mean survival time was decreased in the two highest dose-level groups compared to the other groups. Twenty-one dogs were sacrificed for

comparison of plutonium tissue distribution. Table 6 shows the primary causes of death and the distribution of ^{239}Pu in the tissues of these animals as percent of final body burden. Figure 3 shows the plutonium tissue distribution as percent ILB.

TABLE 5. Summary of Lesions in Dogs Euthanized During the 15-Year Period After Inhalation of $^{238}\text{PuO}_2$

	Dose Group						Control
	6	5	4	3	2	1	
Number of Dogs/Group	13	20	20	22	21	20	20
Number of Dead Dogs/Group	13	20	20	21	19	18	14
Mean Survival Post Exposure, years	5	7	12	12	12	12	12
Condition ^(a)							
Bone tumor	2	11	4			1	
Lung tumor	3		1	1	3	1	1
Lung tumor, bile duct adenoma					1		
Bone and lung tumor	6	4	2				
Bone tumor, bile duct carcinoma			1				
Bone tumor, Addison's disease	1						
Bone and lung tumor, Addison's disease		1					
Salivary squamous carcinoma, lung tumor					1		
Nasal sarcoma, lung tumor					1		
Nasal carcinoma				1			
Pneumonia, lung tumor			1				
Malignant lymphoma, lung tumor, cholangiocarcinoma				1			
Malignant lymphoma, lung tumor					1		
Malignant lymphoma, cholangiosarcoma			1				
Malignant lymphoma			1	3	1	4	4
Malignant lymphoma, Addison's disease			1				
Hemangioma (spleen)			1				
Hemangiosarcoma (heart, spleen)			1		1		1
Fibrosarcoma (spleen)						1	
Hemangiosarcoma (liver)				1		1	
Hepatocellular carcinoma				1			
Urinary bladder/urethra tumor			1	1		2	2
Urethra tumor, bile duct adenoma							1
Pituitary tumor, Cushing's			1	1			1
Pituitary tumor							1
Pneumonia, thyroid carcinoma				2			
Thyroid carcinoma			1				
Malignant melanoma (oral)					1	1	
Malignant mesothelioma					1		
Brain and heart tumor						1	
Brain tumor					1		
Parathyroid adenoma				1			
Adrenal carcinoma						1	
Round cell sarcoma (kidney)					1		
Adrenal and pituitary tumors			1				
Lung tumor, metastatic					1		
Pneumonia		1	1	2	2		
Pulmonary interstitial fibrosis							1
Allergic bronchitis				1			
Radiation pneumonitis				1			
Renal amyloidosis, splenic hemangioma							1
Chronic nephropathy				1		1	
Chronic nephropathy, bile duct adenoma			1				
Addison's disease	1	2					
Posterior paralysis				2			
Herniated vertebral disk		1			1		
Spinal cord degeneration					1		
Liver abscess						1	
Hepatic dysplasia				1			
Heart failure					1	1	
Immune hemolytic anemia						1	
Pyometra							1
Anesthesia						1	

(a) Number of dogs with lesion associated with death.

TABLE 6. Tissue Distribution of Plutonium in Beagles After Inhalation of $^{238}\text{PuO}_2$

Dog Number	Time After Exposure, months	Final Body Burden, μCi	Percent of Final Body Burden					Cause of Death
			Lungs	Thoracic Lymph Nodes (a)	Abdominal Lymph Nodes (b)	Liver	Skeleton	
1032M	0.25	0.150	97	0.34	0.20	1.7	0.16	Sacrifice
921F	1	0.0044	93	0.65	0.04	0.38	2.1	Sacrifice
930F	1	0.052	99	0.63	0.01	0.07	0.35	Sacrifice
931F	1	0.347	96	1.9	0.01	0.05	0.36	Sacrifice
929F	2	0.017	91	7.5	0.002	0.26	0.58	Sacrifice
932F	2	0.382	96	2.5	0.01	0.18	0.39	Sacrifice
923F	2	0.0023	88	9.4	0.03	0.09	0.44	Sacrifice
925M	3	0.0064	91	4.1	0.04	0.04	1.2	Sacrifice
926M	3	0.078	87	11	0.23	0.65	1.1	Sacrifice
934M	3	0.902	92	4.8	1.7	0.45	0.95	Sacrifice
1318M	12	0.030	45	27	0.08	10	15	Sacrifice
1319M	12	0.077	41	26	0.03	11	20	Sacrifice
1214M	13	0.014	52	9.2	0.32	6.2	16	Sacrifice
1310M	25	0.026	19	36	0.08	15	28	Sacrifice
1317M	25	0.041	20	33	0.16	17	26	Sacrifice
1315M	25	0.047	22	31	0.04	17	28	Sacrifice
1191F	35	0.658	26	32	0.13	18	22	Pneumonia
1215M	36	0.011	21	43	0.17	13	21	Sacrifice
1311M	37	0.036	13	31	0.22	21	32	Sacrifice
994F	42	5.024	17	45	0.50	18	18	Addison's disease
970F	48	0.0022	20	34	0.36	16	24	Sacrifice
1312M	49	0.035	6.8	29	0.26	25	35	Sacrifice
1143M	49	6.331	11	43	2.0	15	22	Bone tumor, lung tumor
1025M	50	10.033	16	27	7.1	24	23	Lung tumor
1064M	51	8.427	13	48	1.9	15	20	Bone tumor, lung tumor
1175F	52	3.641	14	31	0.08	25	26	Lung tumor
1079M	56	2.182	9.8	40	4.3	13	25	Addison's disease
1096F	59	1.204	4.3	22	2.7	36	24	Addison's disease
1189M	60	0.044	8.9	25	0.16	37	25	Sacrifice
1115F	61	1.534	5.0	32	2.3	26	33	Bone tumor
1162F	61	3.663	12	32	5.9	21	25	Bone tumor, Addison's disease
1009M	62	4.360	15	25	2.4	31	23	Lung tumor
974F	64	1.465	5.1	24	5.9	33	29	Bone tumor
1092M	65	1.515	2.1	26	9.1	29	30	Bone tumor
975F	66	3.749	11	30	2.1	28	25	Bone tumor, lung tumor
1042F	69	1.494	4.7	25	2.9	32	33	Bone tumor, lung tumor
1037M	69	2.417	7.1	27	7.8	28	27	Bone tumor
1027M	70	2.546	3.8	15	7.0	40	31	Bone tumor, lung tumor
1006F	72	2.826	7.5	30	3.4	29	26	Bone tumor, lung tumor
1057M	72	1.748	3.0	35	2.2	33	24	Bone tumor
1082M	78	0.0083	2.4	20	0.31	40	34	Paralysis
1081M	80	0.361	4.6	15	0.48	47	29	Hemangiosarcoma (heart)
1058F	80	1.000	2.0	18	4.4	31	41	Bone tumor, adrenal tumor
1002M	84	1.786	2.9	31	2.0	31	28	Bone tumor, lung tumor
1109F	86	0.885	0.93	23	4.0	34	35	Bone tumor, Addison's disease, lung tumor
1218F	86	0.678	2.7	23	4.1	42	25	Bone tumor
1071M	91	1.088	5.4	28	3.4	27	33	Bone tumor, lung tumor
1063M	94	0.00060	3.4	15	1.3	22	43	Brain tumor, heart tumor
1160F	95	0.956	1.6	21	0.91	43	30	Bone tumor, lung tumor
960M	95	0.036	4.0	21	0.49	33	39	Malignant lymphoma

(a) Includes tracheobronchial, mediastinal, and sternal lymph nodes.

(b) Includes hepatic, splenic, and mesenteric lymph nodes.

TABLE 6. Continued

Dog Number	Time After Exposure, months	Final Body Burden, μ Ci	Percent of Final Body Burden					Cause of Death
			Lungs	Thoracic Lymph Nodes ^(a)	Abdominal Lymph Nodes ^(b)	Liver	Skeleton	
1040M	96	0.059	3.0	17	0.96	40	35	Parathyroid adenoma
1140M	97	0.504	3.8	18	7.7	37	30	Bone tumor
989F	99	0.0017	5.1	11	1.2	22	29	Bone tumor (fibrosarcoma)
1211M	99	0.895	1.3	29	4.7	39	23	Bone tumor
1173M	99	0.462	2.0	33	7.5	21	33	Bone tumor
1043F	103	0.037	3.5	16	0.57	33	42	Empyema, pituitary tumor, Cushing's
1192F	109	0.345	2.4	7.3	4.6	36	46	Bone tumor
1178M	110	0.594	0.86	17	2.0	33	42	Bone tumor, lung tumor
1047M	115	0.241	1.4	7.8	11	28	48	Herniated vertebral disc
1106F	117	0.0029	1.3	16	1.8	9.9	57	Adrenal carcinoma
1103F	118	0.232	0.76	18	3.1	45	32	Bone tumor, lung tumor
1188M	119	0.0089	0.71	2.5	0.94	68	24	Metastatic lung tumor
1066M	121	0.035	1.1	4.4	0.52	57	32	Malignant lymphoma
1069F	121	0.0022	9.1	2.1	1.6	51	34	Malignant lymphoma
1030F	122	0.160	1.5	15	1.1	22	56	Pneumonia
951M	122	0.0023	3.3	8.9	0.77	47	35	Anesthesia
1229M	123	0.0060	0.94	11	0.73	35	49	Pneumonia
1072M	124	0.079	0.65	4.1	1.6	57	34	Radiation pneumonitis
1157M	124	0.294	0.55	3.5	3.7	41	44	Bone tumor
971F	125	0.0095	1.7	5.5	0.44	49	41	Hemangiosarcoma (spleen)
1078F	125	0.025	0.98	9.6	0.60	46	41	Meningioma
952F	125	0.106	1.0	4.4	2.1	39	48	Bone tumor
1059F	126	0.050	4.2	7.4	0.99	45	39	Malignant lymphoma
991F	126	0.058	1.8	14	0.81	36	41	Urinary bladder tumor
1070M	126	0.011	1.9	9.5	0.70	51	34	Round cell sarcoma (kidney)
1166M	128	0.354	1.8	11	1.6	47	35	Malignant lymphoma
983M	132	0.274	1.5	5.9	2.9	47	37	Adrenal tumor, pituitary tumor
1035F	132	0.172	2.8	10	1.9	19	53	Bone tumor, Cushing's
1031F	134	0.025	1.9	13	0.97	17	65	Pneumonia
1190F	134	0.033	0.84	4.4	1.2	49	41	Lung tumor
1062M	135	0.270	0.63	2.6	3.9	46	44	Bone tumor, lung tumor
1177M	136	0.142	0.77	5.0	0.89	36	53	Bone tumor
959M	138	0.0025	3.4	14	0.62	33	48	Liver abscess
992F	139	0.264	0.73	8.0	2.7	42	42	Bone tumor
1194F	140	0.0014	0.67	10	9.0	20	56	Malignant lymphoma
1105F	140	0.00074	0.62	5.6	0.70	44	45	Malignant lymphoma
1193F	141	0.0037	0.58	9.2	1.0	37	48	Immune hemolytic anemia
973F	142	0.127	3.7	7.0	1.8	44	39	Bone tumor
1060F	142	0.011	0.61	10	0.86	39	47	Pneumonia
1114M	143	0.272	0.51	7.4	2.9	39	47	Bone tumor, bile duct carcinoma
1222M	143	0.0051	8.5	4.0	0.82	36	47	Malignant mesothelioma (mediastinal)
1053F	143	0.061	1.9	5.0	0.83	45	41	Cushing's disease
1176M	145	0.051	0.39	5.9	0.90	52	38	Hemangioma (spleen)
1309M	146	0.019	1.4	4.8	0.96	46	44	Hemangiosarcoma (liver)
1230M	150	0.0027	0.34	12	1.2	41	41	Hemangiosarcoma (liver)
1198M	151	0.156	0.52	2.4	4.5	59	30	Acute pneumonia, lung tumor
1219F	152	0.020	0.76	8.4	0.97	34	50	Chronic nephropathy
1220F	152	0.136	0.74	7.7	1.1	38	48	Malignant lymphoma, Addison's
1165M	152	0.042	0.66	7.8	1.6	47	39	Acute pneumonia

(a) Includes tracheobronchial, mediastinal, and sternal lymph nodes.

(b) Includes hepatic, splenic, and mesenteric lymph nodes.

TABLE 6. Continued

Dog Number	Time After Exposure, months	Final Body Burden, μCi	Percent of Final Body Burden					Cause of Death
			Lungs	Thoracic Lymph Nodes ^(a)	Abdominal Lymph Nodes ^(b)	Liver	Skeleton	
1008M	153	0.00049	1.4	13	0.57	34	47	Fibrosarcoma (spleen)
1033M	154	0.0042	0.93	5.3	0.84	19	70	Lung tumor
1026M	154	0.072	0.99	4.2	0.46	51	40	Hepatic dysplasia
1065F	154	0.0035	0.72	8.9	0.69	27	60	Malignant lymphoma, lung tumor
1216M	156	0.0096	2.5	6.9	1.4	49	37	Malignant lymphoma
982M	157	0.067	1.5	4.2	0.79	52	37	Pneumonia, thyroid carcinoma
999F	157	0.0045	0.53	8.3	0.66	40	46	Nasal sarcoma, lung tumor
972F	159	0.024	1.4	9.5	1.1	40	47	Allergic bronchitis
998M	159	0.0010	1.4	13	0.56	46	35	Lung tumor
1050F	159	0.0075	0.57	7.3	1.3	39	48	Lung tumor
997M	160	0.112	5.7	8.9	0.85	42	40	Lung tumor
1056M	160	0.060	0.58	2.1	1.5	37	56	Pneumonia, thyroid carcinoma
1195M	161	0.099	0.57	2.1	1.0	52	43	Chronic nephropathy, bile duct adenoma
1091F	161	0.078	2.9	5.1	3.3	28	54	Thyroid carcinoma
1039M	162	0.00079	0.71	5.8	0.50	54	36	Heart failure
993F	162	0.0052	0.39	9.6	1.0	26	59	Malignant lymphoma
1108F	164	0.027	0.85	6.2	0.78	37	50	Posterior paralysis
1316M	165	0.026	1.2	3.1	0.61	53	39	Posterior paralysis
1090F	167	0.0054	0.39	3.6	0.74	43	49	Heart failure
955M	169	0.0084	2.3	5.4	0.45	36	53	Lung tumor, bile duct adenoma
1003M	170	0.00031	1.1	11	0.85	40	42	Transition cell carcinoma (urinary bladder)
1095F	170	0.00066	0.67	2.9	0.88	50	42	Chronic nephropathy
1036F	170	0.0061	0.57	4.1	0.80	40	50	Malignant melanoma (oral)
1004M	171	0.072	1.5	9.9	1.2	48	36	Malignant lymphoma, lung tumor, cholangiocarcinoma
1212F	172	0.022	1.1	8.8	1.1	34	51	Hepatocellular carcinoma
1055M	172	0.00073	0.87	9.5	1.2	47	39	Malignant melanoma (oral)
1221F	173	0.016	0.80	7.7	0.71	22	64	Malignant lymphoma, cholangiosarcoma
1207F	174	0.012	0.76	2.7	0.45	62	32	Herniated vertebral disc
1158M	175	0.029	0.54	2.7	0.54	60	33	Nasal carcinoma
1046M	178	0.0091	1.7	4.7	0.65	46	43	Lung tumor
1196F	178	0.0078	0.71	4.5	0.58	45	46	Salivary squamous carcinoma, lung tumor
1000F	179	0.018	0.55	3.5	0.61	54	39	Transitional cell carcinoma (urinary bladder)
1204M	180	0.0038	0.56	7.4	0.53	34	53	Transitional cell carcinoma (urethra)

(a) Includes tracheobronchial, mediastinal, and sternal lymph nodes.

(b) Includes hepatic, splenic, and mesenteric lymph nodes.

At 14 to 15 years after exposure, the fraction of the final body burden in the lungs of the ^{238}Pu -exposed dogs was ~1%, compared to 16% in the ^{239}Pu -exposed dogs (Table 6). At that time, ~6% of the ^{238}Pu was in the thoracic lymph nodes, compared to 69% of the ^{239}Pu . Livers of the ^{238}Pu -exposed dogs contained 44% of the plutonium

burden, compared to 7% in the livers of the ^{239}Pu -exposed dogs. About 45% of the final body burden was in the skeletons of the ^{238}Pu -exposed dogs, at that time, compared to ~1% in the ^{239}Pu -exposed dogs. Tissue distribution of ^{238}Pu in low-dose-level dogs did not differ from that in high-dose-level dogs. Figure 3 shows the ^{238}Pu

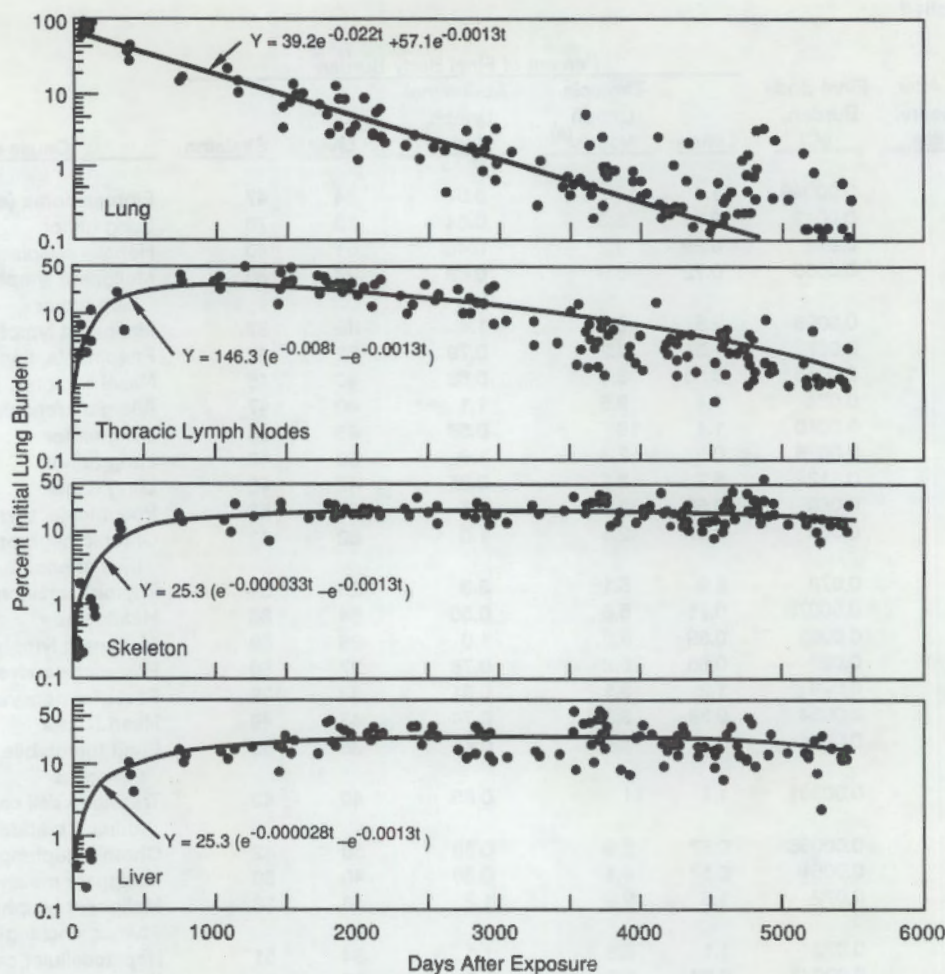


FIGURE 3. Plutonium in Tissues of Dogs After Inhalation of $^{238}\text{PuO}_2$. Points represent data from individual dogs. Uptake and retention curves and functions were based on dogs in which initial lung burdens were estimated from the final plutonium body burden, plus the plutonium excreted, minus that excreted in the feces during first 3 days after exposure or from external thorax counts at 14 and 30 days after exposure.

tissue distribution as percent of ILB for all dogs for which tissue radiochemical analyses are complete. The ILB and uptake and retention curves were estimated as described previously for ^{239}Pu . The uptake and retention curves were based on dogs in which ILB were estimated from the final plutonium body burden, plus the plutonium excreted, minus that excreted in the feces during the first 3 days after exposure.

Of the 111 exposed dogs euthanized, 33 were killed because of bone tumors, 10 because of lung tumors, and 1 because of radiation pneumonitis. Thirteen of the dogs that had bone tumors also

had lung tumors. Five dogs with lung tumors were euthanized for other causes; also, 1 control dog was euthanized for a lung tumor. Of 33 dogs with bone tumors, 31 had osteosarcomas; 1 dose-level Group 1 dog (989F) had a fibrosarcoma in the ilium, and 1 dose-level Group 4 dog (1103F) had a fibrosarcoma in a vertebra. None of the control dogs had bone tumors. All the exposed dogs with osteosarcomas were in dose-level Groups 4, 5, and 6. Lung tumors were observed in all dose-level groups. Of the 31 osteosarcomas, 13 were in vertebrae, 2 in femora, 4 in ribs, 3 in scapulae, 5 in the pelvis, 1 in the tibia, 1 in the sternum, 1 in the sacrum, and 1 in the humerus.

One dose-level 3 dog died of hepatocellular carcinoma; one dose-level 1 and one dose-level 3 dog died of hemangiosarcomas in the liver. Three dose-level 4 dogs, one dose-level 3 dog, one dose-level 2 dog, and one control dog had bile duct carcinomas or adenomas as incidental observations at necropsy not related to the cause of death. Three exposed dogs with incidental liver tumors also had lung or bone tumors, and two were euthanized for other causes. The one control dog with liver tumors was also euthanized for other causes.

During the 3 to 15 years after exposure, 57 exposed dogs died or were euthanized as a result of causes presently thought to be unrelated to plutonium exposure; 31 died of various neoplastic diseases, and 26 of various other causes. One control dog was euthanized because of lung tumors, 1 of incidental liver tumors, 9 of various neoplastic diseases, and 3 of various other causes.

The lung tumors were classified as bronchioloalveolar carcinomas in 16 dogs, bronchioloalveolar adenoma in 1 dog, adenocarcinoma in 5 dogs, adenosquamous carcinoma in 4 dogs and epidermoid carcinoma in 1 dog. In one dog, three lung tumor types were observed: bronchioloalveolar, adenocarcinoma, and fibrosarcoma. Metastases were observed in the lungs; thoracic, hepatic, mesenteric, and axillary lymph nodes; vertebra; esophagus; stomach; liver; and adrenal of 1 dog with bronchioloalveolar carcinoma. Metastases were observed in the lungs; thoracic, hepatic, and splenic lymph nodes; trachea; esophagus; mediastinum; thyroid; diaphragm; and hearts of 2 dogs with pulmonary adenocarcinoma. One dog with adenosquamous carcinoma had metastases to the lung, thoracic lymph nodes, and heart. The dog with epidermoid carcinoma had metastases to the lungs, thoracic lymph nodes, and diaphragm. Bone tumor metastases were found in the lungs of 6 dogs; in 3 dogs, the bone tumor metastasized to lungs, thoracic lymph nodes, liver, spleen, and heart; in 1 dog, the bone tumor metastasized to the iliac lymph nodes; and in 1 dog, the bone tumor metastasized to the lungs, pleura, diaphragm and heart. The 6 dogs with Addison's disease, which were in dose-level Groups 4, 5, and 6, had adrenal cortical atrophy.

In addition to the lesions associated with the cause of death, lesions in the lungs of the dose-level Groups 4, 5, and 6 dogs included focal alveolar histiocytosis, alveolitis, alveolar epithelial cell hyperplasia, alveolar emphysema, pleural fibrosis, and interstitial fibrosis. Numerous alpha stars were observed, mainly in foci of fibrosis, and single alpha tracks were scattered throughout sections in foci of alveolar histiocytosis and in alveolar septa. Sclerosing lymphadenopathy in the tracheobronchial and mediastinal lymph nodes was associated with high concentrations of plutonium observed as alpha stars in dose-level Groups 3, 4, 5, and 6. Similar but less severe lesions were seen in the hepatic lymph nodes. In dose-level Groups 5 and 6, there were extensive alterations in bone, including multiple areas of focal atrophy of bone; endosteal, trabecular, and peritrabecular bone fibrosis; and osteolysis of cortical, endosteal, and trabecular bone. One dog had lesions of secondary hypertrophic osteoarthropathy.

Radioactivity in the bone was present as single tracks, generally scattered throughout the bone, cartilage, and bone marrow. The liver contained foci of hepatocellular fatty change, where small clusters of single tracks were seen. There was also mild, focal, nodular hyperplasia of hepatocytes in dose-level Groups 3, 4, 5, and 6. Elevated serum GPT levels, suggestive of liver damage, were observed in dose-level Groups 3, 4, 5, and 6 dogs.

Dose-related lymphopenia was observed in groups with mean lung $^{238}\text{PuO}_2$ deposition of 77 nCi or more (Figure 4). The lymphocyte depression was more pronounced in magnitude and appeared earlier than in dogs exposed to similar doses of $^{239}\text{PuO}_2$. Through 126 months after exposure, mean lymphocyte values were significantly lower ($p < 0.05$) for dose-level Groups 4 and 5 than for the control group. However, lymphocyte values in the $^{238}\text{PuO}_2$ -exposed dogs tended to increase sooner after reaching a minimum than in $^{239}\text{PuO}_2$ -exposed dogs, and mean lymphocyte concentrations in Group 3 dogs were not significantly different from values of control dogs 86 to 94 months after exposure. As with ^{239}Pu , lymphocyte values in the two lowest exposure groups (2.3 and 18 nCi) were not different from control values. A dose-related reduction in total leukocytes was

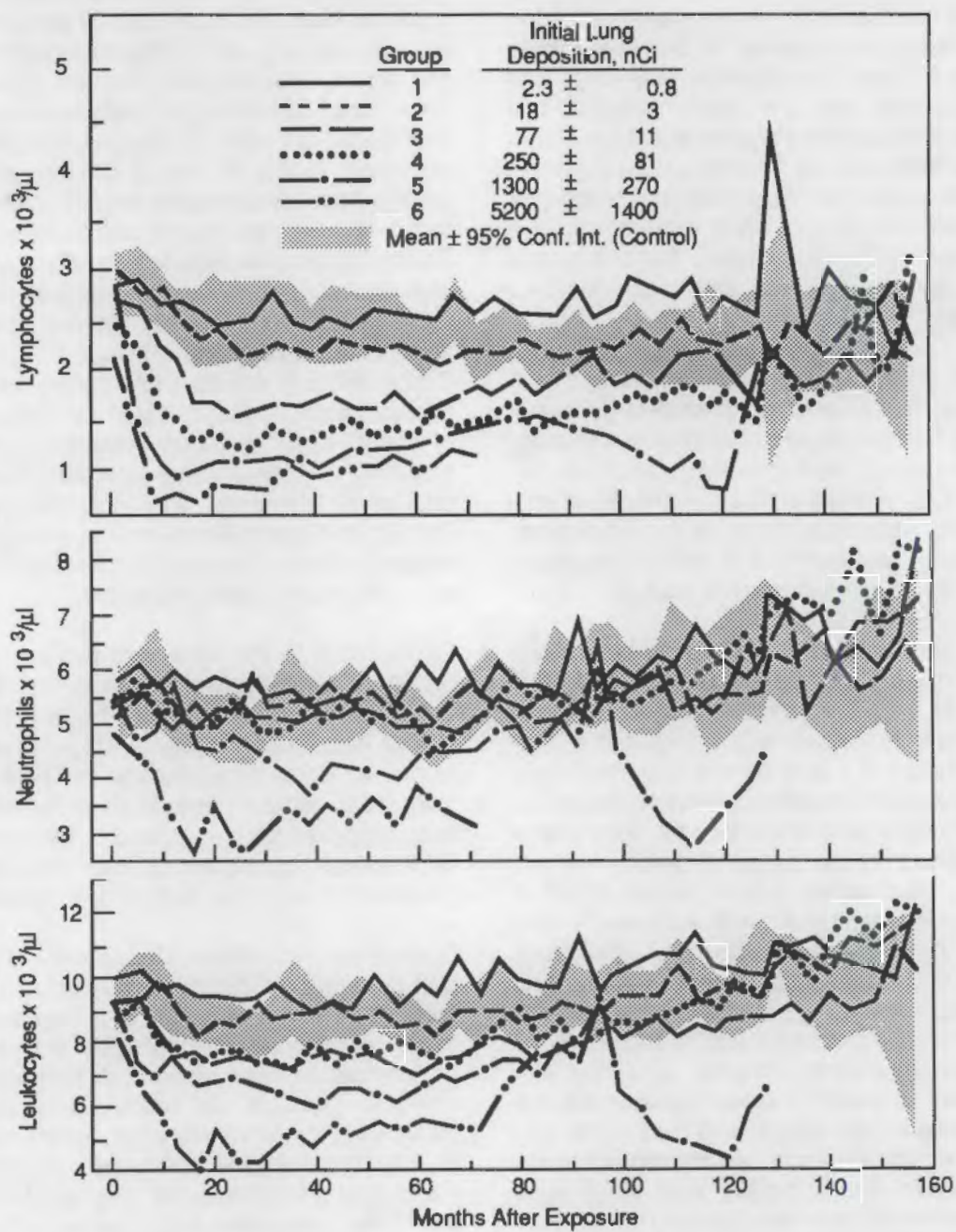


FIGURE 4. Mean Leukocyte, Neutrophil, and Lymphocyte Values in Dogs After Inhalation of $^{238}\text{PuO}_2$

evident, primarily because of lymphopenia, except in Groups 5 and 6, in which neutropenia was also observed. Through 118 months after exposure, mean leukocyte and neutrophil values were significantly lower ($p < 0.05$) for dose-level Group 5 than for the control group. No difference in monocyte values was seen in relation to dose levels. A significant and progressive reduction in eosinophils was evident only in Group 6 dogs following $^{238}\text{PuO}_2$ inhalation. No chronic effects have been observed in red cell parameters. By 14 years after exposure, too few dogs were alive for meaningful dose-group comparisons.

Lymphopenia, the earliest observed effect after inhalation of either $^{239}\text{PuO}_2$ or $^{238}\text{PuO}_2$, occurred after deposition of ~ 80 nCi plutonium in the lungs. On a concentration basis, the 80-nCi dose level is about 40 times the 16-nCi maximum permissible human lung deposition, based on 0.3 rem/week to the lung. Lymphopenia is thought to be related to the plutonium content of the tracheobronchial lymph nodes. Dose-level groups with initial lung burdens of ~ 80 nCi had lymphocyte counts less than controls by 12 months after exposure when the cumulative average lymph node doses were ~ 320 rad. Because of continuing transfer of plutonium to the lymph nodes, the dose rate at this time had increased to 620 rad per year.

In serum chemistry assays of $^{238}\text{PuO}_2$ dogs performed more than 120 months after exposure, ALP and GPT values were higher than those of the

control group only in dose-level Groups 3, 4, and 5 dogs (Figure 5). For individual dogs, these elevations were biphasic with an early increase followed by a return to control values; a later effect was characterized by persistent increasing elevations of both ALP and GPT. Calculation of the cumulative average radiation dose to mean time after exposure when serum chemistry values were first observed to be different from controls for dose-level 4 and 5 dogs revealed a mean dose to liver of about 200 rad for the late effect. At this time the dose rate was ~ 60 rad per year. Elevations in GPT were consistent with liver histopathological findings and radiochemical analyses indicating $^{238}\text{PuO}_2$ translocation to the liver. Determination of gamma glutamyl transpeptidase concentrations and sulfobromophthalien sodium retention confirmed the presence of hepatic injury without functional impairment in dogs with chronically elevated GPT values. Alkaline phosphatase elevations occurred in some dogs with primary bone tumors and in others in which the increase was attributable to the liver (by heat inactivation of ALP) as the source of the largest portion of the ALP.

Using the uptake and retention curves shown in Figures 1 and 3, cumulative radiation doses to death were estimated for the lungs of the ^{239}Pu dogs and the lungs and skeletons of the ^{238}Pu dogs (Table 7). For the dose calculations, mean plutonium concentration in the entire lung and skeleton was used.

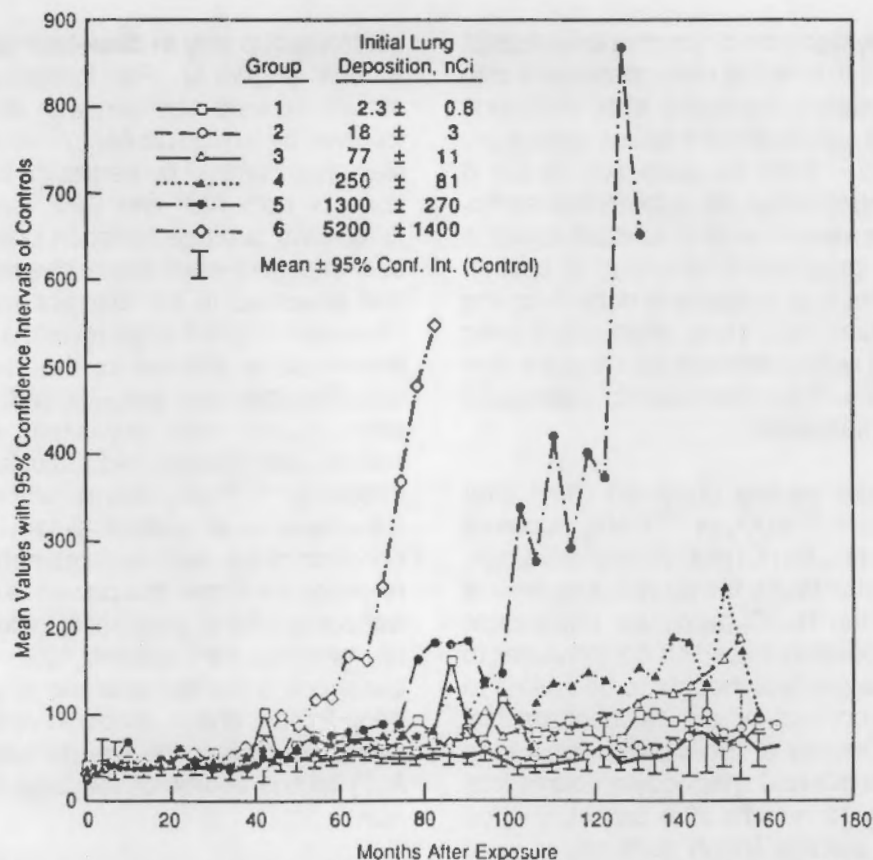


FIGURE 5. Serum Glutamic Pyruvate Transaminase Values in Dogs After Inhalation of $^{238}\text{PuO}_2$

TABLE 7. Estimates of Cumulative Radiation Doses to Lungs (^{239}Pu -Exposed) or Lungs and Skeletons (^{238}Pu -Exposed) of Dogs with Lung and/or Bone Tumors After Inhalation Exposure

	Dose Level Group	Number of Dogs with Tumors	Survival Time Postexposure, months	Cumulative Dose to Organ, rad
$^{238}\text{PuO}_2$ - Lung Tumors	6	1	69	7400 ^(a)
	5	20	37 - 115	1700 - 4000
	4	16	93 - 177	500 - 1500
	3	10	98 - 183	150 - 480
	2	4	166 - 191	30 - 120
	1	1	182	4
$^{238}\text{PuO}_2$ - Lung Tumors	6	9	49 - 84	2100 - 8900 ^(a)
	5	5	70 - 110	1200 - 2600
	4	4	118 - 160	190 - 440
	3	2	134 - 171	70 - 100
	2	7	154 - 178	7 - 33
	1	1	159	2
$^{238}\text{PuO}_2$ - Bone Tumors	6	9	49 - 84	170 - 470 ^(b)
	5	16	61 - 132	80 - 230
	4	7	118 - 143	40 - 110
	3	0	0	—
	2	0	0	—
	1	1	99	<1

(a) Dose to lungs.

(b) Dose to skeleton.

Inhaled Plutonium Nitrate in Dogs

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The major objective of this project is to determine dose-effect relationships of inhaled plutonium nitrate in dogs to aid in predicting health effects of accidental exposure in man. For lifespan dose-effect studies, beagle dogs were given a single inhalation exposure to $^{239}\text{Pu}(\text{NO}_3)_4$ in 1976 and 1977. The skeleton is generally considered the critical tissue with inhaled soluble plutonium that translocates to bone surfaces. Thus far, 12 years after exposure, 27 of 66 exposed dogs had bone tumors, 27 had lung tumors, and 5 had intrahepatic bile duct tumors.

The skeleton is generally considered the critical tissue after inhalation of "soluble" plutonium (e.g., plutonium nitrate), on the assumption that the plutonium will be rapidly translocated from the respiratory system to the skeleton. In several rodent studies, however, inhalation of "soluble" plutonium has resulted primarily in lung tumors. Skeletal tumors were seen less often, perhaps because they were not expressed within the short lifespan of the rodents. Therefore, beagle dogs were chosen for this study to compare relative risks with those from intravenously injected radionuclides in beagles at the University of Utah, inhalation studies with beta-, gamma-, and alpha-emitting radionuclides at the Inhalation Toxicology Research Institute (Lovelace), and external irradiation at the University of California (Davis) and at Argonne National Laboratory. More specifically, this study can be compared with inhaled $^{239}\text{PuO}_2$ and $^{238}\text{PuO}_2$ studies in beagle dogs at PNL (see *Inhaled Plutonium Oxide in Dogs*, this volume).

Six dose groups (105 dogs) were exposed, in 1976 and 1977, to aerosols of $^{239}\text{Pu}(\text{NO}_3)_4$ for lifespan observations (Table 1). In addition, 20 dogs were exposed to nitric acid aerosols as vehicle controls; 25 dogs were exposed to aerosols of $^{239}\text{Pu}(\text{NO}_3)_4$ for periodic sacrifice to obtain plutonium distribution and pathogenesis data in

developing lesions; 7 dogs were selected as controls for periodic sacrifice; and 20 dogs were selected as untreated controls for lifespan observations. The Appendix (at the end of this volume of the Annual Report) shows the current status of each dog on these experiments.

The average amount of plutonium in the lung decreased to less than 1% of the final body burden in dogs surviving 10 years or more (Table 2).

TABLE 1. Lifespan Dose-Effect Studies with Inhaled $^{239}\text{Pu}(\text{NO}_3)_4$ in Beagles^(a)

Dose Level Group	Number of Dogs		Initial Lung Deposition ^(b)	
	Male	Female	nCi ^(c)	nCi/g Lung ^(c)
Control	10	10	0	0
Vehicle	10	10	0	0
1	10	10	2±2	0.02±0.02
2	10	10	8±4	0.06±0.04
3	10	10	56±17	0.5±0.2
4	10	10	295±67	2±0.8
5	10	10	1709±639	14±6
6	3	2	5445±1841	47±17

(a) Exposed in 1976 and 1977.

(b) Estimated from external thoracic counts at 2 weeks postexposure and estimated lung weights (0.011 x body weight).

(c) Mean ± standard deviation.

TABLE 2. Tissue Distribution of Plutonium in Beagles After Inhalation of $^{239}\text{Pu}(\text{NO}_3)_4$

Dog Number	Time After Exposure, months ^(a)	Final Body Burden, μCi	Percent of Final Body Burden					Cause of Death
			Lungs	Thoracic Lymph Nodes ^(b)	Abdominal Lymph Nodes ^(c)	Liver	Skeleton	
1359M	0.1	0.080	90.50	0.15	0.06	2.46	3.20	Sacrifice
1375F	0.1	0.073	89.61	0.14	0.01	0.97	4.68	Sacrifice
1407F	0.1	0.092	51.87	0.41	0.13	10.99	18.70	Sacrifice
1389M	0.5	0.053	24.07	0.38	0.08	41.28	26.21	Sacrifice
1390M	0.5	0.051	24.62	0.32	0.11	20.05	44.45	Sacrifice
1445F	0.5	0.057	26.42	0.32	0.11	21.28	44.73	Sacrifice
1329F	1	0.485	70.05	0.16	0.04	8.28	18.79	Sacrifice
1346M	1	0.902	76.81	0.32	0.03	10.45	10.30	Sacrifice
1347F	1	0.699	71.71	0.36	0.08	9.33	14.09	Sacrifice
1336M	1	0.032	71.38	0.22	0.05	5.72	19.73	Sacrifice
1341F	1	0.022	64.43	0.29	0.10	12.92	18.63	Sacrifice
1344F	1	0.052	58.68	0.25	0.04	21.87	16.09	Sacrifice
1335M	1	0.003	19.52	0.07	0.06	6.68	25.04	Sacrifice
1339F	1	0.001	19.08	0.13	0.08	20.92	45.47	Sacrifice
1351M	1	0.002	40.68	1.22	0.09	17.09	28.89	Sacrifice
1522F	3	0.059	54.68	0.57	0.10	11.52	28.24	Sacrifice
1529F	3	0.049	51.68	0.40	0.07	18.48	23.74	Sacrifice
1539M	3	0.072	52.45	0.31	0.05	18.58	25.03	Sacrifice
1564F	12	0.037	18.00	1.27	0.11	33.53	42.63	Sacrifice
1571F	12	0.053	22.37	1.47	0.11	28.76	42.91	Sacrifice
1588M	12	0.053	13.14	0.40	0.12	35.85	48.18	Sacrifice
1424M	14	4.625	33.10	1.43	0.16	26.49	36.88	Radiation pneumonitis
1517F	16	4.025	18.99	0.94	0.18	29.51	47.88	Radiation pneumonitis
1510F	17	4.048	22.00	1.15	0.05	20.71	52.00	Radiation pneumonitis
1420M	25	1.616	16.51	0.86	0.20	7.77	70.06	Radiation pneumonitis
1471M	34	1.375	9.25	0.73	0.12	26.92	58.34	Radiation pneumonitis
1518M	42	1.880	6.87	0.24	0.07	21.34	67.51	Radiation pneumonitis, lung tumor
1512M	42	2.136	4.31	0.60	0.08	49.93	42.66	Bone tumor
1508M	43	1.730	3.24	0.62	0.08	41.53	52.70	Bone tumor
1459F	51	1.567	4.40	0.15	0.12	30.86	61.41	Radiation pneumonitis, lung tumor
1492F	52	1.202	2.81	0.20	0.17	27.02	66.38	Bone tumor
1485F	54	1.052	0.82	0.35	0.07	31.13	63.94	Bone tumor
1502F	55	3.113	0.80	0.39	0.09	33.33	62.51	Bone tumor, lung tumor
1387F	55	0.167	1.41	0.22	0.12	45.48	49.10	Bone tumor
1429M	59	1.159	4.14	0.35	0.10	37.06	54.70	Bone tumor, lung tumor
1598F	60	0.058	0.90	0.14	0.17	24.44	31.62	Sacrifice
1576M	60	0.065	1.54	0.36	0.13	46.23	39.15	Sacrifice
1605F	60	0.025	1.87	0.11	0.12	52.32	39.37	Sacrifice
1646F	60	0.806	0.72	0.20	0.40	46.92	48.42	Bone tumor
1619F	62	1.361	0.55	0.59	0.13	37.87	58.63	Bone tumor
1589F	63	0.029	0.68	0.04	0.13	46.43	50.32	Sacrifice
1636M	66	0.634	1.21	0.27	0.52	53.97	39.09	Bone tumor
1652F	68	0.658	1.46	0.23	0.29	50.47	44.32	Bone tumor, lung tumor
1498F	69	0.845	0.59	0.32	0.13	26.63	53.37	Bone tumor, lung tumor
1659F	69	0.738	1.14	0.34	0.40	38.90	55.89	Bone tumor
1640M	76	0.177	4.01	0.64	0.63	54.41	36.59	Lung tumor
1419M	76	0.873	0.69	0.28	0.39	44.06	50.70	Bone tumor, lung tumor
1660M	82	0.854	0.76	0.53	0.53	37.51	56.17	Bone tumor, lung tumor
1621M	84	0.840	0.94	0.56	0.29	40.87	54.55	Bone tumor, lung tumor
1655M	88	0.505	1.05	0.22	0.93	41.83	52.14	Lung tumor, Bone tumor
1501M	92	0.002	1.62	0.50	0.79	38.05	48.41	Thyroid tumor
1648M	92	0.639	1.12	0.25	0.73	42.83	50.61	Bone tumor, lung tumor
1641M	92	0.869	0.78	0	0.48	45.72	48.89	Lung tumor

TABLE 2. Continued

Dog Number	Time After Exposure, months ^(a)	Final Body Burden, μCi	Percent of Final Body Burden					Cause of Death
			Lungs	Thoracic Lymph Nodes ^(b)	Abdominal Lymph Nodes ^(c)	Liver	Skeleton	
1408F	93	0.181	0.60	0.19	0.37	49.47	45.52	Bone tumor
1404M	93	0.217	0.82	0.28	0.72	46.24	48.62	Pleuritis
1470F	95	0.001	1.11	0.48	0.34	43.21	50.23	Meningioma
1489F	98	0.002	1.23	0.73	0.70	41.36	48.52	Esophageal tumor
1565F	101	0.001	0.77	1.55	0.87	43.62	44.09	Hemangiosarcoma
1385M	101	0.362	0.62	0.51	0.42	46.38	49.36	Bone tumor, lung tumor
1364M	102	0.370	1.13	0.32	0.40	49.46	46.17	Lung tumor
1503F	103	0.007	0.37	0.64	0.25	60.15	35.37	Thyroid tumor
1645F	105	0.182	0.73	0.41	0.46	55.96	40.70	Lung tumor
1587M	106	0.027	0.65	0.74	0.51	20.11	74.97	Hemangiosarcoma, lung tumor
1534M	106	0.201	0.96	0.43	0.49	50.78	43.95	Congestive heart failure
1521F	106	0.148	0.88	0.34	0.36	51.77	44.41	Bone tumor, lung tumor
1599F	106	0.007	0.69	0.54	0.48	34.04	60.60	Adrenal tumor
1413F	109	0.026	1.16	0.39	0.51	58.06	37.78	Malignant lymphoma
1391M	111	0.004	1.21	0.34	0.47	50.40	45.49	Thyroid tumor, lung tumor
1581M	111	0.002	0.52	0.95	0.31	38.21	56.46	Hemangiosarcoma
1602M	111	0.006	1.95	1.29	0.97	42.80	46.45	Epilepsy
1428F	114	0.230	0.72	0.62	0.56	35.16	60.14	Bone tumor, lung tumor
1386M	116	0.028	1.59	0.26	0.82	56.40	38.62	Hemangiosarcoma
1568M	118	0.034	0.93	0.50	0.54	42.27	52.10	Pneumonia
1590F	119	0.003	0.48	0.35	1.00	59.61	31.23	Mammary tumor
1530F	122	0.017	0.89	0.77	0.84	42.50	50.30	Bone tumor, lung tumor
1570F	122	0.001	0.34	0.91	0.42	30.80	63.13	Stomach tumor
1535F	122	0.145	0.62	0.67	0.74	19.27	73.73	Bone tumor, lung tumor
1446F	123	0.165	0.40	0.56	0.63	27.06	67.94	Pyometra, liver tumor
1540M	124	0.037	0.61	0.45	0.38	39.21	55.37	Lung tumor
1414F	126	0.121	1.29	0.42	0.54	44.44	49.50	Bone, lung, and liver tumors

(a) Radioanalysis not completed in dogs that died more than 126 months after exposure.

(b) Includes tracheobronchial, mediastinal, and sternal lymph nodes.

(c) Includes hepatic, splenic, and mesenteric lymph nodes.

More than 90% of the burden translocated to the liver and skeleton; only about 1% translocated to thoracic and abdominal lymph nodes. This was in contrast to dogs that inhaled $^{239}\text{PuO}_2$; in these dogs, ~50% of the final body burden was present in thoracic lymph nodes, but only about 2% in the skeleton at 10 to 11 years after exposure.

The earliest observed biological effect was on the hematopoietic system: lymphopenia occurred at the two highest dose levels at 4 weeks after exposure to $^{239}\text{Pu}(\text{NO}_3)_4$. Total leukocyte concentrations were reduced significantly in the two highest dose groups, that is, Group 5 (mean initial alveolar deposition, ~1700 nCi), and Group 6 (~5500 nCi).

The reduction in white cells in Groups 5 and 6 results from an effect on most leukocyte types (neutrophils, lymphocytes, monocytes, and eosinophils). This is in contrast to the effects of both $^{239}\text{PuO}_2$ and $^{238}\text{PuO}_2$, which significantly depressed lymphocyte concentrations in groups with initial lung burdens of ~80 nCi or more. The lymphopenia at lower dose levels of plutonium oxides may be related to the more extensive translocation of plutonium oxide to the tracheobronchial lymph nodes and subsequent higher dosage levels to lymphocytes circulating through those lymph nodes. The results of these continuing evaluations are shown in Figure 1.

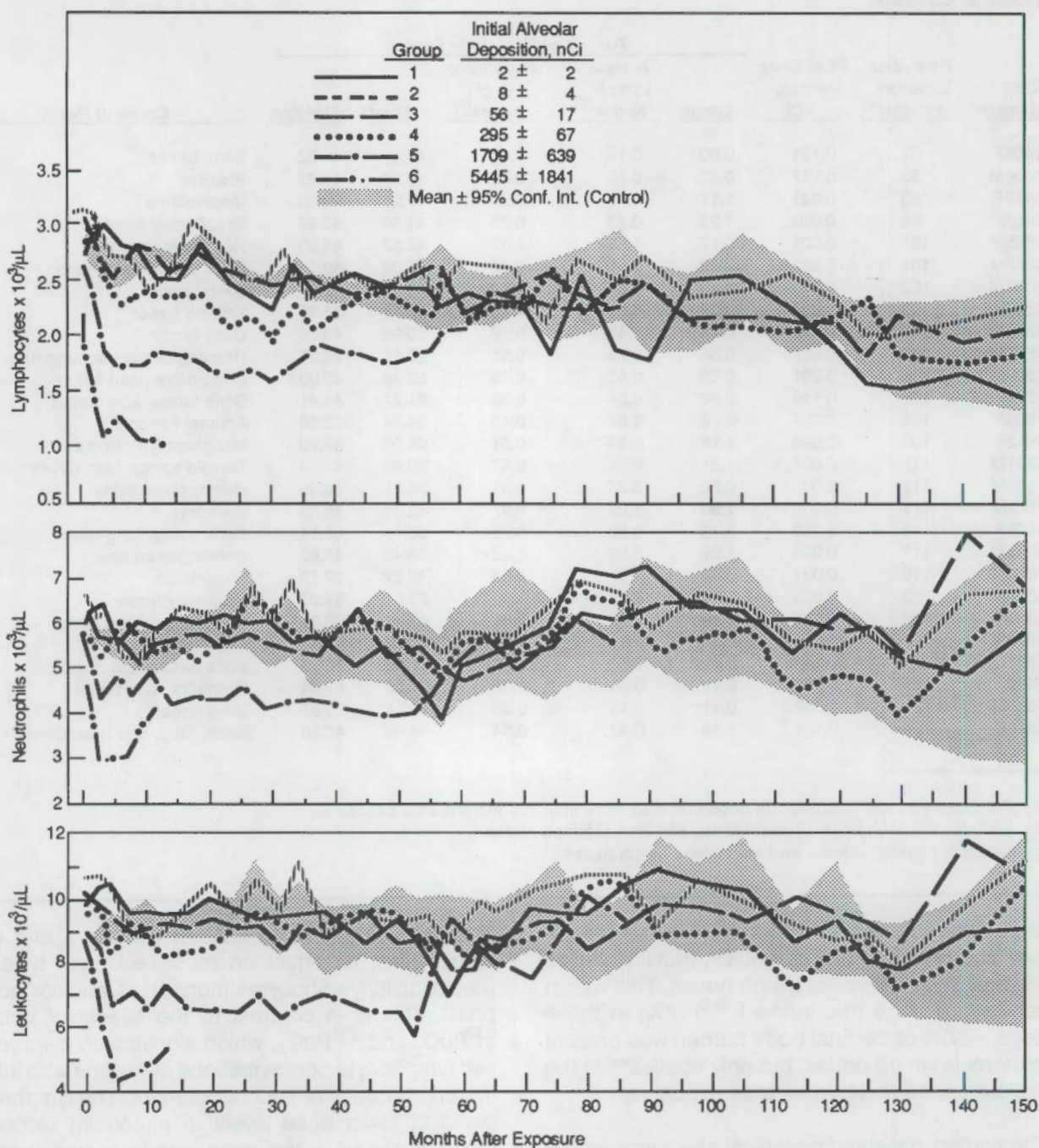


FIGURE 1. Mean Leukocyte, Neutrophil, and Lymphocyte Values in Dogs After Inhalation of $^{239}\text{Pu}(\text{NO}_3)_4$

Serum enzyme assays have been performed throughout the postexposure period in an attempt to identify specific damage to liver or bone by

plutonium translocated from the lung. Evaluation of these data has revealed a biphasic elevation of serum alkaline phosphatase (ALP) and serum

glutamic pyruvic transaminase (GPT) in individual dogs. There was an early increase followed by a return to control values and then a late effect characterized by persistent, increased elevations of both ALP and GPT. Calculation of the cumulative average radiation dose to mean time after exposure, when serum chemistry values were first observed to be different from controls for dose-level 5 dogs, revealed a mean dose to liver of 280 rad for the late effect, which occurred 4.1 years post exposure. At this time, the dose rate was 60 to 70 rads per year. Currently (more than 12 years after exposure), GPT and ALP values in dose-level groups 3 and 4 are still significantly ($p \leq 0.05$) higher than those for the control group (Figures 2 and 3).

Table 3 summarizes, by dose-level group, the mortality and lesions associated with deaths through 12 years after exposure to $^{239}\text{Pu}(\text{NO}_3)_4$. All five dogs at the highest dose level (Group 6) died from radiation pneumonitis 14 to 41 months after exposure. Histopathological examination of the lungs of these dogs revealed interstitial fibrosis, alveolar epithelial hyperplasia, increased numbers of alveolar macrophages, occasional small emphysematous cavities and, at times, very small nodules of squamous metaplasia at the termini of respiratory bronchioles. One dog at the highest dose level had a small bronchioloalveolar carcinoma as well as radiation pneumonitis.

All the dogs in dose-level Group 5 died or were euthanized 34 to 92 months after plutonium exposures. The principal cause of death at this exposure level was osteosarcoma, which occurred in 17 of 20 dogs; several had more than one site. The sites of the osteosarcomas were lumbar vertebrae (4 dogs), cervical vertebrae (3 dogs), thoracic vertebrae (2 dogs), humerus (5 dogs), pelvis (2 dogs), facial bones (2 dogs), ribs (2 dogs), and nasal turbinates (1 dog). Metastases to distal sites occurred in 6 dogs; these dogs also had radiation osteosis, generally characterized by peritrabecular fibrosis.

Other deaths in dose-level Group 5 were caused by radiation pneumonitis (two dogs) and multiple lung tumors (one dog). The multiple lung tumors, in different lobes, were papillary adenocarcinomas, combined epidermoid and adenocarcinoma, and

bronchioloalveolar carcinoma; metastases were present in the tracheobronchial lymph nodes.

Malignant but nonfatal lung tumors were also present in nine dogs from dose-level Group 5 that died from osteosarcomas and in one dog that died from radiation pneumonitis. Typically, these arose subpleurally, proximal to areas of interstitial fibrosis or small cavities communicating with bronchioles. They consisted of bronchioloalveolar carcinomas in four dogs; papillary adenocarcinomas in two dogs; both bronchioloalveolar carcinoma and papillary adenocarcinoma in one dog; both papillary and tubular adenocarcinomas in one dog; a combined epidermoid and adenocarcinoma in one dog; and a bronchioloalveolar carcinoma, papillary adenocarcinoma, and a mixed lung tumor in one dog. No metastases of these lung tumors were observed.

In dose-level Group 4, 16 dogs have now died, 54 to 144 months after plutonium exposure. The causes of death included bone tumors (9 dogs), lung tumors (4 dogs), suppurative pleuritis (1 dog), congestive heart failure (1 dog), and pyometra (1 dog). Six dogs that died as a result of bone tumors also had nonfatal lung tumors. An intrahepatic bile duct carcinoma was present in 1 dog that also had bone and lung tumors; small solitary bile duct tumors were present in the livers of 2 additional dogs that died from other causes.

In dose-level Group 3, two dogs have died from lung tumors. Each of three dogs that died of a bone tumor, a thyroid tumor, and a hemangiosarcoma, respectively, also had a lung tumor. Two additional dogs had bile duct tumors. This is the lowest exposure level with a mortality rate or incidence of lesions that was different from that of control groups.

Although the skeleton is generally considered the critical tissue after inhalation of soluble plutonium, and 27 of 66 exposed dogs have died with bone tumors by 12 years after exposure, it should be noted that 27 of these 66 exposed dogs also had lung tumors. We have calculated that lung cancer risks for these dogs, based on estimated cumulative dose to the lung, are approximately 12 times higher for $^{239}\text{Pu}(\text{NO}_3)_4$ than for inhaled $^{239}\text{PuO}_2$, and 50 times higher than for inhaled $^{238}\text{PuO}_2$.

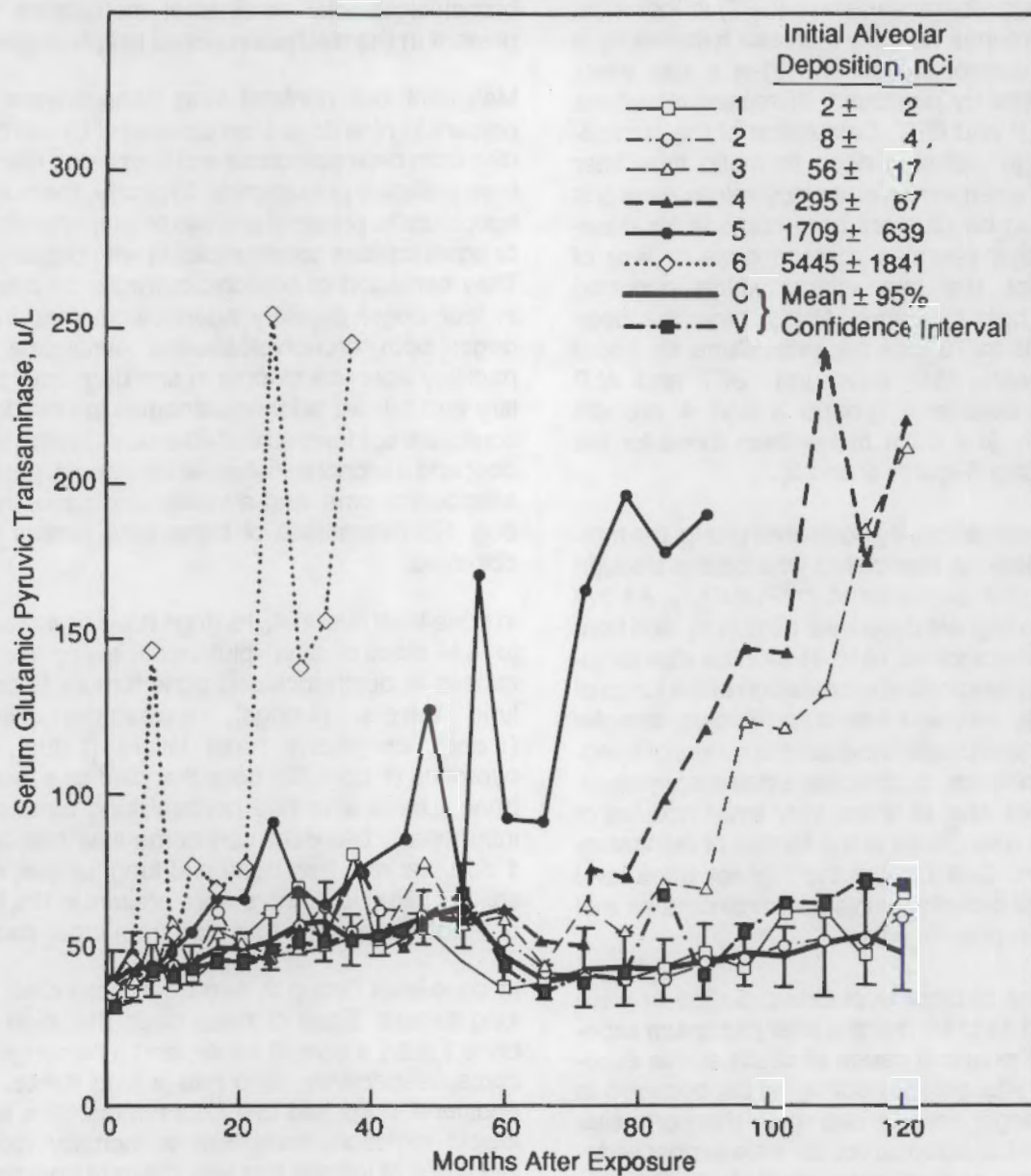


FIGURE 2. Serum Glutamic Pyruvic Transaminase (GPT) in Dogs After Inhalation of $^{239}\text{Pu}(\text{NO}_3)_4$

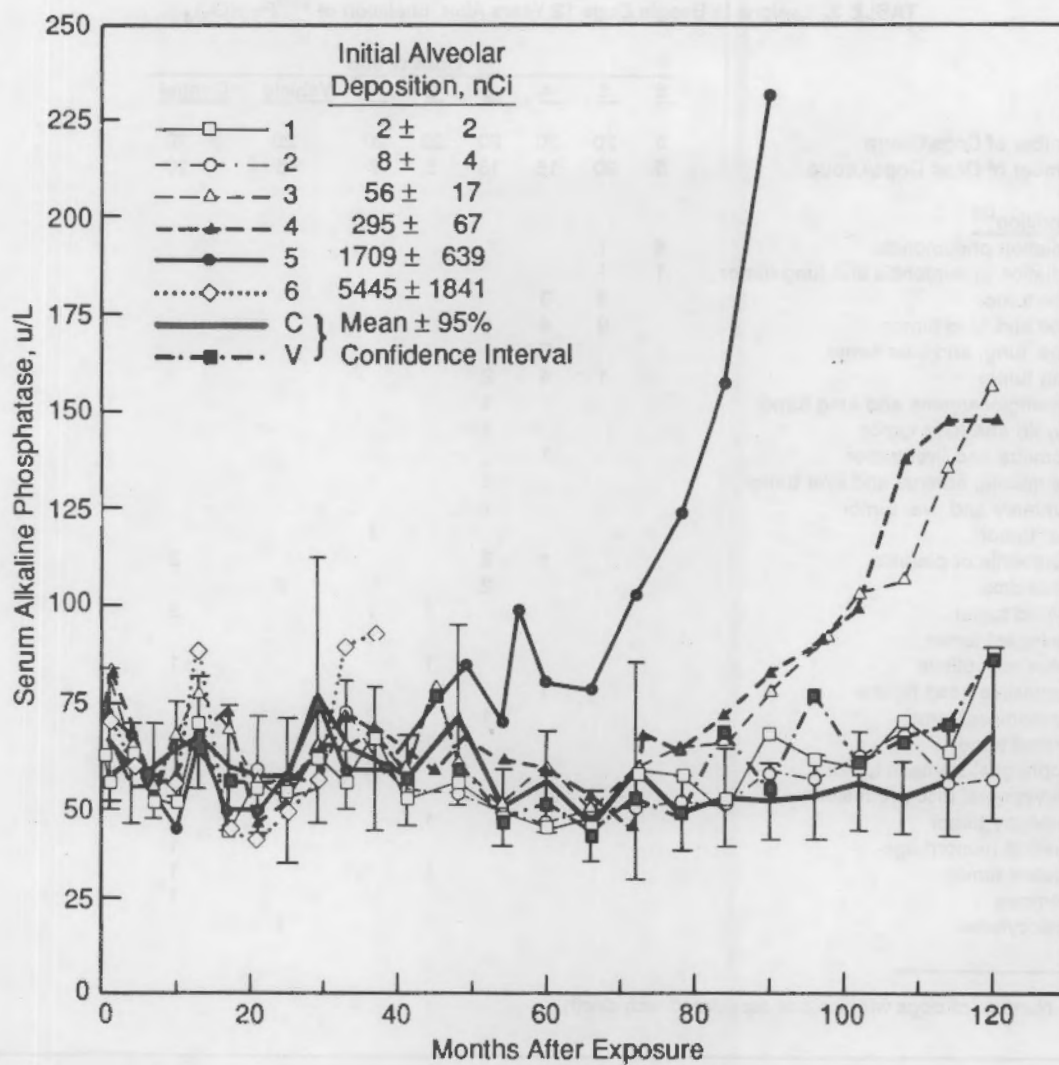


FIGURE 3. Serum Alkaline Phosphatase (ALP) in Dogs After Inhalation of $^{239}\text{Pu}(\text{NO}_3)_4$

TABLE 3. Lesions in Beagle Dogs 12 Years After Inhalation of $^{239}\text{Pu}(\text{NO}_3)_4$

	Dose Group						Vehicle	Control
	6	5	4	3	2	1		
Number of Dogs/Group	5	20	20	20	20	20	20	20
Number of Dead Dogs/Group	5	20	16	13	5	7	5	10
Condition (a)								
Radiation pneumonitis	4	1						
Radiation pneumonitis and lung tumor	1	1						
Bone tumor		8	3					
Bone and lung tumor		9	4	1				
Bone, lung, and liver tumor			2					
Lung tumor		1	4	2				
Hemangiosarcoma and lung tumor				1				
Thyroid and lung tumor				1				
Pyometra and liver tumor			1					
Pneumonia, adrenal and liver tumor				1				
Mammary and liver tumor				1				
Liver tumor						1		
Pneumonia or pleuritis			1	3				2
Lymphoma				2			2	
Thyroid tumor					1	1		2
Meningeal tumor						1		
Status epilepticus					1			1
Congestive heart failure			1					
Hemangiosarcoma				1		2		
Adrenal tumor					1			1
Esophageal/stomach tumor						2		
Intervertebral disc protrusion							2	1
Mammary tumor					1			
Cerebral hemorrhage								1
Prostate tumor					1			1
Pyometra								1
Mastocytoma							1	

(a) Number of dogs with lesions associated with death.

National Radiobiology Archives

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The National Radiobiology Archives at PNL focus on integration, preservation, and continued use of information and materials from investigations in radiobiology. The initial product of this project was the book by Roy C. Thompson, *Life-Span Effects of Ionizing Radiation in the Beagle Dog*, a summary account of four decades of research funded by the U.S. Department of Energy and its predecessor agencies. This year the project was expanded to include three additional tasks: 1) implementation of an interlaboratory computerized database containing summarized dose and effects results for each significant tissue type in each of the more than 6000 dogs exposed to ionizing radiation; 2) establishment of an archive of research documents such as logbooks, clinical notes, and pathologists' observations; and 3) establishment of a repository for research materials such as tissue samples, histopathology blocks and slides, and radiographic films. Thus, this project has evolved into a comprehensive effort to gather and catalog tissues and documents related to radiobiology studies so that future researchers will have materials to analyze by advanced molecular biology techniques and information for statistical analysis.

National Radiobiology Archives

The National Radiobiology Archives focus on integration, preservation, and continued use of information and materials from investigations in radiobiology. Nearly 40 years ago, the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission made a far-reaching commitment to the support of lifespan radiation-effect studies in a relatively long-lived animal, the beagle dog, at five institutions. Consequently, about \$200 million has been spent on a program including closely related experiments that is only now coming to fruition. Conducted at the University of Utah (U of Utah), the University of California at Davis (UC Davis), Argonne National Laboratory (ANL), Pacific Northwest Laboratory (PNL), and the Inhalation Toxicology Research Institute (ITRI), these lifespan studies are the initial focus of Archive activities.

The activities summarized in this report are the initial steps toward a fully functioning Archives. A PNL building (331-G) has been modified as a repository for tissues and other materials, and a computational architecture for information storage, access, and distribution has been designed.

The Archives will be guided by an advisory committee consisting of representatives of the five institutions and other knowledgeable scientists. The advisory committee will meet twice in 1990;

first, to establish policy, and second, to evaluate candidate materials at the U of Utah.

Because the National Radiobiology Archives is a new project, a major thrust of this first year has been to develop plans and establish good working relationships within the radiobiology research community. A primary topic of discussion has been the relative value of various types of archival materials. All parties agree that the summary information, raw data, tissue blocks, and histopathology slides should be included in the Archives. There was considerable debate over the cost-benefit utility of storing the tissue specimens. The consensus is that the large investment in producing these specimens coupled with rapid advances in molecular biology techniques mandates preservation of the specimens for future researchers. The plans presented at the site review conducted by the DOE in March included a timetable for specimen acquisition as studies are completed at each site.

Review of Lifespan Dog Studies

The first product of the Archives is a book providing a comprehensive view of the beagle studies. *Life-Span Effects of Ionizing Radiation in the Beagle Dog*, by Roy C. Thompson, is primarily intended as a research management document rather than a technical evaluation of research

results. The book describes what has been done and why, and presents results to date and their applications in a manner designed to display the total effort rather than details. The document provides an informed approach to the question, "Where do we go from here?"

The book covers the major lifespan experiments conducted under AEC/ERDA/DOE sponsorship at the five institutions. Table 1 lists these experiments, the time period over which the exposures were conducted, the general nature of those exposures, and the number of dogs held for lifespan observation (total animals and those still alive). Many more animals were employed in preliminary and ancillary studies and in the maintenance of breeding colonies. In some earlier experiments, all animals are already dead; however, in none of the experiments have interpretations been completed, nor can they be considered fully completed until cross-comparisons are made among all experiments. Other radiation-effect studies with beagle dogs in these and other laboratories lasting less than the lifespan are

discussed in the book only to place the major lifespan studies (Table 1) in proper perspective.

Dr. Thompson has provided a continuing broad viewpoint on the total effort rather than reporting individual experiments in individual laboratories. Thus, the chapter titles are Introduction, Historical Overview, The Experiments, Results: Dosimetric Considerations, Results: Biological Effects, Results of Ancillary Studies, Applications, Bibliography, and Appended Experiment Summaries. The book's structure emphasizes that these experiments were planned as a total program with important interactions.

A special effort was made to provide a complete bibliography, including brief biographical sketches of the principal scientists involved in the research. For some detailed information, only the year-by-year progress reports from the laboratories provide the total picture. These reports are listed in a separate section of the bibliography and are cross referenced to the individual experiments in the appendix.

TABLE 1. Summary of Lifespan Experiments in Beagle Dogs Exposed to Radiotoxic Insults at DOE-Supported Laboratories

Laboratory ^(a)	Exposure		Agent	Number of Dogs	
	Dates	Route		Total	Live ^(b)
PNL	1959-1977	Inhalation	PuO ₂ , Pu(NO ₃) ₄	479	75
ITRI	1973-1982	Inhalation	α emitters	599	199
	1965-1975	Inhalation	β emitters	916	3
UC Davis	1963-1967	Injection	⁹⁰ Sr, ²²⁶ Ra	379	0
	1961-1967	Ingestion	⁹⁰ Sr	479	0
	1952-1958	External	X ray	360	0
U of Utah	1952-1980	Injection	α emitters	1148	— ^(c)
	1955-1966	Injection	⁹⁰ Sr	100	0
ANL	1968-1978	External	X or γ rays	710	
	1960-1964	Injection	β emitters	268	0
TOTAL:				5438	277

(a) PNL, Pacific Northwest Laboratory; ITRI, Inhalation Toxicology Research Institute; UC Davis, University of California at Davis; U of Utah, University of Utah; ANL, Argonne National Laboratory.

(b) As reported by the institution's annual report for 1989.

(c) Surviving U of Utah dogs exposed to α emitters were moved to ITRI in September 1987.

Biological Specimen Archive

The biological specimen archive will contain collected research materials, such as tissues preserved in formalin or alcohol, tissue samples embedded in paraffin or plastic for histopathological analysis, tissues that have been reduced to ash and liquefied for dosimetric analysis, microscope slides, and radiographic films. Many of these materials are radioactive, and are associated with hazardous materials such as formalin, alcohol, and paraffin. An existing 1200-ft² cinder block building has been renovated and dedicated as the repository of these specimens. It contains a specimen manipulation laboratory and storage bays with an automatic fire suppression system.

Immediate use of the tissue archive will be for cross-comparison of pathologists' observations. We will be able to supply tissue samples of known dosimetric and clinical history to molecular biologists for analysis by emerging techniques such as DNA amplification. As microdosimetric techniques are refined, archived tissues, especially radiolabeled bone and lung specimens, will be available for interpretation.

Materials nominated for inclusion in the Archives must be approved by peer review. The first such committee met at the UC Davis in December 1989 to review the existing collection of specimens and records. The committee recommended acceptance of only those materials related to the three lifespan studies, and also recommended that the UC Davis staff harvest additional bones from the carcasses slated for disposal. The first contributions to the specimen archives will be moved from UC Davis early in 1990.

Research Records Archive

The research records archive will collect handwritten and printed documents associated with each study, as well as supporting documents.

These include "raw" data such as exposure log-books, clinical notes, laboratory analysis forms, hematologic profiles, and caretakers' observations. "Summarized" data, usually reduced to computer files, are also to be included. Each document will be given an accession number and stored in a controlled environment. This material will be cataloged, using appropriate microcomputer software, for rapid selection and retrieval.

The primary users of the document archive will be statisticians performing cross-comparisons of these studies. The documents will also provide input to future analyses of effects of low-level radiation that are not necessarily amenable to current statistical methodology.

The first contribution to the records archive will be the extensive collection of supportive documentation that provided the basis for *Radioactivity and Health, A History*, by J. Newell Stannard. The UC Davis records will be shipped to the Archives in several years, at the conclusion of their contract with DOE.

Summary Database

The computerized summary database will contain the dose to, and the effect on, each significant tissue in each dog. This database was described as the "Interlaboratory Toxicology Data Base" in last year's report. No significant progress was made on the summary database this year because of the other activities reported here.

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Low-Level $^{239}\text{PuO}_2$ Lifespan Studies

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A total of 3192 female Wistar, 198 male Wistar, 192 female Long-Evans, and 200 female Fischer-344 rats were either sham-exposed or given a single inhalation to $^{239}\text{PuO}_2$. Rats are being examined during their lifespan for spatial-temporal dose-distribution patterns and for lung tumor formation. The dose-response curve continues to be best fitted by a quadratic function and a "practical" threshold of >1 Gy; maximum lung tumor incidence is seen at about 8 Gy. An excellent fit of lung tumor data was provided by a two-component polynomial equation. Poorer fits of lung tumor incidences and radiation dose from inhaled Pu were seen in historical data for rats. The incidence of lung tumors in Wistar rats correlates well with the formation of large Pu particle aggregates. Likewise, the incidence of grossly appearing lung tumors in female Long-Evans and Fischer rats and in male Wistar rats appears to be related to the formation of large Pu aggregates, particularly in peribronchiolar regions of the lung. The radiation dose delivered to airways from Pu particles in nearby alveoli was delivered largely to smaller diameter airways from large Pu aggregates.

Previous lifespan studies in rats exposed to ^{239}Pu aerosols indicated that lung tumor incidence might be increased at radiation doses to the lung comparable to doses received by humans from a maximum permissible occupational lung deposition of 16 nCi ^{239}Pu . A total of 3192 young adult, female, specific-pathogen-free (SPF), Wistar rats were used in the initial lifespan study: 2134 were exposed to $^{239}\text{PuO}_2$ at initial lung burdens (ILB) ranging from 0.25 nCi to about 180 nCi, and 1058 were sham-exposed controls. Histopathological analyses have been completed on 1775 of the 3192 rats, including 579 sham-exposed controls and 1196 exposed animals. All other lifespan rats have died, including 198 male Wistar rats, 192 female Long-Evans rats, and 200 female Fischer-344 rats. Autoradiographic and morphometric techniques were used to evaluate the spatial-temporal dose-distribution patterns in high-dose male and female Wistar, female Long-Evans, and female Fischer-344 lifespan rats.

A total of 117 lung tumors were found in 1196 exposed rats, including 62 squamous cell carcinomas, 29 adenocarcinomas, 9 hemangiosarcomas, 8 adenomas, 3 adenosquamous carcinomas, 3 fibrosarcomas, 2 mesotheliomas, and 1 carcinosarcoma. To date, only 9 lung tumors have been found in 960 exposed rats with lung doses up to <1 Gy (malignant tumor incidence of 0.52%), of which 4 are benign adenomas. A total

of 108 lung tumors have been found in 236 rats with lung doses >1 Gy (malignant tumor incidence of 44%), of which 3 are adenomas. Four lung tumors have been found in 579 sham-exposed controls: 2 adenocarcinomas, 1 fibrosarcoma, and 1 mesothelioma (malignant tumor incidence of 0.69%). This continues to indicate the presence of a possible "practical" threshold dose of about 1 Gy for lung tumor formation from inhaled $^{239}\text{PuO}_2$, below which a tumor is much less likely to be seen (Table 1). The dose-response relationship appears to be well fitted by a quadratic function and a maximum lung tumor incidence at about 8 Gy. We continue to propose that the lower dose range of the quadratic curve (<1 Gy) represents primarily initiation (mutation) events, while the much steeper, higher dose portion of the curve (>1 Gy) represents mostly promotion events caused by Pu particle aggregation, resulting in the progressive expression of carcinogenesis (Figure 1).

The variability in relationship between lung dose and lung tumor incidence was examined in this study and in previously published studies with the rat. Correlations were made using a quadratic polynomial fit of the data. A poor fit ($r = 0.35$) was seen when historical data for all (soluble and insoluble) inhaled Pu compounds were plotted (Figure 2). A somewhat better fit ($r = 0.70$) was seen when only historical studies with inhaled $^{239}\text{PuO}_2$ were plotted (Figure 3). However, an excellent fit

TABLE 1. Lung Tumors in Female Wistar Rats After Inhalation of $^{239}\text{PuO}_2$ Particles

Dose to Lung, Gy ^(a)	Number of rats	Time After Exposure, days ^(a)	Incidence of Pulmonary Pathological Lesions, %					Total
			Squamous Carcinoma	Adenoma	Adeno-carcinoma	Hemangio-sarcoma	Other Tumors ^(b)	
21.4±1.3	9	398±135	33.3	0	11.1	11.1	11.1	66.7
18.5±0.97	11	484±109	54.5	0	18.2	0	0	72.7
15.6±0.82	14	482±168	42.9	14.3	7.1	7.1	0	71.4
13.0±0.55	16	586±129	62.5	0	18.8	12.5	6.3	100
11.5±0.25	15	592±186	40.0	0	20.0	6.7	0	66.7
10.0±0.51	16	541±245	43.8	0	12.5	6.3	0	62.5
7.94±0.47	20	647±150	60.0	0	10.0	5.0	0	75.0
5.93±0.63	17	680±188	23.5	0	11.8	11.8	5.9	52.9
4.48±0.23	17	705±176	0	0	29.4	0	5.9	35.3
3.40±0.28	29	656±230	10.3	3.4	10.3	0	0	24.1
2.56±0.24	35	685±199	5.7	2.9	5.7	0	0	14.3
1.40±0.32	37	653±199	0	0	0	0	0	0
0.89±0.05	34	699±191	0	2.9	0	0	0	2.9
0.68±0.06	58	695±196	0	0	0	0	0	0
0.49±0.06	55	662±163	0	1.8	0	0	3.6	5.5
0.28±0.05	127	702±143	0.8	0.8	0	0	0	1.6
0.13±0.03	171	736±161	0	0	0	0	0	0
0.07±0.02	515	699±189	0	0.2	0	0	0	0.4
0	579	737±159	0	0	0.3	0	0.3	0.7

(a) Mean ± standard deviation.

(b) Fibrosarcoma, mesothelioma, carcinosarcoma.

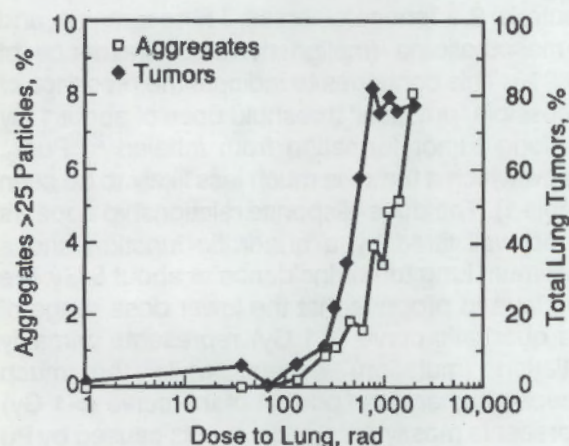


FIGURE 1. Relationship of Lung Tumor Incidence in Female Wistar Rats and Formation of Large (>25 particles) Pu Aggregates After Inhalation of $^{239}\text{PuO}_2$

($r = 0.97$) was obtained when data from this study were plotted (Figure 4). This indicates that variability from Pu solubility, animal strain, and sex, as well as dosimetric methodology, has a significant effect on characterization of the lung tumor

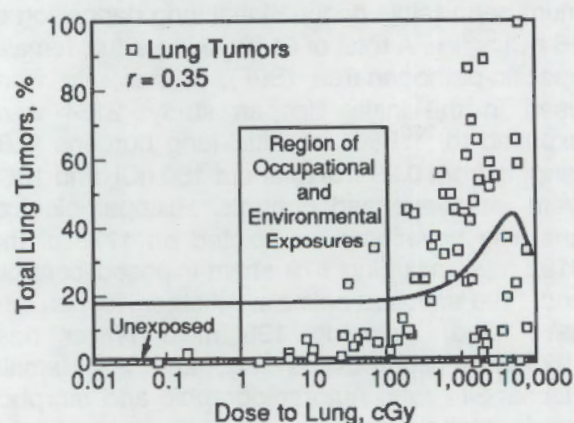


FIGURE 2. Incidence of Lung Tumors in Rats Exposed to Aerosols of Soluble and Insoluble Pu Compounds. Variability results from animal strain, sex, and exposure, and from dosimetry methodology and Pu solubility. Data were fitted by quadratic polynomial equation.

response in rats. Great care should be used when combining data from different studies with rats exposed to Pu aerosols for purposes of radiation risk analyses.

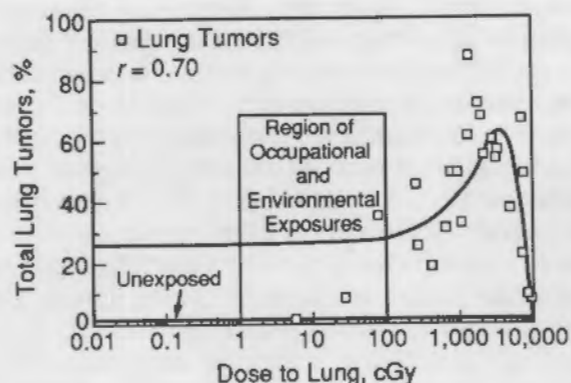


FIGURE 3. Incidence of Lung Tumors in Rats Exposed to Aerosols of $^{239}\text{PuO}_2$. Variability is related to animal strain, sex, and exposure, and to dosimetry methodology. Data were fitted by quadratic polynomial equation.

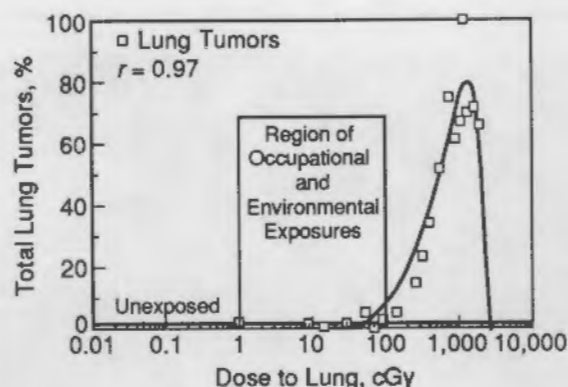


FIGURE 4. Incidence of Lung Tumors in Female Wistar Rats (this study) Exposed to Aerosol of $^{239}\text{PuO}_2$. Minimal variability is seen. Data were fitted by quadratic polynomial equation.

Scanning electron microscopic (SEM) and light quantitative autoradiographic techniques have been developed for examining the spatial-temporal dose-distribution pattern of Pu particles in the left lobe of the lung (Sanders et al. 1988, *Radiat. Res.* 116:393; Sanders et al. 1989, *Exp. Lung Res.* 15:755). All airways sectioned at an oblique angle, exposing a flat epithelial surface, were examined by SEM autoradiography. The total area of this flat surface was measured, and the number of alpha stars contained therein were counted. Particle concentration was evaluated in airways with areas $>1 \text{ mm}^2$ and $<1 \text{ mm}^2$. Stars were differentiated

according to position on the epithelial surface or radiating through the mucosa from immediately adjacent alveoli. For all airways, about five times more alpha track exposure to the bronchiolar epithelium was delivered from plutonium particles found in peribronchiolar alveoli than from Pu particles on the bronchiolar surface. Little submucosal exposure was seen in airways $>1 \text{ mm}^2$ (Figure 5), with alpha tracks being concentrated mostly in airways $<1 \text{ mm}^2$ (Figure 6).

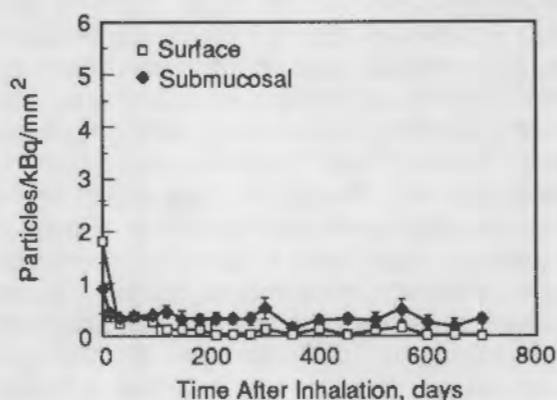


FIGURE 5. Quantitative Scanning Electron Microscopic (SEM) Autoradiography of Pu Particle Distribution in Rat Lung Bronchioles After Inhalation of $^{239}\text{PuO}_2$ for Bronchioles $>1 \text{ mm}^2$ in Surface Area. Values are means \pm standard error.

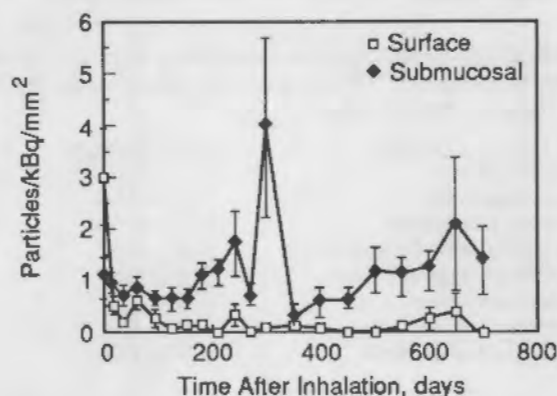


FIGURE 6. Quantitative Scanning Electron Microscopic (SEM) Autoradiography of Pu Particle Distribution in Rat Lung Bronchioles After Inhalation of $^{239}\text{PuO}_2$ for Bronchioles $<1 \text{ mm}^2$. Values are means \pm standard error.

Aggregated peribronchiolar Pu particles appeared to be more often retained in the lung because of associated inflammatory and fibrotic processes, while most other alveolar particles were more rapidly cleared from the lung. Prolonged peribronchiolar particle retention appeared to play a prominent role in the development of lung carcinomas. Primary lung carcinoma formation is preceded by a cellular evolution of focal inflammation, fibrosis, and epithelial hyperplasia and metaplasia associated with Pu aggregates. A much higher cell turnover is seen in pulmonary cells associated with Pu aggregates than in other areas of the exposed lung. Proliferative rates of hyperplastic, metaplastic, and neoplastic lesions, often associated with regions of Pu aggregation, were similar to those seen in alveolar tissues encompassing Pu aggregates (Table 2). Bronchiolarization appeared to be associated with Pu particle aggregation and to precede adenocarcinoma formation (Figure 7). Squamous metaplasia, a precursor proliferative lesion of squamous carcinoma, appeared to arise in areas of substantial alveolar fibrosis associated with aggregation of Pu particles. Morphological evidence indicates that type 2 alveolar epithelium may become ciliated and differentiated into "bronchiole-like" epithelial cells (Figure 8). If so, ciliated bronchiole-like cells may not arrive from migration from terminal bronchiolar epithelium but may be derived from alveolar epithelium. This would make the alveoli the target for most carcinomas, rather than the terminal bronchioles.

TABLE 2. Tritiated Thymidine-Labeled Pulmonary Cell Nuclei After Inhalation of $^{239}\text{PuO}_2$. Values are means \pm standard error >100 days after inhalation.

Tissue	Labeled Nuclei, %
Control alveoli	0.21 \pm 0.03
Exposed alveoli	0.51 \pm 0.08
Control bronchioles	0.40 \pm 0.06
Region of large Pu aggregates	3.03 \pm 0.42
Bronchiolarization lesions	3.00 \pm 0.66
Adenocarcinomas	2.17 \pm 0.65
Squamous metaplasias	4.47 \pm 1.54
Squamous carcinomas	6.84 \pm 1.33

Quantitative SEM and light autoradiography was carried out in the left lung lobe of female Long-Evans and Fischer rats and male Wistar rats and compared with previously published data from female Wistar rats (Table 3). Mean radiation doses to the lung at death were similar (10 Gy for female Long-Evans and Fischer rats; 11 Gy for female

Wistar rats; 12 Gy for male Wistar rats). However, bronchiolar submucosal alpha-track exposure from Pu particles in peribronchiolar alveoli was substantially less in male Wistar and female Long-Evans rats (Figures 9 through 11, respectively). Likewise, the formation of large Pu particle aggregates was substantially less in male Wistar and female Long-Evans rats. Strain and sex differences in plutonium particle distribution may result from differences in lung clearance. The incidence of lung tumors (by gross appearance only) was also related to SEM and light quantitative autoradiographic data. That is, male Wistar (55% incidence) and female Long-Evans (35% incidence) rats had the lowest incidences of lung tumors as compared to female Wistar (73% incidence) and Fischer (73% incidence) rats. The significance of these differences awaits further dosimetric and pathological analyses.



FIGURE 7. Area of Alveolar Bronchiolarization with High Incidence of Nuclei Labeled with Tritiated Thymidine (3-month exposure of autoradiogram).

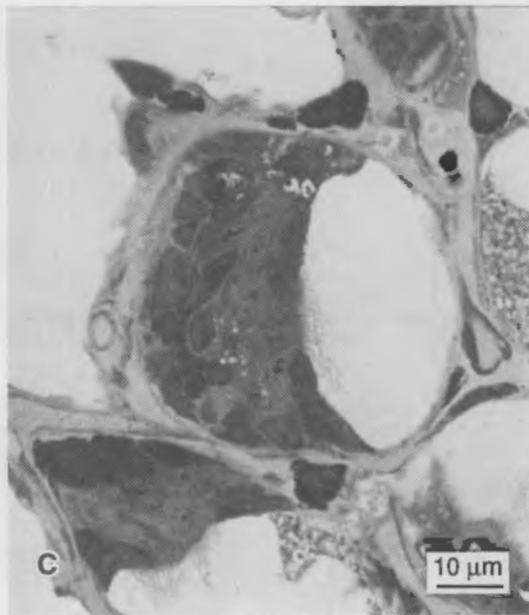


FIGURE 8. (A) Hyperplasia of Type 2 Alveolar Epithelium at 210 Days After Pu Exposure; (B) SEM View of Type 2 Alveolar Epithelial Hyperplasia (*arrowheads*) Near a Terminal Bronchiole; (C) Alveolar Bronchiolarization Partially Filling Alveoli with Ciliated and Nonciliated Cells at 300 Days; (D) SEM View of Alveolar Bronchiolarization at 700 Days After Inhalation of Pu

TABLE 3. Role of Strain and Gender in Quantitative Scanning Electron Microscopic (SEM) and Light Autoradiographic Distribution of Inhaled $^{239}\text{PuO}_2$ in the Left Lung Lobe of the Rat. Values are means \pm standard error.

	Wistar Male	Wistar Female	Long-Evans Female	Fischer-344 Female
Number of Rats	56	39	54	48
Initial alveolar deposition (kBq)	3.4 ± 0.1	3.0 ± 0.1	2.8 ± 0.1	2.7 ± 0.1
Dose to lung (Gy)	12.2 ± 0.4	10.7 ± 0.4	9.8 ± 0.3	9.7 ± 0.2
Time after exposure (days)	566 ± 14	521 ± 18	607 ± 22	572 ± 18
Incidence of lung tumors (%) ^(a)	55.0	72.9	35.0	72.9
<u>SEM Quantitative Autoradiography</u>				
Number of bronchioles	7.2 ± 0.4	6.2 ± 0.5	7.6 ± 0.4	7.8 ± 0.6
Bronchiolar area (mm^2)	7.9 ± 1.3	15.4 ± 1.4	9.3 ± 1.2	6.2 ± 0.8
Bronchiolar surface particle concentration (particles/kBq/ mm^2)	<0.01	0.01 ± 0.01	0.01 ± 0.01	0.01 ± 0.01
Bronchiolar submucosal particle concentration (particles/kBq/ mm^2)	0.01 ± 0.03	0.27 ± 0.04	0.05 ± 0.02	0.41 ± 0.06
<u>Light Quantitative Autoradiography</u>				
Particles/ cm^2	65 ± 10	160 ± 21	50 ± 11	100 ± 8
Percent aggregates >25 particles	1.6 ± 0.4	3.6 ± 0.6	1.5 ± 0.5	5.4 ± 0.6

(a) By gross observation of lungs.

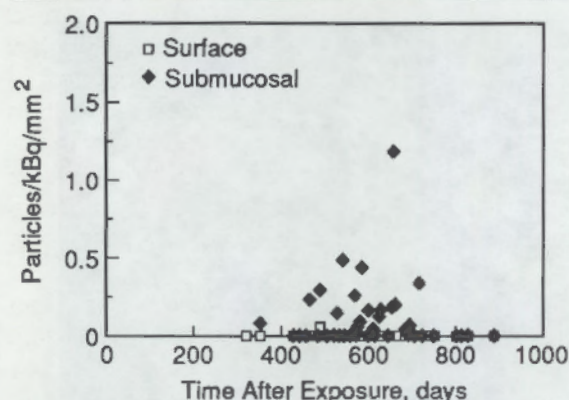


FIGURE 9. Quantitative Scanning Electron Microscopic (SEM) Autoradiography of Pu Particle Distribution in Bronchioles in Male Wistar Rats. Each point represents one animal. Solid bars on horizontal axis, composed of many overlying points, are zero values.

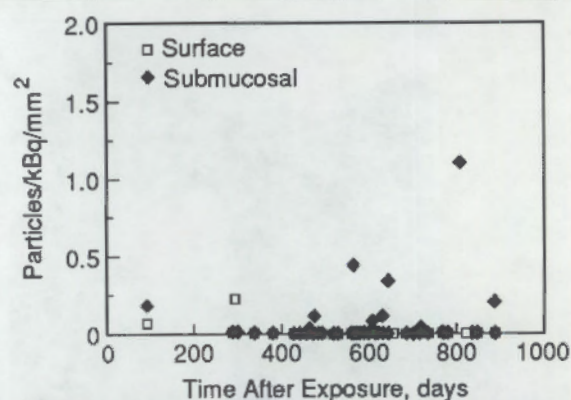


FIGURE 10. Quantitative Scanning Electron Microscopic (SEM) Autoradiography of Pu Particle Distribution in Bronchioles in Female Long-Evans Rats. Each point represents one animal. Solid bars on horizontal axis, composed of many overlying points, are zero values.

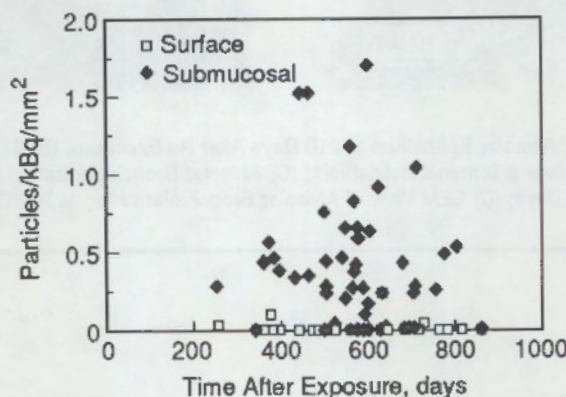


FIGURE 11. Quantitative Scanning Electron Microscopic (SEM) Autoradiography of Pu Particle Distribution in Bronchioles in Female Fischer Rats. Each point represents one animal. Solid bars on horizontal axis, composed of many overlying points, are zero values.

Inhalation Hazards to Uranium Miners

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Using both large and small experimental animals, we are investigating levels of air contaminants that produce respiratory system disease in radon-exposed populations. Lung cancer incidence and deaths from degenerative lung disease are significantly elevated among uranium miners, but the cause-effect relationships for these diseases are based on inadequate epidemiological data. This project identifies agents or combinations of agents (both chemical and radiological), and their exposure levels, that produce respiratory tract lesions, including respiratory epithelial carcinoma, pneumoconiosis, and emphysema. Exposures of male rats to radon daughters, uranium ore dust, and cigarette-smoke mixtures (11,000 Series experiments) and of female rats to radon daughters and uranium ore dust (12,000 Series experiments) were completed. Histopathological data on previously completed 8000 Series animals showed that the risk of lung tumors decreases in proportion to cumulative radon-daughter exposures and remains elevated at exposures comparable to those found in houses [40 working-level months (WLM)]. Histopathological examination was completed on 11,000 Series animals serially sacrificed at 25 and 52 weeks from start of exposures. Thus far, lesions, including tumors, are most severe in rats receiving continuous rather than split-dose exposures to radon daughters and uranium ore dust. No tumors were observed in any of the groups with ancillary cigarette-smoke exposures; however, adenomatosis was more severe and prevalent in rats exposed to cigarette smoke after radon-daughter and uranium ore-dust exposures than before these exposures.

A search for nonrespiratory neoplasms following radon exposures of Wistar rats revealed a trend and excess of malignant kidney neoplasms versus cumulative radon-daughter exposure level similar to data reported on Sprague-Dawley rats elsewhere.

Small-Animal Studies

Exposure Protocols. The 6000 Series (1000-working level; WL) and 7000 Series (100-WL) experiments (Table 1) are designed to develop the relationships between response and exposure to radon daughters (at two rates of exposure) and carnotite uranium ore dust. The 8000 Series (100-WL) experiments (Table 2) are designed to extend the exposure-response relationships to cumulative exposure levels comparable to current conditions in the mines and to lifetime environmental exposures. The 9000 Series experiments (Table 3) continue the "low-dose" studies at exposure rates comparable to former occupational working levels (10 WL). They will help to further evaluate the

hypothesis that the tumor probability per working-level-month (WLM) exposure increases with decreasing exposure rate. In addition, concurrent exposure to varying levels of uranium ore dust tests the hypothesis that irritants (both specific and nonspecific) act synergistically with radiation exposures. The exposures of 6000, 7000, and 8000 Series animals are completed. Exposures of 9000 Series animals are temporarily discontinued, ceasing with the 80-WLM and 15 mg/m³ ore-dust exposures, pending analyses of existing data. Exposures of rats to uranium ore dust alone (10,000 Series experiments; Table 4) are completed. The ore-dust studies address recent experimental data in rats (as well as human epidemiological data) linking silica exposures to

TABLE 1. Exposure-Response Relationship Study for Radon-Daughter Carcinogenesis in Rats (6000 and 7000 Series Experiments)

Number of Animals ^(a)	Exposure Regimen ^(b,c)	Total Exposure, WLM ^(d)
32	1000-WL radon daughters 15 mg/m ³ uranium ore dust	10,240
32	1000-WL radon daughters 15 mg/m ³ uranium ore dust	5,120
32	1000-WL radon daughters 15 mg/m ³ uranium ore dust	2,560
32	1000-WL radon daughters 15 mg/m ³ uranium ore dust	1,280
64	1000-WL radon daughters 15 mg/m ³ uranium ore dust	640
128	1000-WL radon daughters 15 mg/m ³ uranium ore dust	320
64	Controls	

- (a) Number of animals is sufficient to detect the predicted incidence of lung tumors at the 0.05 to 0.1 level of significance, assuming linearity of response between 0 and 9200 WLM (see footnote d), and 0.13% spontaneous incidence.
- (b) Exposure rate, 90 hr/wk; planned periodic sacrifice.
- (c) Study will be repeated at 100-WL rate (without periodic sacrifice) to augment previous limited exposure-rate data (7000 Series experiments).
- (d) Working level (WL) is defined as any combination of the short-lived radon daughters in 1 liter of air that will result in the ultimate emission of 1.3×10^5 MeV of potential α -energy. Working-level month (WLM) is an exposure equivalent to 170 hours at a 1-WL concentration. Previous exposure at 900 WL for 84 hr/wk to 9200 WLM produced an 80% incidence of carcinoma.

lung cancer. Because the silica content of the ore dust in the animal studies exceeds 60%, this potential link in the response to combined ore-dust and radon-daughter exposures needs to be clarified. Exposures of rats to radon daughters, uranium ore dust, and cigarette-smoke mixtures [initiation-promotion-initiation (IPI; 11,000 Series) experiments; see *Mechanisms of Radon Injury* project, this volume] were completed this fiscal year. These experiments clarify the induction-promotion relationships of radon and cigarette-smoke exposures. Exposures of female rats (12,000

TABLE 2. Low Exposure-Response Relationship Study for Radon-Daughter Carcinogenesis in Rats (8000 Series Experiments)

Number of Animals ^(a)	Exposure Regimen ^(b)	Total Exposure, WLM ^(c)
64	100-WL radon daughters 15 mg/m ³ uranium ore dust	640 ^(d)
64	100-WL radon daughters 15 mg/m ³ uranium ore dust	320 ^(d)
160	100-WL radon daughters 15 mg/m ³ uranium ore dust	160
352	100-WL radon daughters 15 mg/m ³ uranium ore dust	80
448	100-WL radon daughters 15 mg/m ³ uranium ore dust	40
512	100-WL radon daughters 15 mg/m ³ uranium ore dust	20
192	Controls	

- (a) Number of animals is sufficient to detect lung tumors at the 0.05 to 0.1 level of significance, assuming linearity of response between 0 and 640 WLM (see footnote c), and 0.13% spontaneous incidence.
- (b) Exposure rate, 90 hr/wk; planned periodic sacrifice.
- (c) Previous exposures indicated a tumor incidence of 16% at 640 WLM. Working level (WL) is defined as any combination of the short-lived radon daughters in 1 liter of air that will result in the ultimate emission of 1.3×10^5 MeV of potential α -energy. Working-level month (WLM) is an exposure equivalent to 170 hours at a 1-WL concentration.
- (d) Repeat exposure is for normalization with Table 1 data.

Series experiments; Table 5) were also completed. These experiments provide comparative risk data to exposures of male animals.

Respiratory Tract Pathology. A current summary of primary tumors of the respiratory tract for 8000 Series animals is shown in Table 6. These sampled data show that the risk of lung tumors decreases in proportion to the decrease in cumulative radon-daughter exposure, and remains elevated at exposures comparable to those found in houses (40 WLM). Histopathological examinations are in progress on the remainder of tissues from 8000, 9000, and 10,000 Series animals.

TABLE 3. Ultralow Exposure-Rate Study for Radon-Daughter Carcinogenesis in Rats (9000 Series Experiments)

Number of Animals ^(a)	Exposure Regimen ^(b)	Total Exposure, WLM ^(c)
64	10-WL radon daughters 15 mg/m ³ uranium ore dust	320
64	10-WL radon daughters 3 mg/m ³ uranium ore dust	320
352	10-WL radon daughters 15 mg/m ³ uranium ore dust	80
352	10-WL radon daughters 3 mg/m ³ uranium ore dust	80
512	10-WL radon daughters 15 mg/m ³ uranium ore dust	20
512	10-WL radon daughters 3 mg/m ³ uranium ore dust	20
192	Controls	

(a) Number of animals is sufficient to detect lung tumors at the 0.05 to 0.1 level of significance, assuming linearity of response between 0 and 640 WLM (tumor incidence is approximately 16% at 640 WLM), and 0.13% spontaneous incidence.

(b) Exposure rate, 90 hr/wk; planned periodic sacrifice.

(c) Working level (WL) is defined as any combination of the short-lived radon daughters in 1 liter of air that will result in the ultimate emission of 1.3×10^5 MeV of potential α -energy. Working-level month (WLM) is an exposure equivalent to 170 hours at a 1-WL concentration.

TABLE 4. Control Study for Uranium Ore-Dust Carcinogenesis in Rats (10,000 Series Experiments)

Number of Animals	Exposure Regimen ^(a)
96	15 mg/m ³ uranium ore dust
64	Sham-exposed controls

(a) Exposures, 12 to 18 months at 72 hr/wk; planned periodic sacrifice.

TABLE 5. Exposure of Female Rats to Radon Daughters and Uranium Ore Dust (12,000 Series Experiments)

Number of Animals	Exposure Regimen ^(a)
96	100-WL radon daughters; 640 WLM 5 mg/m ³ uranium ore dust
96	Sham-exposed controls

(a) Exposure rate, 72 hr/wk; planned periodic sacrifice. Working level (WL) is defined as any combination of the short-lived radon daughters in 1 liter of air that will result in the ultimate emission of 1.3×10^5 MeV of potential α -energy. Working-level month (WLM) is an exposure equivalent to 170 hours at a 1-WL concentration.

Histopathological examination was completed on 240 IPI-Series rats sacrificed at 25 and 52 weeks from beginning of mixed exposures to radon, radon daughters, uranium ore dust, and cigarette smoke (Table 7). Lesions were limited to the lungs and tracheobronchial lymph nodes (TBLN). At 25 weeks (which was also the time all except Group 1 exposures were completed), these consisted principally of aggregates of macrophages with phagocytosed dust in pulmonary alveoli and TBLN of all rats with exposures to uranium ore dust; minimal amounts of focal pulmonary interstitial reactions in 17% of the radon-daughter and uranium ore-dust-exposed rats; and a very slightly increased incidence of small amounts (or less) of focal adenomatous hyperplasia of alveolar epithelium. At 52 weeks, in addition to the phagocytosed dust, there was increased incidence and a slightly increased group average severity of interstitial reaction and adenomatous hyperplasia of alveolar epithelium; in addition, a very low incidence of small benign lung tumors occurred. The most severe lesions occurred in group 1 rats given continuous exposure for 8 weeks to radon daughters and uranium ore dust. Thus far, group 3 rats receiving split-dose radon-daughter and uranium ore-dust exposures show fewer tumors than the group 1 rats continuously exposed. No tumors were observed in groups 5,

TABLE 6. Current Summary of Primary Tumors of the Respiratory Tract (8000 Series Experiments)

Nominal Exposure, WLM	Nominal Ore Dust Conc., mg/m ³	Extrathoracic Tumors				No. Animals Examined	Lung Tumors					No. Animals with Lung Tumors
		Nasal	Oropharyngeal ^(a)	Laryngeal	Tracheal		Adenoma	Adenocarcinoma	Epidermoid Carcinoma	Adenosquamous Carcinoma	Sarcoma ^(b)	
40	15	0/135 ^(c)	1/1	0/91	0/132	142	0	1	0	0	1	2
640	15	0/72		0/44	0/71	76	5	3	2	1	0	10
Controls		0/31		0/23	0/28	32	0	0	0	0	0	0

(a) One malignant hemangiosarcoma, considered radon-daughter-exposure-related; found in tissue not routinely sectioned for histopathology.

(b) One malignant hemangiopericytoma, considered radon-daughter-exposure-related.

(c) Number tumors/number examined.

7, 9, or 11 rats exposed concomitantly to cigarette smoke; however, adenomatosis (considered to be a preneoplastic lung lesion) was more prevalent and severe in group 7 rats exposed to cigarette smoke after radon-daughter exposures than in group 9 rats exposed to cigarette smoke before radon-daughter exposures. There was substantially less inflammatory reaction and essentially no proliferative activity of pulmonary epithelium in group 11 rats exposed to uranium ore dust and cigarette smoke without accompanying radon-daughter exposures.

Nonrespiratory Neoplasms Following Radon Exposure

While data exist on a variety of neoplastic and preneoplastic lesions of the respiratory tract following inhalation of radon and daughters, there are very few data on nonrespiratory neoplasms. A group of 231 control rats and 1056 rats previously exposed to radon, radon daughters, and uranium ore dust at various levels and rates were selected for study. Apart from tracheobronchial lymph nodes (TBLN) and kidneys, no other organs or tissues were routinely searched for nonrespiratory neoplasms at necropsy. Neoplastic lesions reported in other organs or tissues, therefore, are incidental findings and may be underestimated in both control and exposed animals.

Neoplastic lesions were noted in the liver, spleen, kidney, TBLN, thyroid, adrenals, skin, bone,

stomach, intestine, bladder, prostate, testes, thymus, mediastinum, and heart. No trend and excess of nonrespiratory benign neoplasms versus ore-dust concentration or radon-daughter exposure level or exposure rate were noted in any rat organ or tissue in these exposures. This was not the case for malignant neoplasms, however; a trend and excess of malignant kidney neoplasms were noted versus cumulative radon-daughter exposure level when all exposure rates were combined. These data are shown in Table 8 for those organs or tissues having an incidence of nonrespiratory malignant neoplasms of about 0.5% or greater. The kidney incidence data shown in boxes are significantly higher ($p \leq 0.05$) than the incidence data in control animals. The types and incidences of kidney neoplasms are shown in Table 9. There was no significant trend in kidney malignant neoplasms attributable to radon-daughter exposure rate, radon-daughter exposure level at a fixed exposure rate, or uranium ore-dust concentration. The relatively small number of malignant kidney neoplasms may have precluded establishing significance versus radon-daughter exposure level at a fixed exposure rate.

The excess incidence of kidney neoplasms in Wistar rats at PNL corroborates that reported in Sprague-Dawley rats at the Compagnie Générale Des Matières Nucléaires Laboratoire in France following inhalation of radon and daughters.

TABLE 7. Primary Lesions of the Lung in 25- and 52-Week Sacrificed Rats (11,000 Series IPI Experiments)^(a)

Group Number	Exposure Regimen ^(c)	Sacrifice Time, wk	Number of Rats (and Group Average Severity) ^(b) of:			
			Interstitial Reaction	Dust Macrophages	Adenomatosis	Tumors
1	320	25	5 (0.5)	10 (1.9)	0	0
		52	7 (1.0)	10 (2.0)	6 (1.0)	4
2	Sham-exposed controls	25	0	0	1 (0.1)	0
		52	2 (0.2)	0	2 (0.3)	0
3	160/Shelf/160	25	1 (0.1)	10 (1.2)	1 (0.1)	0
		52	5 (0.5)	10 (2.0)	3 (1.4)	1
4	Sham-exposed controls	25	0	0	0	0
		52	1 (0.1)	0	1 (0.3)	0
5	160/Smoke/160	25	0	10 (1.6)	2 (0.5)	0
		52	8 (1.6)	10 (2.0)	5 (1.2)	0
6	Sham-exposed controls	25	0	0	0	0
		52	2 (0.2)	0	0	0
7	320/Smoke	25	3 (0.4)	10 (2.0)	1 (0.1)	0
		52	6 (0.7)	10 (1.9)	5 (1.1)	0
8	Sham-exposed controls	25	0	0	0	0
		52	2 (0.3)	0	0	0
9	Smoke/320	25	1 (0.1)	10 (1.9)	0	0
		52	4 (0.5)	10 (1.9)	1 (0.1)	0
10	Sham-exposed controls	25	0	0	0	0
		52	1 (0.2)	0	0	1
11	Ore dust/smoke	25	0	10 (2.0)	0	0
		52	2 (0.3)	10 (1.9)	0	0
12	Sham-exposed controls	25	0	0	0	0
		52	0	0	0	0

(a) Moderately low concentrations (5 mg/m^3) of uranium ore dust (2% U content) accompanied radon exposures as a carrier aerosol for the daughters; 10 animals were sacrificed in each group at each sacrifice time.

(b) Group average lesion severity is given in parentheses: +1 (very slight); +2 (slight); +3 (moderate); +4 (marked); +5 (extreme).

(c) Radon-daughter exposures shown are nominal;

320 = 320-WLM (100-WL) radon daughters + uranium ore dust delivered in 8-wk exposure period

160/Shelf/160 = 160 WLM (4 wk)/Shelf (17 wk)/160 WLM (4 wk).

All exposures except group 1 were completed in 25 weeks; cigarette-smoke exposures were 1 hr/d, 5 d/wk for 17 weeks at 0.5 mg/L total particulate mass concentration. Working level (WL) is defined as any combination of the short-lived radon daughters in 1 liter of air that will result in the ultimate emission of 1.3×10^5 MeV of potential α -energy. Working-level month (WLM) is an exposure equivalent to 170 hours at a 1-WL concentration.

TABLE 8. Percent Incidence of Nonrespiratory Malignant Neoplasms Versus Radon-Daughter Exposure Level (all exposure rates combined)^(a)

Organ	Exposure, WLM						
	0	320	640	1280	2560	5120	10,240
Liver	3.0	1.8	1.5	—	2.6	2.7	—
Spleen	6.5	4.5	5.6	1.4	3.9	1.4	1.9
Kidney	0.43	1.1	2.6	1.4	3.9	—	—
TBLN ^(b)	1.7	0.91	0.37	—	—	—	—
Thyroid	0.87	0.68	0.75	4.3	0.66	—	—
Adrenal	3.0	1.1	0.75	—	1.3	—	—
Skin	6.1	5.2	4.9	10	7.2	4.1	9.6
Bone	1.3	0.45	—	—	0.66	—	—

(a) Data in boxes are significantly ($p \leq 0.05$) higher than control animal data; the absence of data indicates no tumors were noted at necropsy. Uranium ore dust accompanied all radon exposures as a carrier aerosol for the daughters.

(b) TBLN, tracheobronchial lymph nodes.

TABLE 9. Types and Incidences of Kidney Neoplasms Following Uranium Ore-Dust and Radon-Daughter Exposure^(a)

	Control Incidence, n = 231	Exposed Incidence, n = 1056
<u>Malignant Neoplasms</u>		
Liposarcoma	0	13
Malignant nephroma	0	1
Renal carcinoma	0	3
Hemangiosarcoma	0	1
Transitional cell carcinoma	1	1
<u>Benign Neoplasms</u>		
Nephroma	0	3
Adenoma	1	4

(a) Uranium ore dust (2 to 4% U content) accompanied radon exposures as a carrier aerosol for the daughters; concentrations generally ranged between 3 and 15 mg/m³.

Mechanisms of Radon Injury

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In this project we conduct molecular, cellular, and whole-animal research relevant to understanding the mechanisms of radon and radon-daughter injury to the respiratory tract. The work specifically addresses the exposure-rate effect in radon-daughter carcinogenesis; the induction-promotion relationships associated with exposure to radon and cigarette-smoke mixtures; the role of oncogenes in radon-induced cancers; the effects of radon on DNA as well as on DNA repair processes; and the involvement of growth factors and their receptors in radon-induced carcinogenesis. Experiments revealed that there is abnormal expression of epidermal growth factor, as well as transforming growth factor- α , in radon-induced rat lung epidermoid carcinomas.

Survival response data on Chinese hamster ovary cells (CHO-C18) exposed to radon and radon daughters revealed a D_{37} value of about 75-cGy dose to the cell nucleus. Southern blot analyses of radon-induced mutations at the CHO-HGPRT locus have shown predominantly deletion-type events in contrast to a low percentage of deletion-type events in spontaneous mutants. Chromosome deletions in human peripheral blood lymphocytes increased as metaphases were collected at later time intervals following radon and radon-daughter exposures. Initiation-promotion-initiation experiments continued in male SPF Wistar rats exposed to radon and cigarette-smoke mixtures. Carcinogenesis modeling of PNL experimental data on radon-induced lung tumors in rats also continued.

Growth Factor and Growth Factor Receptor Studies

We are using immunocytochemical assays to examine the involvement of growth factors (GF) and growth factor receptors (GFR) in radon-induced and spontaneously occurring lung tumors that have been preserved in paraffin block sections.

The lungs of 32 sham-exposed control rats and 32 rats nominally exposed to 15 mg/m³ uranium ore dust and 5120 working-level months (WLM) of radon daughters at an exposure rate of 50 WLM/wk were examined for epidermal growth factor

(EGF) and transforming GF- α (TGF- α) expression. One of 32 control rats and 25 of 32 exposed rats had tumors; positive, specific EGF and TGF- α tumor staining was present only in epidermoid carcinomas (Table 1). These data and other radon-related GF and GFR data are discussed further in the report on *Growth Factors in Radiation Carcinogenesis* (this volume).

In Vitro Radon Cell-Exposure System and Cellular Studies

The PNL in vitro radon cell-exposure system was extensively employed in PNL experiments as well as in several collaborative and intercalibration experiments with other laboratories. A real-time exposure monitor system for cells irradiated in culture medium was designed, and studies to determine cellular microdosimetry continued (see *Microdosimetry of Radon Daughters*, this volume).

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TABLE 1. Epidermal Growth Factor (EGF) and Transforming Growth Factor- α (TGF- α) Staining in Primary Lung Tumors of Sham-Exposed Control Rats and Rats Exposed to 15 mg/m³ Uranium Ore Dust and 5120-WLM Radon Daughters at 50 WLM/wk^(a)

Histological Type	Number Positive/Number Examined	
	EGF	TGF- α
Epidermoid carcinoma	14/14	13/14
Adenocarcinoma	0/7	0/7
Adenoma	0	0
Adenosquamous carcinoma	1/1 (b)	1/1 (b)
Histiocytoma ^(c)	0/2	0/2

(a) Tumor tissue obtained from 7000 Series experiments (see *Inhalation Hazards to Uranium Miners*, this volume).

(b) Positive staining noted only in squamous carcinoma portion.

(c) A malignant histiocytoma was found in one control and in one exposed rat.

Intercalibration experiments employed a common cell line (CHO-C18) and biological endpoint (cell survival). Survival response data are shown in Figure 1 for ²²²Rn and daughters, ²¹²Bi, and 250-kVp [half-value layer (HVL), 1.06-mm Cu] x-ray exposure. A D₃₇ value of approximately 75-cGy dose to the cell nucleus was determined at PNL for ²²²Rn and radon-daughter exposure. Similar values were noted at Case Western Reserve University (²²²Rn and daughters); Argonne National Laboratory (²²²Rn and daughters); and the University of Chicago (²¹²Bi). A slightly lower value was obtained at Los Alamos National Laboratories using a ²³⁸Pu source.

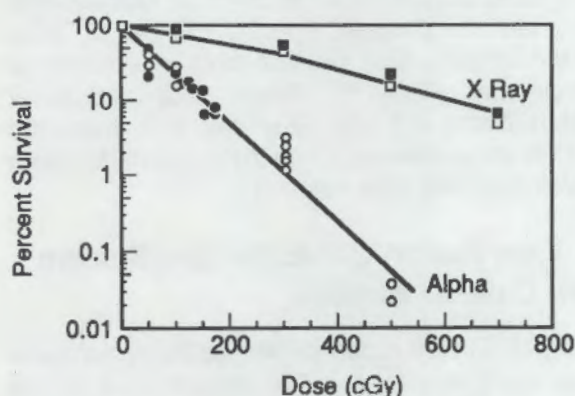


FIGURE 1. CHO-C18 Cell Survival After Exposure to ²²²Rn and Daughters, ²¹²Bi, and 250-kVp [half-value layer (HVL), 1.06-mm Cu] X Rays (PNL, ²²²Rn and daughters: ●, x rays: ■; University of Chicago, ²¹²Bi: ○; x rays: □).

Radon-induced mutations at the CHO-HGPRT locus have been isolated after two 100-cGy exposures and have been evaluated using Southern blot techniques. Mutations obtained at this locus after radon and radon-daughter exposure are predominantly deletion events (50%), with 23% showing no change from the parental line and 27% showing a rearrangement of the banding patterns. In contrast, spontaneous mutants exhibit a low percentage of deletion-type events (13%) compared with 50% alterations and 37% showing no change. X-ray-induced mutations are being evaluated as a low-LET control.

The time course of aberration induction has been investigated following radon and radon-daughter exposure of cycling human peripheral blood lymphocytes. We have noted previously that low doses of radon induce a substantial mitotic delay (more than 3 hours with doses less than 20 cGy). This is in contrast with a 1-hour delay per 100 cGy typically seen with low-LET x rays and is in agreement with the longer delays reported after alpha irradiation. Figure 2 shows the increase in chromatid aberrations when metaphases were collected at increasing time intervals after radon exposure. In general, a dose response existed between 6 and 17.6 cGy. This may indicate that more damaged cells are released from the G₂ block at increasing time intervals. Experiments are planned to evaluate the dose response in mitoses collected before the G₂ block as well as the cells irradiated in G₀ and collected 72 hours after irradiation.

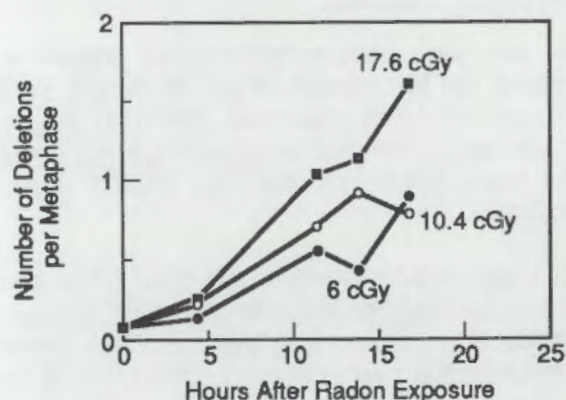


FIGURE 2. Chromosome Deletions in Human Peripheral Blood Lymphocytes Collected at Various Time Intervals After Radon and Radon-Daughter Exposure

Initiation-Promotion-Initiation and Carcinogenesis Modeling Studies

Initiation-promotion-initiation (IPI) experiments continue in male SPF Wistar rats with radon and cigarette-smoke mixtures. Our objective is to determine: 1) the respective roles of radon and cigarette smoke in lung tumorigenesis; and 2) whether these lung tumors are consistent with the two-mutation recessive oncogenesis model. The exposure protocols are shown in Table 2.

TABLE 2. Initiation-Promotion-Initiation Protocol for Radon (R), Dust (D), and Cigarette-Smoke (S) Inhalation Exposure of Rats^(a)

Group	Duration of Exposure, weeks					
	0	4	8	17	21	25
1	R+D	→				
2	R+D	→				R+D→
3	R+D	→S	→			R+D→
4	R+D	→S	→			
5	S	→		R+D	→	
6	D	→S	→			

(a) Moderately low concentrations of uranium ore dust (D) accompany radon exposures as the carrier aerosol for radon daughters; sham-exposed control animals (not shown) are included in each exposure group. Animals from each group are killed at 25, 52, and 78 weeks to evaluate developing lesions. Protocol may be repeated for different radon-daughter exposure rates and levels.

Initial radon-daughter exposures were at 100-WL concentrations with cumulative levels of 320 WLM; uranium ore-dust concentrations ranged from 4 to 6 mg/m³. Cigarette smoke from Kentucky 1R4F cigarettes, in exposures of 1 hr/day, 5 days/week, for 17 weeks, contained total particulate mass concentrations of about 0.5 mg/L and carbon monoxide concentrations between 600 and 700 ppm. Mean plasma concentrations of nicotine and cotinine were about 260 and 125 ng/ml,

respectively, in cigarette-smoke-exposed animals; carboxyhemoglobin levels were about 30%. Blood samples were obtained within 15 minutes after exposures ended.

Exposures of 64 animals each in groups 1 to 6 (including sham-exposed control animals) were completed, and 10 animals in each group were sacrificed at 25, 52, and 78 weeks from start of exposures. Histopathological examination was completed on sacrifice groups at 25 and 52 weeks. These data are reported under *Inhalation Hazards to Uranium Miners* (this volume).

An analysis was completed of PNL experimental data on radon-induced lung tumors in rats within the framework of the two-mutation recessive oncogenesis model. This biological model incorporates two features: 1) transition of target stem cells into cancer cells via an intermediate stage in two rate-limiting and hereditary (at the level of the cell) steps, and 2) growth and differentiation of normal target and intermediate (mutated) cells. The two rate-limiting steps may be identified with mutations that lead to homozygous loss of anti-oncogene function, a mechanism substantiated in human tumors.

The model described the lung tumor data well. The results indicated that fractionation of exposure increased the lifetime probability of tumors. This may be explained by the relative effects of radon daughters on the mutation rates and on the kinetics of growth of initiated cells. The first mutation rate and the net growth rate of intermediate cells were strongly dependent on the rate of exposure to radon daughters, but the second mutation rate was much less so, suggesting that the nature of the mutational events is different. The results were also consistent with the view that radon daughters have no direct effect on the second mutation rate, and that the increase in risk results from the increased proliferation of the intermediate cells working in conjunction with the spontaneous mutational events in the animal. The model makes predictions that can be tested in future experiments.

Initiation-Promotion-Inhibition and Carcinogenesis Modeling Studies

Previous initiation-promotion-inhibition (PPI) carcinogenesis studies have been conducted with rats and mice using various models. Our objective is to determine if the relative rates of initiation and promotion are the same in long-term studies and whether these rates are constant with the two different exposure schedules used. The relative rates are shown in Table 1.

TABLE 1. Relative rates of initiation and promotion in the two different exposure schedules used in the PPI studies.

Group	Initiation	Promotion	Inhibition
1	0.001	0.001	0.001
2	0.001	0.001	0.001
3	0.001	0.001	0.001
4	0.001	0.001	0.001
5	0.001	0.001	0.001
6	0.001	0.001	0.001

The relative rates of initiation and promotion in the two different exposure schedules used in the PPI studies are shown in Table 1. The relative rates of initiation and promotion are the same in both schedules. The relative rates of inhibition are also the same in both schedules.

These two different exposure schedules were at 100% and 50% of the control level of 250 mg/kg. Although the relative rates of initiation and promotion are the same in both schedules, the relative rates of inhibition are different. The relative rates of inhibition are higher in the 100% schedule than in the 50% schedule. This is due to the fact that the relative rates of inhibition are higher in the 100% schedule than in the 50% schedule.

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Microdosimetry of Radon Daughters

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The purpose of this project is to develop more precise methods for calculating radiation doses to living cells from alpha particles emitted by radon and daughter products. The cell nuclei are considered important biological targets at risk for radiation-induced lung cancer in persons exposed to environmental radon and daughters. Important cells for dosimetric analysis include the secretory and basal cells of the tracheobronchiolar epithelium and various lines of cultured mammalian cells irradiated during laboratory experiments. Alpha-particle doses to small biological targets such as cell nuclei are highly variable because of the physical characteristics of alpha-particle tracks and their interaction probability with such targets. This variability is described in terms of a probability density in specific energy. A microdosimetric approach to the dosimetry of alpha emitters also provides the mean dose to selected targets, the hit-frequency distribution, and the probability that targets are completely missed. This information is necessary for assessing the relationship between radiation dose and biological effects so that risks may be better understood and predicted. Microdosimetry, therefore, is an important tool for studying the mechanistic effects of alpha-particle irradiation on living cells.

The dose-response relationship for cells at risk from alpha particles must be determined to evaluate the risk of lung cancer from inhalation of radon and its daughters. Last year we reported progress on the development of methods for calculating the microdosimetry of radon and daughters in the human respiratory tract (Fisher 1989). We continued this year to improve those techniques and the basic assumptions used to estimate lung deposition and mucociliary clearance, diffusion through tissue, and absorption into blood. The next phase of our work has involved the development of methods for calculating the microdosimetry of cells irradiated in vitro by alpha particles.

Much important information about the biological effects of alpha-particle radiation may be obtained experimentally by irradiating cultured mammalian cells in vitro. Previous cell irradiation studies have provided information about the likelihood of effects such as cell killing, mutation, chromosome aberration, primary DNA damage, and transformation as functions of the absorbed dose. The reported studies have not, however, provided useful

information about the actual energy imparted to individual cells or cell nuclei or the probability that cells are hit or missed by alpha radiation. Because alpha dosimetry is complex, there is also the problem that the radiation dosimetry reported for such studies may not be wholly reliable.

The absorbed dose is merely a "mean" dose that does not reflect the actual energy deposited in individual target cells. Alpha particles have short ranges and are highly ionizing; thus, the actual amount of radiation energy imparted to individual cells or cell nuclei is nonuniform and highly variable. Experimental data (Fisher et al. 1985) show that different levels of biological effectiveness may result from the same absorbed dose, even for the same quality of radiation.

Another important parameter for evaluating the radiobiology of alpha emitters is the number of hits to target cells or cell nuclei. However, the hit probability does not tell the complete story because a cell nucleus may be hit several times with short traversal paths and receive less total energy than is imparted by a single traversal through the center.

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Dose-response relationships for cell survival and transformation probability should be determined as functions of specific energy z . The following parameters are important for evaluating biological effects from alpha-particle radiation:

- the frequency distribution of the energy deposited
- the average (absorbed) dose
- the fraction of target cells that are hit or missed
- the average number of hits
- the frequency distribution of the number of hits.

During the past year, we developed calculational methods for determining these parameters for cells irradiated in vitro.

Experimental Designs for Cell Irradiation Studies

Source-target geometries determine the probability of alpha-particle traversals and the total amount of energy imparted to each cell nucleus. Three typical experimental configurations are used to irradiate cells using alpha-particle sources: 1) the flask with cells and sources in a liquid suspension (Figure 1), 2) the gas-flow system with Mylar® barrier, and 3) a plane or disk source beneath a Mylar barrier. Each requires special dosimetric considerations.

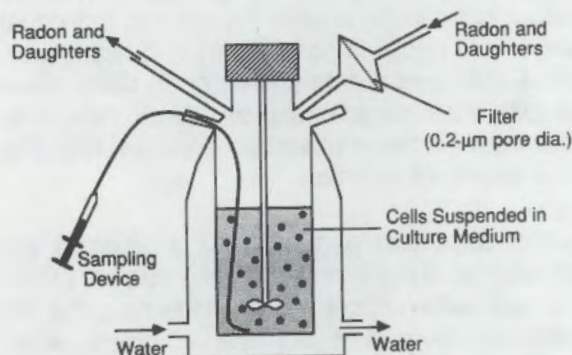


FIGURE 1. Schematic Representation of Flask for Exposing Cells Suspended in Culture Medium to Radon and its Daughters

Cells are exposed at PNL to radon and daughters using the flask design in which cells and radon plus daughters are suspended uniformly within the nutrient medium (Cross 1988). Some radon and daughters may enter the cells, and this consideration must be factored into the dose calculation. The calculation in this case will rely on the accuracy of the measurements of the radon and daughters in the culture medium and incorporated into cell membranes and cytoplasm, both of which may vary during the exposure experiment. An alpha probe-detector system (Figure 2) was designed and built to continuously monitor the activity of radon and daughters in the exposure flask. Alpha particles may traverse the Mylar layer at the tip of the alpha probe, pass through a vacuum region, and strike the detector. The energy spectrum of detected alpha particles results from the sum of contributions of various exit energies from radon and daughters.

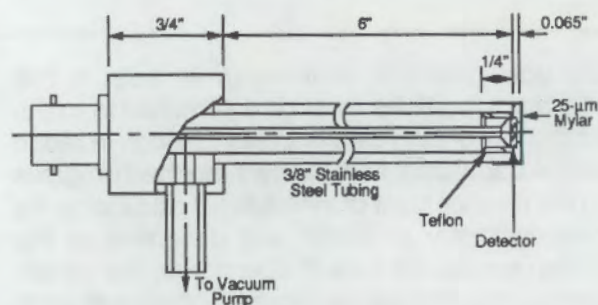


FIGURE 2. Diagram of Alpha Probe Detector for Continuous Measurement of Concentrations of Radon and Daughters in Culture Medium

Figure 3 shows the calculated energy spectra from individual radionuclides and the sum spectrum. These spectra make it possible to unfold the sum spectrum and determine the spatial distribution of radionuclides in the culture medium.

The second experimental design is the gas-flow system. Cells grow on a Mylar layer in culture medium. Air containing radon and daughter products passes through the chamber beneath the Mylar, irradiating the cells. If the alpha-particle source is a solid material such as ^{238}Pu or ^{241}Am (third experimental design), the source may be thinly plated on a platinum disk and placed

directly beneath the Mylar layer holding the cells. Spatial relationships between the distribution of alpha-particle sources and cell nuclei have been modeled mathematically for each exposure design.

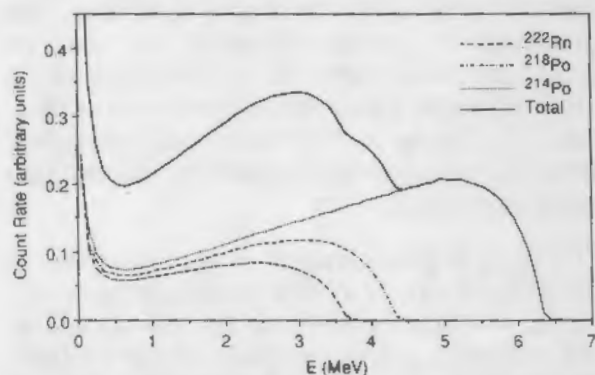


FIGURE 3. Calculated Alpha Energy Spectra of Radon and Daughters for the Alpha Probe Detector

Microdosimetry Calculations

Probability densities in specific energy for cells irradiated by radon and daughter products were calculated by 1) modeling the spatial distribution of sources and target cell nuclei using chord-length distributions, 2) determining the specific energy imparted to target cell nuclei by point sources at every distance within particle range, and 3) combining the specific energies from all point sources by convolution. Contributions from each alpha emitter (^{222}Rn , ^{218}Po , and ^{214}Po) were calculated separately and then combined mathematically by convolution. The probability of alpha-particle "hits" was also calculated, as was the delta function (δ), the probability that the target nuclei were completely missed by alpha particles.

Microdosimetry calculations were performed for cell-irradiation experiments, and one example with results is given here for the flask design. Cells were exposed to radon and daughters, present in the nutrient medium, for 2 hours. The concentrations of alpha activity in the nutrient medium were 10^6 dpm/cm^3 ^{222}Rn , $2 \times 10^6 \text{ dpm/cm}^3$ ^{218}Po , and $3 \times 10^6 \text{ dpm/cm}^3$ ^{214}Po . Concentrations in the cell cytoplasm were ^{222}Rn (negligible), and 0.05 dpm/cm^3 ^{218}Po and ^{214}Po . The cells were

spherical in suspension with diameters of $14.5 \mu\text{m}$ and spherical nuclei $6.5 \mu\text{m}$ in diameter.

Figure 4 shows the calculated probability density in specific energy for cell nuclei from irradiation by 1) activity in the nutrient medium only, and 2) activity in both the nutrient medium and cell cytoplasm. Each cell received a unique dose depending on the amount of alpha energy imparted and the number of hits. The absorbed (average) dose to cell nuclei was 0.73 Gy from activity in the nutrient medium alone and 1.06 Gy from both the nutrient medium and the cell cytoplasm. Thus, the contribution from the activity in the cytoplasm was found to be approximately one-third of the total absorbed dose. The actual dose to single cell nuclei ranged from zero gray (if totally missed) to several gray (if hit multiple times by alpha particles; the frequency distribution of dose is shown in Figure 4).

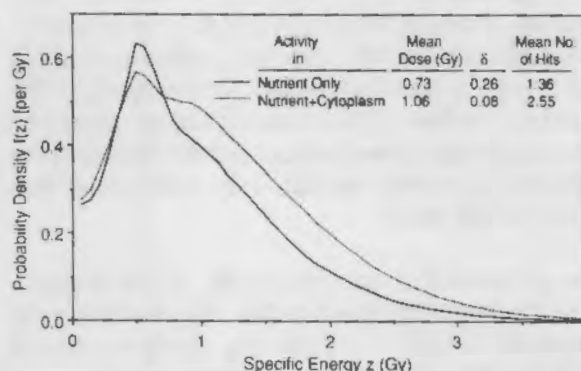


FIGURE 4. Specific Energy Distributions for Target Cell Nuclei Irradiated In Vitro by Radon and Its Daughters

These results show that the radon daughters incorporated into the cytoplasm contribute significantly to the probability of alpha-particle hits and energy imparted to cell nuclei. The delta function was found to be 0.26 if only the activity in the nutrient medium was considered. If the activity in both the nutrient medium and the cytoplasm were considered, the delta function fell to 0.08 (meaning that 8% of cell nuclei were missed by alpha-particle radiation during the experiment). The calculated hit probabilities are shown in Table 1.

TABLE 1. Calculated Frequency of Alpha-Particle Hits to Cell Nuclei

No. of Hits	Frequency	
	Nutrient Only	Nutrient + Cytoplasm
0 ^(a)	0.26	0.08
1	0.35	0.20
2	0.23	0.25
3	0.10	0.22
4	0.04	0.14
5	0.01	0.07
≥6	0.01	0.04
Mean	1.36	2.55

(a) Delta function (δ), the probability of cell nuclei missed by radiation.

Dose Response as a Function of Specific Energy

The relationship between probability density in specific energy and biological endpoint for internal alpha emitters has not been fully developed. Theoretically, the specific energy distribution should be the basis for determining the survival probability $s(z)$ and the transformation probability $\Omega(z)$. The survival fraction $S(D)$ measured at an absorbed dose D is determined without actually knowing the amount of energy imparted to cell nuclei that result in cell death.

We propose that the probability of cell survival, $s(z)$, for each cell as a function of specific energy imparted is related to $S(D)$, the mean fraction of cells surviving an absorbed dose D :

$$S(D) = \int_0^{\infty} s(z) f(z;D) dz \quad (1)$$

where $f(z;D)$ is the probability density in specific energy. Even though the functional form of $s(z)$ is not known, if many irradiation experiments were performed, each giving a substantially different $f(z;D)$, then $s(z)$ may be unfolded from Equation (1).

If the probability of cell transformation is $\Omega(z)$ for a specific energy z to the cell nucleus, then we propose that the transformed fraction of cells, $L(D)$, at an absorbed dose D , is given by

$$L(D) = \int_0^{\infty} \Omega(z) f(z;D) dz \quad (2)$$

The fraction of cells transformed, L , can be measured directly by experimentation. The probability density in specific energy $f(z)$ may be calculated for well-defined irradiation conditions. The probability of cell transformation $\Omega(z)$ may be unfolded from Equation (2). Observations of the survival fraction $S(D)$ and the transformation fraction $L(D)$ apply to the target cell population, whereas the microscopic quantities $s(z)$ and $\Omega(z)$ apply to individual cells.

This study applies concepts of microdosimetry to the interpretation of in vitro cell irradiation experiments. It is important to note that the determination of specific energy distribution $f(z)$ is the basis for determining survival probability $s(z)$ and transformation probability $\Omega(z)$. These microscopic quantities are functions of the actual amount of energy imparted to cell nuclei, and are therefore more closely related to the probability of radiobiological effects at the cellular level than the absorbed dose D . These quantities are not directly measurable, but may be calculated when $f(z)$ is known.

If $f(z)$ can be obtained for cells irradiated by radon and daughters in the human respiratory tract (Fisher 1989), then the fraction of cells transforming into cancer precursor cells may be estimated. This information is essential for improving the estimates of the risk of lung cancer from inhalation of radon and daughters.

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Growth Factors in Radiation Carcinogenesis

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Our research examines the involvement of growth factors (GF) and their receptors in radiation-induced carcinogenesis of the lung in animals. We have developed a radioreceptor binding assay for examining epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR) in dog lung tumors obtained from necropsy. Variability in lung tumors and limited availability of tumor tissue suggested we also develop immunocytochemical assays to detect GF and GFR in paraffin block sections of lung tumors from dogs and rats exposed to inhaled radionuclides including $^{239}\text{PuO}_2$, $^{238}\text{PuO}_2$, $^{239}\text{Pu}(\text{NO}_3)_4$, and radon daughters. Results by immunocytochemical assay showed abnormal expression of EGFR in radiation-induced dog lung tumors was primarily associated with epidermoid carcinoma. Our immunocytochemical assay results also demonstrated abnormal expression of epidermal growth factor (EGF), transforming growth factor- α (TGF- α), and bombesin in radon-induced rat lung tumors, also mainly associated with epidermoid carcinoma. Data from these assays on tissues from previous dose-effect relationship studies with inhaled radionuclides will provide basic molecular and cellular understanding of how radiation produces lung tumors in animals.

Polypeptide growth factors (GF) and their receptors (GFR) regulate normal cell growth and differentiation, mainly acting through the autocrine and paracrine mechanisms. Activation of these receptors by growth factors leads to gene activation, transcription, and ultimately to cell division. The gene structure, cDNA structure, and complete amino acid sequence of several growth factors have been reported, and many more growth factors have been identified, isolated, and characterized. It seems likely that additional growth factors, or new families of growth factors, will be identified soon.

Growth factors and their receptors are synthesized and secreted by normal cells. Circumstantial and direct experimental evidence supports the hypothesis that abnormal expression of GF and GFR can lead to malignant transformation. Many types of tumor cells synthesize and secrete GF when cultured *in vitro*, and many types of tumor cells have abnormally high numbers of GFR, altered receptors, or altered postreceptor signaling pathways. It has been hypothesized and supported by experimental observations that abnormal expression of GF and GFR can be viewed as transforming protein. Using gene transfer techniques, many investigators have reported the transforming potential of normal GF and GFR when they produce abnormally high expression in nontumorigenic cells

in vitro. It has been well documented that lung tumors produce many polypeptide hormones including GF and GFR.

Recent studies have also shown abnormal expression of EGFR in human epidermoid carcinomas and bombesin in small cell carcinomas of human lung. We hypothesized that radiation- and chemical-induced lung tumors, in both animals and humans, would have different, unique, and specific profiles of abnormally expressed GF or GFR. Our experimental strategy was to identify the abnormally expressed GF or GFR and to establish a profile in radiation- and chemical-induced animal lung tumors. Because amplification of a GF or GFR gene did not necessarily increase the transcription of mRNA and increase the protein production, we first examined GF and GFR at the protein level. If the protein was abnormally expressed, we then examined the mRNA or the DNA of the GF and GFR.

Plutonium-Induced Dog Lung Tumors

We have compared specific EGFR binding in lung tumor tissue with that in normal lung tissue from tumor-free dogs. The specific EGFR binding was significantly higher in tumor tissue than that found in normal lung tissue: $31.38 \pm 9.62\%$ versus $3.76 \pm 0.91\%$, $p < 0.01$ (Figure 1). We have also

determined that the increased EGFR binding found in tumor tissue results from the increase of receptor capacity without significant change in receptor affinity. The advantage of the radio-receptor binding assay (RRA) is that it is quantitative, but RRA data will not address lung tumor heterogeneity. We have developed immunocytochemical assays to examine the specific cell type associated with the abnormal expression of EGFR in paraffin block sections. Using a monoclonal antibody against human EGFR, and the Vectastain ABC kit (Vector Laboratories, Burlingame, California) as the enzyme detection system, we have demonstrated that high levels of EGFR binding are mainly associated with epidermoid carcinomas in dog lung tumors. With the immunocytochemical assay, we can identify the cell type that is associated with the abnormal expression; however, it is not quantitative and is less sensitive than RRA and radioimmunoassay. Using EGFR monoclonal antibody at a dilution that does not give positive staining to normal lung tissue, we have obtained positive staining of EGFR in three lung tumor samples from dog 955 (Figure 2). The immunocytochemical assay also enables us to examine the possibility of multiple expression of GF and GFR. We have examined the expression of EGFR, EGF, TGF- α , and bombesin with specific antibodies against the specific GF and GFR in immunocytochemical assays of serial sections. A representative tumor stained with specific antibodies generated against EGFR, EGF, TGF- α , and bombesin is shown in Figure 3.

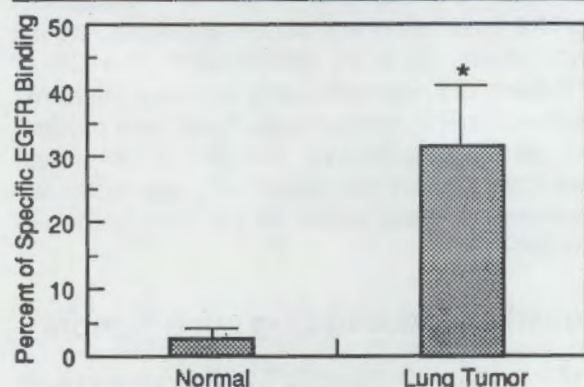


FIGURE 1. Specific Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor (EGFR) Binding in Normal and Tumorous Lung Tissue from Dogs. Normal, N=13; lung tumor, N=8. Symbol: *, $p < 0.01$ between normal and lung tumor (Student's t test).

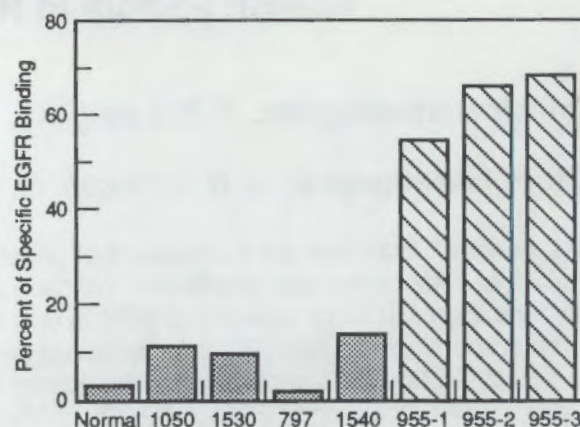


FIGURE 2. Specific Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor Binding (EGFR) in Normal and Tumorous Lung Tissue from Dogs. Diagonal shaded bars represent positive staining and stippled (gray) bars represent negative staining for EGFR in dog tumorous tissue by immunocytochemical assay.

Radon-Induced Rat Lung Tumors

We applied immunocytochemical assays to serial paraffin block sections to examine the expression of EGFR, EGF, TGF- α , and bombesin in a limited number of radon-induced rat lung tumors. We have examined 32 rats exposed to 100 working level (WL) of radon daughters, 15 mg/m³ uranium ore dust, a total exposure of 5120 working-level months (WLM), and 32 control rats for EGFR, EGF, TGF- α , and bombesin expression (Table 1). Positive, specific EGFR, EGF, TGF- α , and bombesin staining were present only in epidermoid carcinomas (Figure 4); none of the other histopathological types of lung tumors stained positive (Figure 5). No positive EGFR, EGF, and TGF- α , or bombesin staining was seen in any lung tissues obtained from 32 control rats.

We have demonstrated that GF and GFR are abnormally expressed in radiation-induced dog and rat lung tumors. Further investigation will be required to elucidate the biological significance of abnormal GF and GFR expression in radiation-induced lung tumors.

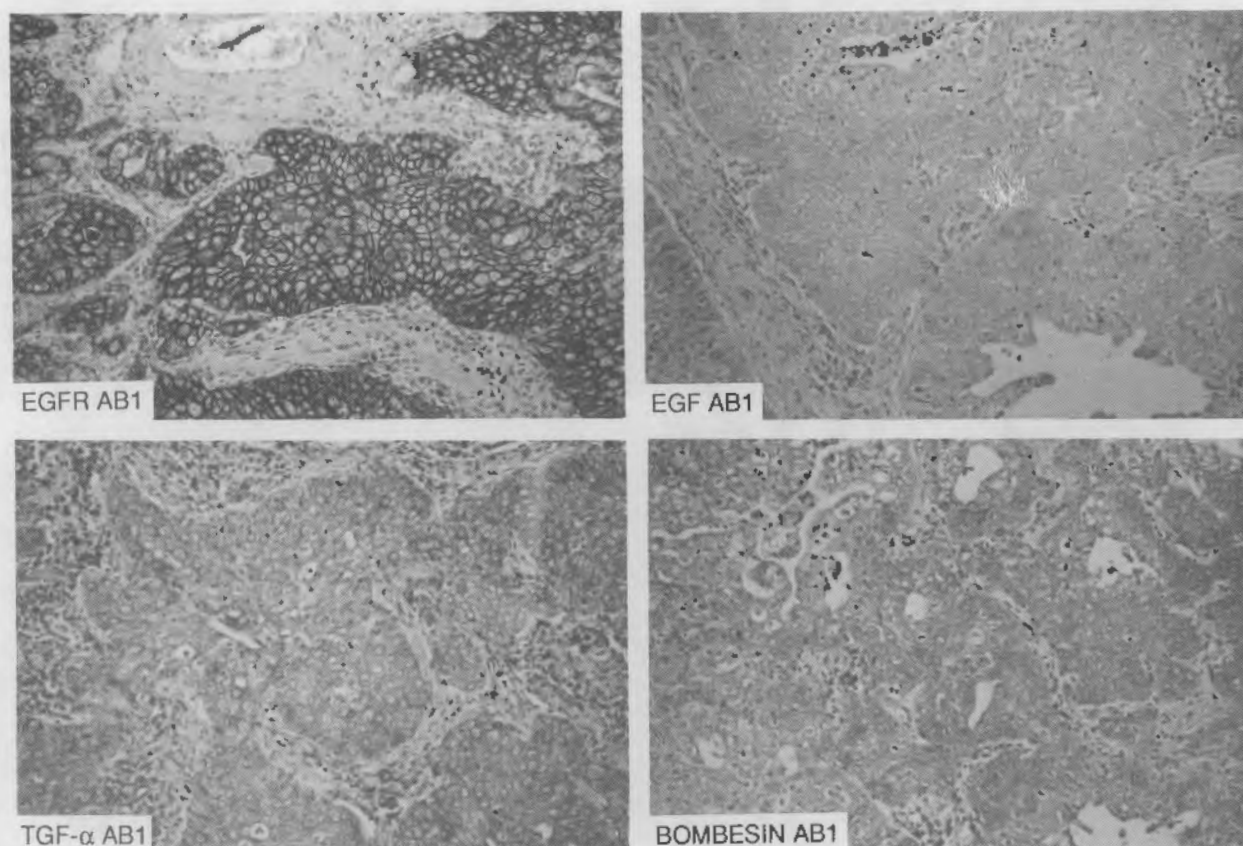


FIGURE 3. Serial Sections of Plutonium-Induced Epidermoid Carcinoma of Dog Lung Specifically Immunocytochemically Stained with Antibodies for EGFR, EGF, TGF- α , and Bombesin

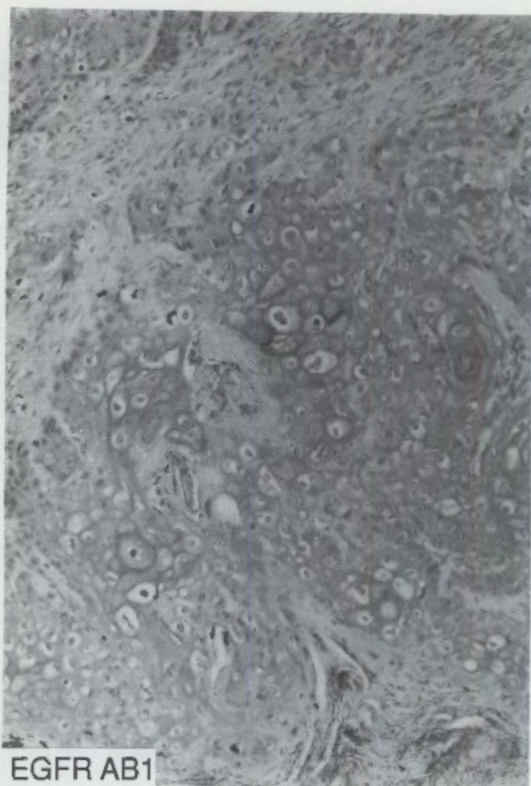
TABLE 1. Expression of GF and GFR in Primary Lung Tumors in Rats Exposed to Radon Daughters^(a)

Tumor Type/Lesion	Number Positive/Number Examined			
	EGFR	EGF	TGF- α	Bombesin
Epidermoid carcinoma	12/14	14/14	13/15	14/14
Adenocarcinoma	0/17	0/17	0/17	0/17
Adenoma	0/7	0/7	0/7	0/7
Adenosquamous carcinoma	0/1	1/1 (b)	1/1 (b)	0/1
Sarcoma (histiocytoma) ^(c)	0/1	0/1	0/1	0/1

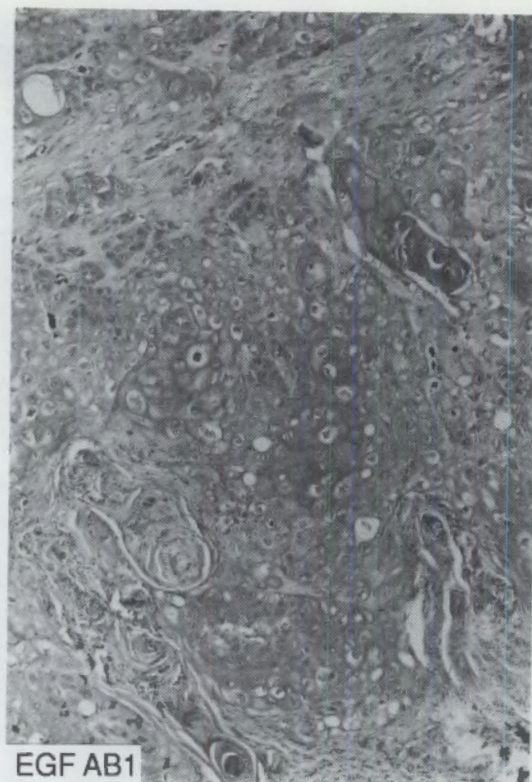
(a) We found 25 animals with lung tumors of 32 examined.

(b) Positive staining located only in squamous carcinoma.

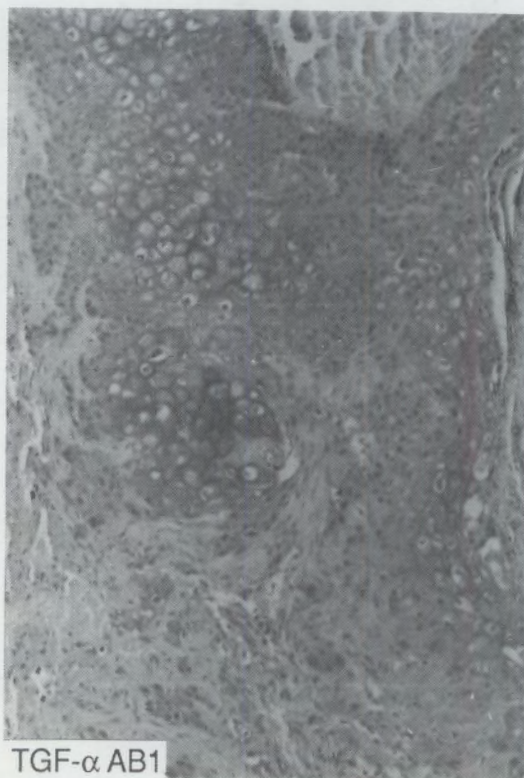
(c) One sarcoma (histiocytoma) was found in control group of 32 animals.



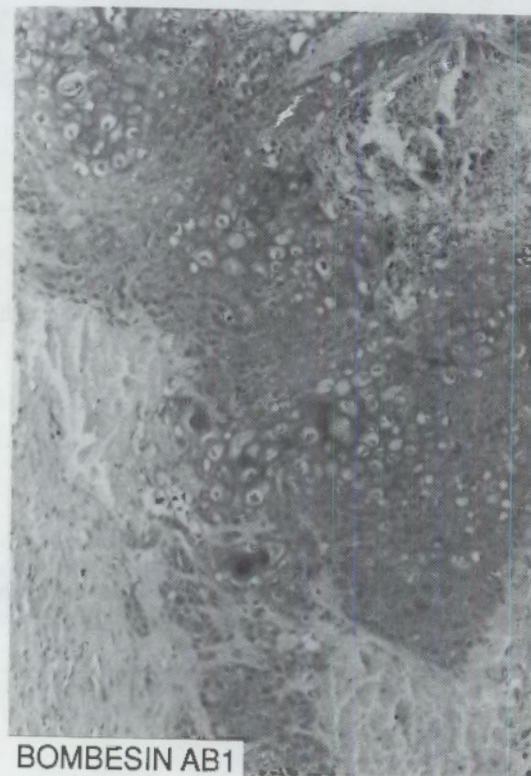
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BOMBESIN AB1

FIGURE 4. Serial Section of Radon-Induced Epidermoid Carcinoma of Rat Lung Specifically Immunocytochemically Stained with Antibodies for EGFR, EGF, TGF- α , and Bombesin

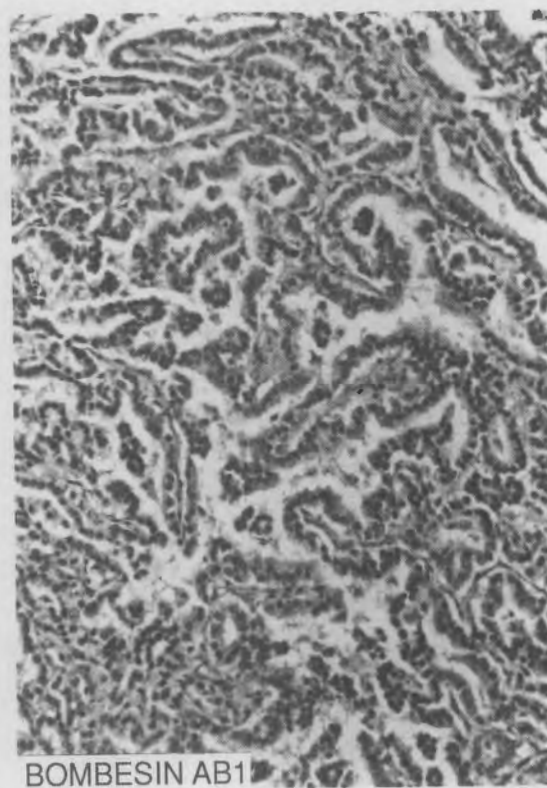
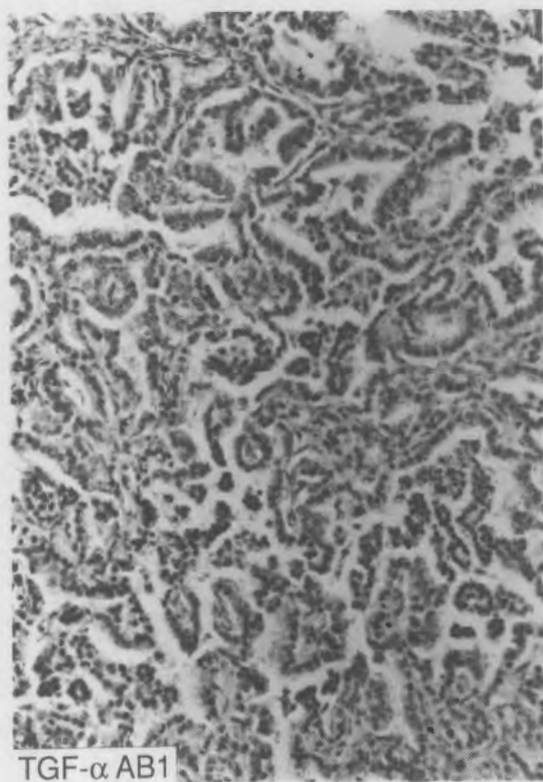
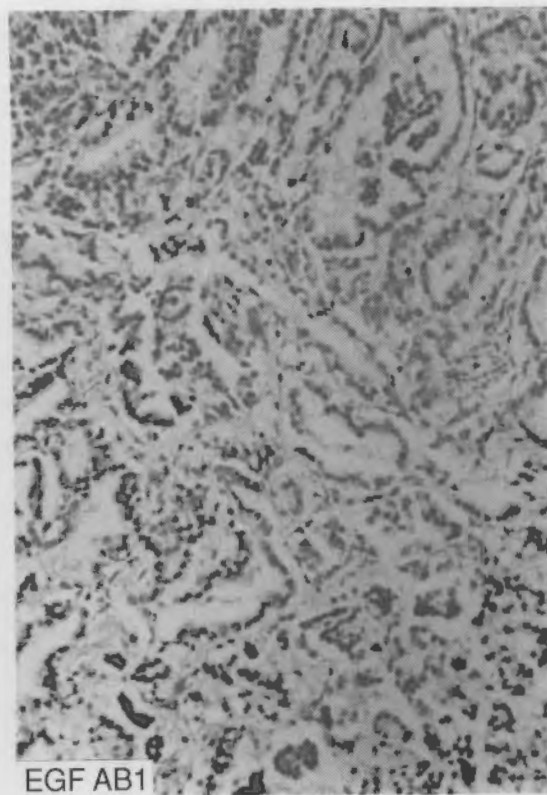
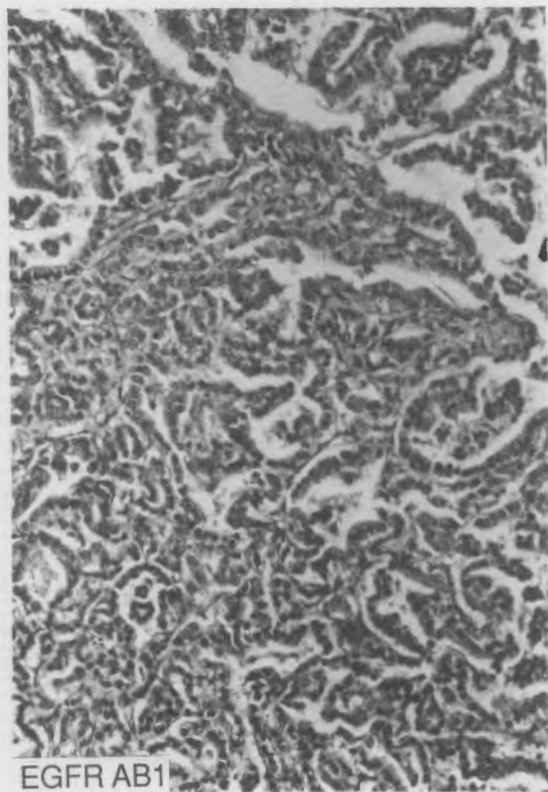


FIGURE 5. Serial Section of Radon-induced Adenocarcinoma of Rat Lung Specifically Immunocytochemically Stained with Antibodies for EGFR, EGF, TGF- α , and Bombesin

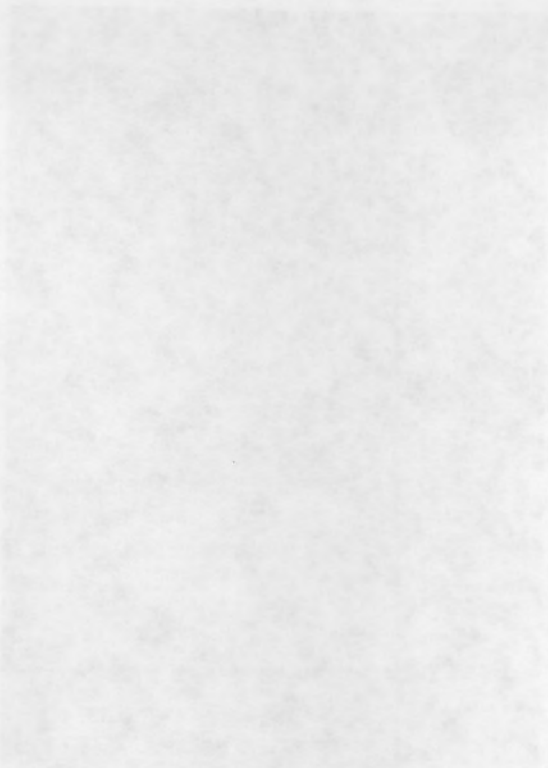


FIGURE 1. Hematoxylin and eosin (H&E) stain of a tissue section.



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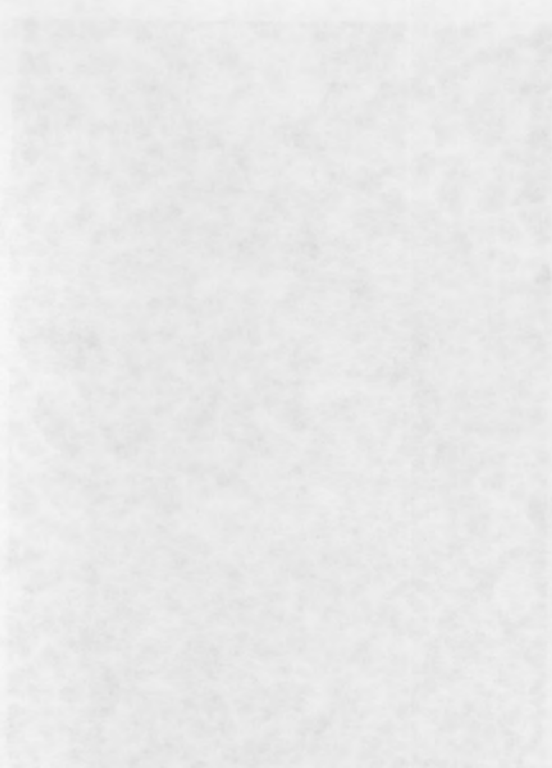


FIGURE 3. Hematoxylin and eosin (H&E) stain of a tissue section.



FIGURE 4. Hematoxylin and eosin (H&E) stain of a tissue section.

FIGURE 1. Hematoxylin and eosin (H&E) stain of a tissue section. The image shows a dense population of cells with prominent nuclei (stained blue/purple) and surrounding cytoplasm/extracellular matrix (stained pink). The overall architecture suggests a glandular or epithelial tissue.

FIGURE 2. Hematoxylin and eosin (H&E) stain of a tissue section. This image shows a different area or a different magnification compared to Figure 1, displaying similar cellular morphology with blue/purple nuclei and pink cytoplasm/extracellular matrix.

Oncogenes In Radiation-Induced Carcinogenesis

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Lung tumors obtained from studies of lifespan, dose-effect relationships in dogs exposed to plutonium by inhalation are being used to examine the role of oncogenes in radiation-induced carcinogenesis. In the tumors examined thus far, radiation and chemicals activate the *ras* genes by different mechanisms. Chemicals usually activate *ras* genes by causing specific and reproducible single-point mutations. The *ras* genes from radiation-induced tumors did not usually have point mutations. Radiation appears to activate the *ras* genes by causing gene rearrangements that result in their overexpression.

Many oncogenes have been identified and some have been partially characterized. None has been totally biochemically defined as to specific cellular function, but oncogenes are connected in some manner to cellular proliferation or to specific developmental processes. The genetic expression of proto-oncogenes (the precursors to oncogenes) involves specific information that affects cell proliferation and cellular differentiation. The proto-oncogenes become activated by means of point mutations, translocations, or deletions such that the resulting gene protein product is modified, thus affecting its normal cellular function. These modified oncogenes play a central role in the development of malignant tumors.

The goal of this research is to identify the molecular mechanisms by which radiation causes cancer. Our approach is to examine how radiation brings about activation of a proto-oncogene to create a dominantly acting transforming gene (oncogene). By examining radiation-activated oncogenes, we hope to detect specific pathways of activation that will provide a means for distinguishing between radiation-induced and chemically induced cancer.

Our analysis of plutonium-induced canine lung tumors indicates that dominant-acting oncogenes are present in the DNA prepared from the canine tumors. These results were obtained by performing a number of NIH 3T3 assays using isolated canine lung tumor DNA for transformation. Data

from other researchers have shown that many of the activating genes bringing about NIH 3T3 transformation are from the *ras* gene family. There is additional evidence of *ras* gene activation in the radiation-induced canine tumors; specifically, we found tumor-specific restriction fragment-length polymorphisms and elevated levels of *ras* gene transcription (above the steady-state levels of control tissue) in some of these radiation-induced tumors.

The *ras* oncogene family contains a group of oncogenes well characterized at both molecular and biochemical levels. The published information about the chemical activation of these genes provides our studies of radiation activation with a large database for comparison. For example, mammalian *ras* genes are activated and acquire transforming potential by alterations in their coding sequence, which are most often brought about by single-point mutations. These point mutations have been localized in codons 12, 13, 59, and 61. The presence of a glycine residue at position 12 appears to be necessary for the normal gene function, and substitution of any other amino acid, with the exception of proline, results in gene activation. Missense mutations surrounding codon 61 are also involved in activation. Substitution of glutamic acid at codon 61 by any other amino acid residue, except proline or glutamine, yields an activated *ras* gene. The exact function of the *ras* proteins is not known but these proteins closely resemble G proteins in biochemical properties. G proteins are

involved in the modulation of signal transduction through transmembrane signaling systems. Through these systems, *ras* proteins play a role in cell proliferation and possibly terminal differentiation. Identification of the receptor and effector systems that interact with the *ras* proteins has, thus far, been elusive, although some experimental evidence connects *ras* and the epidermal growth factor that enhances the *ras* protein guanine diphosphate (GDP) binding activity.

Sufficient tumor material is available at PNL to provide a large database of information on radiation-induced *ras* gene activation. This tumor material is archived lung tissue that has been embedded in paraffin or preserved by freezing or formalin fixation. By using the polymerase chain reaction (PCR), this material is now available for detailed molecular analysis. The PCR method has an advantage over other analytical methods in that it uses small amounts of valuable tumor DNA (<1 μ g of DNA is required per assay). The PCR is a process of exponential amplification of a targeted gene region by which millions of copies of a defined sequence can be obtained and analyzed in molecular detail by DNA sequence analysis. Immediate use of the PCR method is focusing on *ras* gene activation in archived radiation-induced tumor material. DNA isolated from archived tissue embedded in paraffin blocks is used for amplification and specific molecular analysis of the first and second exons of the H-*ras* and N-*ras* genes.

The PCR procedure is only applicable to DNA targets whose sequences are known; thus, we are isolating and characterizing canine proto-oncogene sequences. A canine genomic library of liver origin was screened, and we obtained a canine cDNA library from dog pancreas for canine oncogenes. These studies isolated the canine N-, K-, and H-*ras* genes. We have now obtained DNA sequences of the first and second exons of the dog N-*ras*. cDNA clones having homology with the human epidermal growth factor receptor have also been isolated.

The canine N-*ras* first exon DNA sequence has a shared homology with human N-*ras* of 100% and a homology of 94% for the second exon. The comparisons of the predicted amino acid sequences show a percent identity of 100% and

96% for the first and second exons, respectively. The sequence of the *ras* gene family is highly conserved throughout eucaryotes. In fact, a comparison of the canine N-*ras* with human K-*ras* shows a nucleic acid homology of 90% in the first exon and 82% in the second exon, with predicted amino acid identity of 97% and 93% for the first and second exons, respectively (Figure 1). Most of the DNA sequence changes are conserved and occur at the third nucleotide base (or degenerate position) of the 3-bp amino acid codon.

First Exon													
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Canine	ATG	ACT	GAG	TAC	AAA	CTG	GTG	GTC	GTT	GGA	GCA	GGT	
Human			GAA	TAT		CTT		GTA			GCT	TGT	
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
Canine	GCT	GTT	GGG	AAA	AGC	GCA	GTG	ACG	ATC	CAG	CTA	ATC	
Human	GCC	GTA	GGC	AAG	AGT	GCG	TTC	ACC	ATA			ATT	
	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	
Canine	CAG	AAC	CAC	TTT	GTA	GAT	GAA	TAT	GAT	CCC	ACC	ATA	
Human		AAT	CAT		GTC	GAC	GCA			CCA			
	37												
Canine	GAG												
Second Exon													
	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48		
Canine	GAT	TCT	TAC	GGA	AAA	CAG	GTG	GTT	ATA	GAC	GCT		
Human		TCC		AGG	AAG	CAA	GTA	GTA	ATG	GAT	GCA		
	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59		
Canine	GAA	ACC	TGT	CTG	TTG	GAT	ATA	CTG	GAT	ACA	GCT		
Human				CTG			ATT	CTG	GAC		GCA		
	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70		
Canine	GGT	CAA	GAA	GAG	TAC	AGT	GCC	ATG	AGA	GAC	CAA		
Human			GAG				GCA		ACG		CAG		
	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81		
Canine	TAC	ATG	AGG	ACG	GCG	GAA	GGC	TTC	CTC	TGT	GTA		
Human				ACT	GCG	GAC		TTT	CTT				
	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92		
Canine	TTT	GCC	ATC	AAT	AAT	ATC	AAA	TCA	TTT	GGA	GAC		
Human			ATA			ACT				GAA	GAT		
	93	94	95	96									
Canine	ATT	AAC	CTC	TAC									
Human		CAC	CAT	TAT									

FIGURE 1. First and Second Exon Sequence for Canine N-*ras*

We also have sequence determination for a clone that showed similarity with the human epidermal growth factor receptor (EGFR). The canine cDNA clone has approximately 2 kbp, and preliminary sequence information has shown extensive homology between the canine clone and the published human EGFR nucleotide sequence (Figure 2).

The primers to be used in the PCR method were developed using the sequence information

available from the canine N-ras sequence shown in Figure 1. The initial set of primers bracketed the 5'- and 3'-ends of the dog N-ras first and second exons, incorporating the first 20 bases of each end of the exon for the priming sequence. In addition to the priming sequences we have also introduced a unique *Sal*I restriction endonuclease site onto the 5' terminal nucleotides of each PCR sequence. This 5' extension does not affect the priming ability, and it allows for direct cloning, archiving, and additional statistical analysis of amplified sequences.

Canine CAGT CCACCC G GAATGCCCTGCC C CAGGCCATGAACAT A
 Human CAGT GCCATCC A GAGTGCC TGCC T CAGGCCATGAACAT C

Canine ACCTGCACAGGACGGGG G CC G GAC TG CTG C AT
 Human ACCTGCACAGGACGGGG A CC A GAC AA CTG T AT

FIGURE 2. Comparison of Dog and Human Epidermal Growth Factor Receptor (EGFR) Sequence. Region of DNA sequence of cloned canine EGFR cDNA shows extensive homology with human EGFR. Boxed regions indicate base changes.

The DNA isolated from frozen canine lung tumors was examined by nucleotide sequence analysis using the PCR procedure. The dog N-ras second exon sequence appears to be identical with the normal canine sequence in six lung tumors examined; an example of the analysis is shown in Figure 3. The first exon has been examined in eight canine lung tumors. Seven of the eight sequences have the normal N-ras nucleotide sequence pattern (Table 1); one tumor has an altered sequence that appears as a mixture of bases at nucleotide positions 44 and 46, altering the 15th and 16th codons, respectively, of the first exon (Figure 4). The mixture of bases that appear in the generated DNA sequence ladder is an expected result. The pattern of multiple bases may occur because tumors are often composed of a mixed cell population, some displaying a mutant tumor and others a normal phenotype. The observed sequence changes would cause an amino acid change in the 15th codon, exchanging glycine for alanine, and in the 16th codon, where glutamine would be substituted for lysine. This observation is preliminary, and more detailed analysis of the tumor

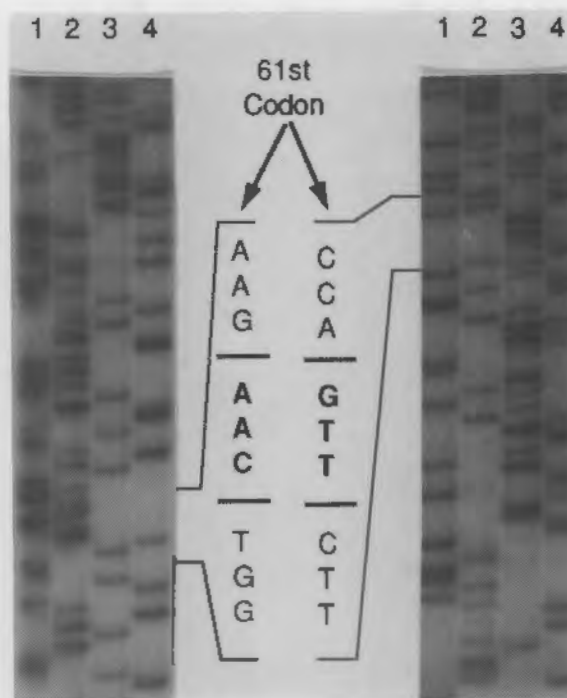


FIGURE 3. Second Exon Sequence for Canine N-ras. Autoradiograms show dideoxy-determined nucleotide sequence around 61st codon, which is diagrammed as determined on autoradiograms on left and right. Sequencing lanes (left to right): lane 1, G; lane 2, A; lane 3, T; lane 4, C. Unique sequence patterns result from random orientations of *Sal*I fragment and sequencing from both ends.

TABLE 1. Canine Lung Tumors Analyzed at the First Exon^(a)

Dog	Exon	Mutation
1033	First	None observed
1342 Tumor 1	First	None observed
1342 Tumor 2	First	None observed
1569	First	None observed
1050	First	None observed
1540	First	None observed
797	First	Mutations at the 15th and 16th codons
786	First	None observed

(a) Mixed population of amplified sequences was analyzed by the chemical cleavage method.

because evidence suggests that the level of expression of the *ras* oncogene controls the expression of the transformed phenotype. Quantitation is based on the immunoprecipitation of radiolabeled *ras* protein by a pan-*ras* antibody and separation of the 21,000-kDa protein (p21) fraction by electrophoresis. Southern blots of the transfectants are carried out to verify the presence of a transfected *ras* gene. The immunoprecipitation of the *ras* allows us to determine whether the transfected *ras* gene is expressed and, if so, the level of expression.

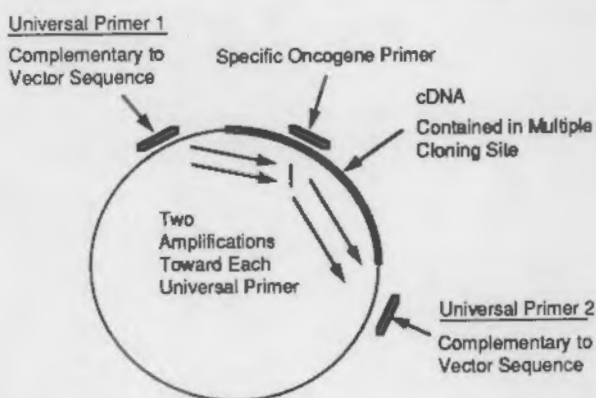


FIGURE 6. Schematic for Obtaining Complete cDNA Gene Sequences by Priming with Synthetic Specific Oncogene Sequence Between Two Vector Universal Primers

One-dimensional sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS) polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis and Western blot analysis were used to detect *ras* proteins in cell extracts. For the Western blot analysis, proteins were electrophoretically transferred from SDS polyacrylamide gels to nitrocellulose membranes. The membranes were incubated with horseradish peroxidase- (HRP-) conjugated goat anti-mouse IgG to indicate the location of the *ras* proteins. Our data indicate that cellular *ras* genes are normally not active in 3T3 cells, but on transfection (with

DNA from a tumor) with a dominantly activated *ras* oncogene the cells become transformed and the *ras* gene expression is increased.

Several studies indicate that *ras* may be involved in early stages of carcinogenesis. Our studies show that we can assay this biologically relevant transformation-inducing protein (p21) in cell cultures (Figure 7). Earlier studies have shown increased levels of *ras* gene transcription in the plutonium-induced lung tumors. During the coming year we will attempt to assay p21 in archived tissue sections from animals with radiation-induced lung tumors to determine the relationship between *ras* p21 expression and the biological potential of the tumor. If there is a correlation and the p21 does appear early in tumor development, the p21 will be examined as a tumor marker.

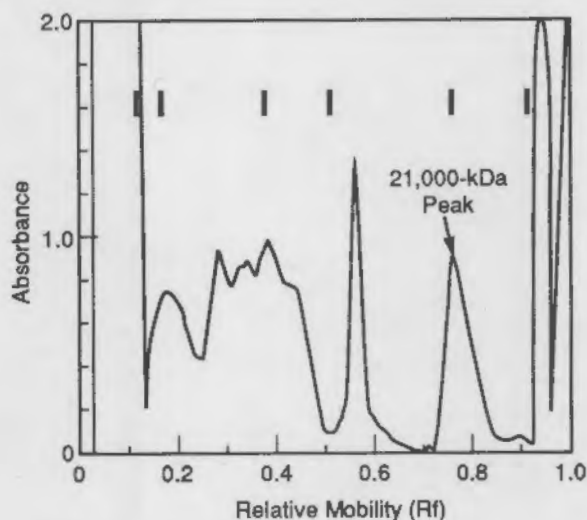


FIGURE 7. SDS Polyacrylamide Gel Electrophoresis of Extract of CT-24 Bladder Cancer Cells. Material in 21,000-kDa band was reactive with antibody specific for *ras* oncogene family of proteins by Western blot analysis. Large bars represent migration position of protein standards used for molecular weight estimation.

Molecular Events During Tumor Initiation

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For this new project, we have begun studies to identify structural and functional changes in chromatin associated with formation of bulky adducts during tumor initiation. We selected a simple model, the 5S rRNA gene, which forms a single fixed-position nucleosome. The pXP-14 plasmid that contains this gene has been grown and purified. Primers have been prepared for polymerase chain-reaction amplification of the 5S rRNA and SP-6 promoter portions of the gene. In addition, the plasmid has been adducted with benzo[a]pyrene-diol-epoxide and by benzo[a]pyrene (BaP) metabolites obtained from incubation with freshly isolated hepatocytes. Results indicated that the DNA was adducted predominantly at the deoxyguanosines. The plasmid remained intact during hepatocyte incubations, suggesting that this procedure can be used to prepare BaP-derived DNA adducts under conditions that closely resemble tumor initiation; similarly, adducts of carcinogens other than BaP are possible with this technique. These procedures will be used to map the location of bulky adducts to the 5S rRNA gene and to determine the influence of bulky adducts to DNA on nucleosome positioning and gene expression.

Several lines of evidence support the hypothesis that tumor initiation and development may involve adduct-induced changes in chromatin structure. It has been well established that many carcinogens either bind directly to DNA or are converted by mixed-function oxidases to reactive intermediates that covalently attach to the DNA. Although the relationship between covalent binding and tumor yield is only loosely correlated, this mechanism for tumor initiation has been widely accepted. Other studies designed to obtain fundamental information about the way the three-dimensional structure of chromatin is involved in gene regulation have indicated that actively transcribed chromatin is more loosely coiled than other forms of chromatin and thus is more susceptible to nuclease digestion. Thus, it is not surprising that certain oncogenes have sensitivity to nuclease digestion that increases throughout tumor progression.

Nucleosome positioning was recently demonstrated to be DNA sequence dependent, and the placement of nucleosomes along the chromatin fiber may be involved in regulation of gene activation or inactivation. Further, it has been shown that Z-DNA is a more rigid structure and that regions containing this DNA conformation do not form nucleosomes. It has also been reported that benzo[a]pyrene-diol-epoxide (BPDE) adducts

stabilize DNA structure in the B conformation in the area proximal to the adduct and destabilize distal base pairing so that the transition of the B to Z conformation is favored (Chen, *Biochemistry* 24:6219-6227, 1985). Thus it follows that chromatin structure and possible gene expression may be altered in regions where bulky adducts are present.

In an attempt to elucidate some of the regulatory processes involved in tumor development, we are conducting studies to determine the influence of BPDE adducts with respect to nucleosome positioning and other structural changes in chromatin. For this we have chosen the 5S rRNA gene as a model system because the gene has been cloned into a plasmid and is readily available, as is sequence information. In addition, it has been shown that the gene will form a single nucleosome either by incubation with core histone particles or by exchange with chick erythrocyte chromatin. The position of this nucleosome is known with respect to the DNA sequence, and the positioning is fixed with respect to location along the 5S rRNA gene. The model therefore allows manipulation of bulky adducts and lends itself to experimental designs that address questions on the influence of bulky adducts on nucleosome positioning.

For these studies we obtained a preparation of the pXP-14 plasmid, which contains the *Xenopus borealis* 5S rRNA gene and the SP-6 promoter (this sample was provided by Dr. Donald Brown of the Carnegie Institute). The plasmid was grown in *Escherichia coli* in LB media containing ampicillin. Incubation of 2 liters resulted in isolation of approximately 4 mg of purified plasmid. This purified plasmid was used as a template to amplify the 5S rRNA gene. Six primers were prepared using an DNA synthesizer (model 381A, Applied Biosystem, Foster City, California). The coupling efficiency at each cycle of the synthesis was monitored by spectrophotometric analysis. Before being used as primers for the polymerase chain reaction (PCR), the sequences were purified on oligonucleotide purification columns. In addition, the primers were 5'-³²P end labeled using T4 polynucleotide kinase, separated by acrylamide gel electrophoresis, and autoradiographed. Primers coded #1, #2, and #3 consisted of sequences that complement the transcribing strand of the plasmid; #4, 5, and 6 complemented the nontranscribing strand (Figure 1). Regions of the plasmid-bracketed sequences were selected on the basis of their location relative to the promoter and 5S rRNA gene. For example, by using primers #1 and #6, a 430-bp fragment coding for both the SP-6 promoter and the 5S rRNA gene will be amplified by PCR. Likewise, by using primers #3 and #5, a 200-bp fragment containing only the 5S rRNA gene will be amplified. These primers were selected so that

microgram quantities of variously sized fragments could be obtained, sequenced, and adduct map locations prepared.

Samples of the plasmid were incubated with radiolabeled (\pm)r-7,t-8-dihydroxy-t-9,10-epoxy-7,8,9,10-tetrahydrobenzo[a]pyrene (*anti*-BPDE) and repurified by solvent extraction techniques. Under these conditions binding was linear with concentration from 5 to 125 μ M *anti*-BPDE. At 125 μ M *anti*-BPDE, the DNA was adducted at 6.5 adducts per plasmid molecule. When the plasmid was digested with the restriction enzyme *Hinf*I, eight fragments 65 to 1199 bp in length were produced. Radioactivity measurement indicated that adduct binding was approximately equal in all fragments when calculated as picocuries per base pair, demonstrating that adduction was random among fragments. When the plasmid was enzymatically digested to nucleosides, the predominant adduct was *anti*-BPDE-deoxyguanosine (dGuo), which was consistent with results from similar experiments with calf thymus DNA.

In mouse skin, where tumors are produced by BaP exposure, adducts are formed to reactive intermediates other than *anti*-BPDE; thus, it will be important to conduct studies with DNA that is adducted under conditions that closely resemble tumor initiation. We previously demonstrated that incubation of freshly isolated hepatocytes with BaP and calf thymus DNA resulted in adduct profiles essentially identical to those for mouse skin. Using

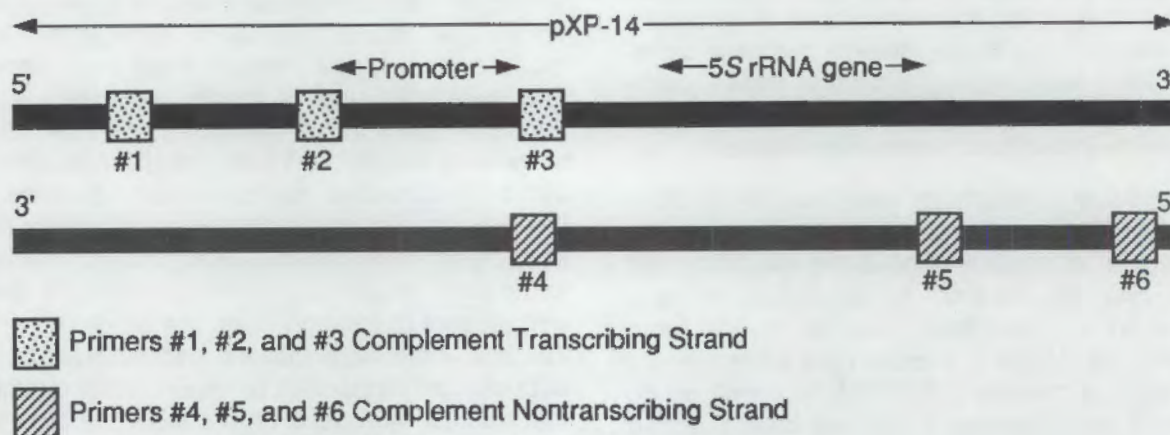


FIGURE 1. Schematic of SP-6 and 5S rRNA Gene Portion of pXP-14 Plasmid Shows Location of Primers. Primers were synthesized so that various portions of plasmid could be amplified with polymerase chain-reaction technique.

a similar procedure and replacing the calf thymus DNA with our plasmid, we have demonstrated that 70% of the DNA could be recovered from the hepatocyte preparation (Figure 2). When this preparation was purified on an agarose gel, 40% of the radiolabel applied to the gel co-electrophoresed with the plasmid, indicating that a substantial portion of the DNA survived the hepatocyte incubation. Future studies will take advantage of this procedure using polymerase chain-reaction-amplified fragments.

We are currently implementing methods to determine the location of BaP-derived adducts on the fragments just described. For this we are using the T4 polymerase assay, which has 3'-5' exonuclease activity and digests the DNA until it encounters a base with a covalently bound bulky adduct. This method has the advantage of

digesting nonadducted DNA fragments to nucleotides and very short 5'-end fragments. This limits the sample to fragments with attached adducts, eliminating interfering nonadducted DNA and enhancing electrophoretic separation and analytical analysis. These preparations will be run on a polyacrylamide sequencing gel together with the Maxam-Gilbert sequence of the fragment to give the location of the bulky adducts on each fragment. Using this approach we will locate adduction sites on the 5S rRNA gene and the promoter region. (This work is being conducted in collaboration with Dr. Michael Smerdon at Washington State University.) When adduction and frequencies of adduction have been identified, we will determine the influence of bulky adducts on nucleosome positioning using a reconstituted nucleosome of the 5S rRNA gene.

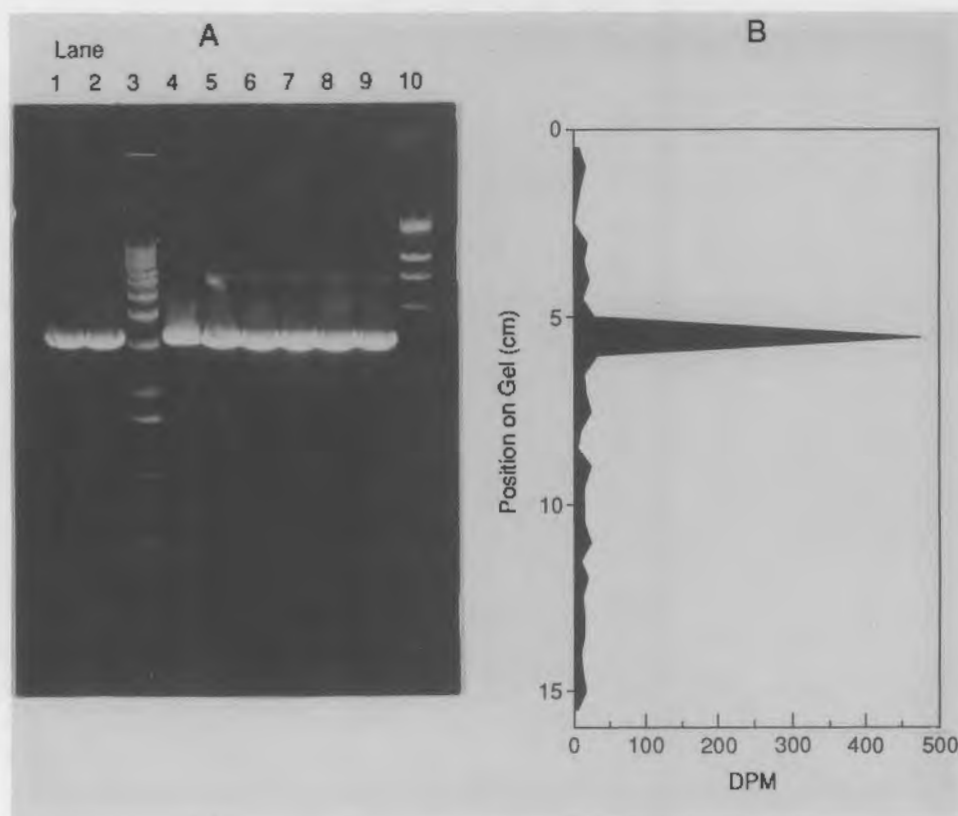


FIGURE 2. Photograph and Radiograph of Agarose Gel of pXP-14 Plasmid Demonstrates That Most (70%) of Adducted DNA Was Recovered After Incubation with Freshly Isolated Hepatocytes. In addition, 40% of radioactivity applied to gel co-purified with DNA. Lanes 1, 2, and 4 contain linearized plasmid; lane 3 contains DNA molecular weight ladder; lanes 5 to 9 contain plasmid adducted by [^3H]BaP metabolites produced by freshly isolated hepatocytes; lane 10 contains *Hind*III-digested lambda DNA as molecular weight markers. Large radioactivity peak at 5.5 cm (right) corresponds to bright band in photograph (left).

aggregating non-induced DNA fragments to nucleosides and very short 5' and 3' fragments. The results of the analysis of fragments with affected ends, after the addition of induced nucleosides, DNA and other nucleosides, are presented in Figure 2. The results of the analysis of fragments with affected ends, after the addition of induced nucleosides, DNA and other nucleosides, are presented in Figure 2. The results of the analysis of fragments with affected ends, after the addition of induced nucleosides, DNA and other nucleosides, are presented in Figure 2.

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We are currently attempting to develop a method for the detection of DNA fragments with affected ends. The results of the analysis of fragments with affected ends, after the addition of induced nucleosides, DNA and other nucleosides, are presented in Figure 2. The results of the analysis of fragments with affected ends, after the addition of induced nucleosides, DNA and other nucleosides, are presented in Figure 2.

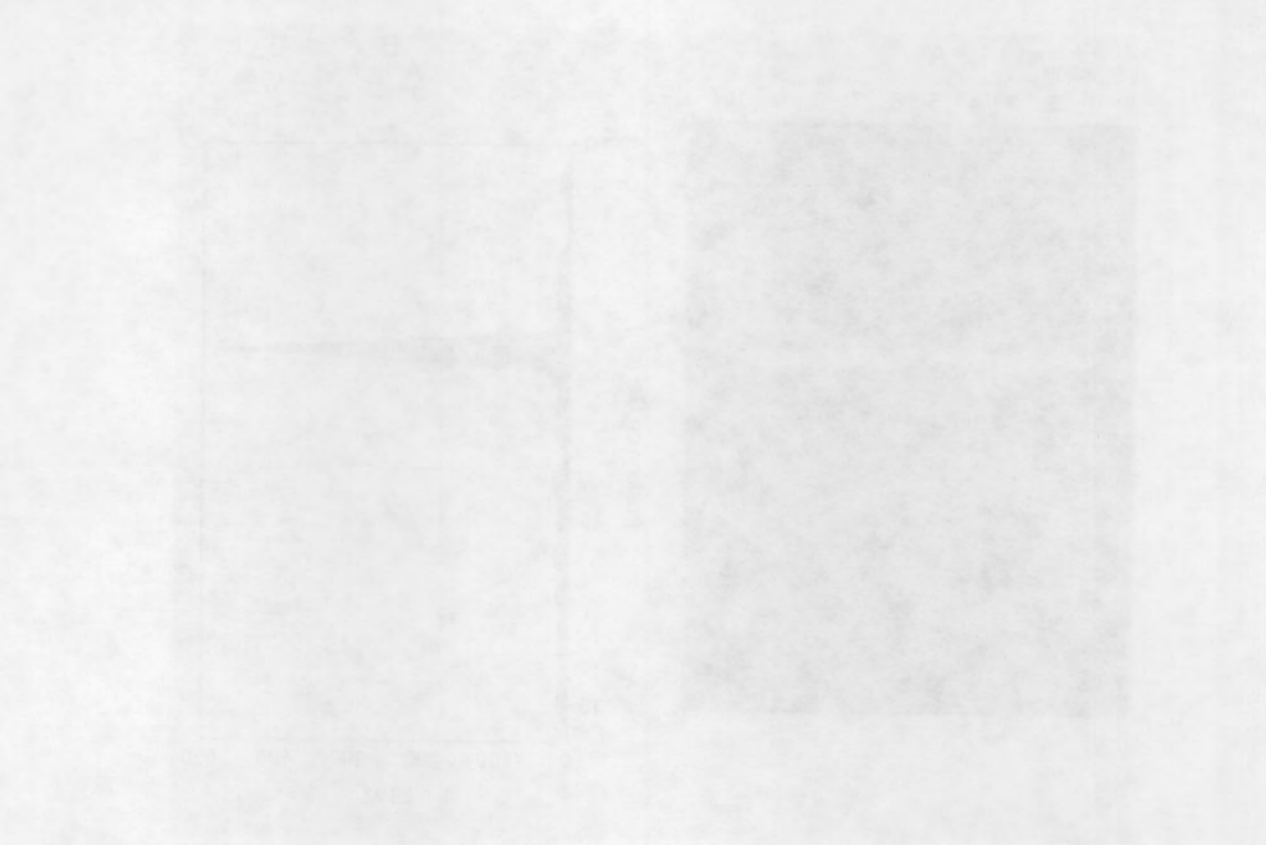


FIGURE 2. Electrophoresis of DNA fragments with affected ends. The results of the analysis of fragments with affected ends, after the addition of induced nucleosides, DNA and other nucleosides, are presented in Figure 2. The results of the analysis of fragments with affected ends, after the addition of induced nucleosides, DNA and other nucleosides, are presented in Figure 2.

Mutation of DNA Targets

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We have constructed and tested a plasmid for detecting and analyzing mutations in synthetic DNA targets. The target introduces a frameshift that inactivates the *lac* operon genes in the plasmid. Thus, mutants of *Salmonella typhimurium* Ames strains can be selected by their ability to grow on lactose.

The DNA sequences of mutated plasmids from three targets exposed to 6-aminochrysene have been analyzed. Mutants with a target (pGC1) consisting of (5' to 3') a polylinker cloning site, a core of GCGCCC, and a stop codon showed no change in the DNA sequence of the target region. Mutants with a target that was a tandem repeat of pGC1 showed complete deletions of the target sequence. Three of 11 mutants with a target core of six G's contained a 14-bp insert that was a repeat of a portion of the target. This work has shown that the plasmid provides a new approach to study frameshift mutations and the relationships of mutation to DNA sequence.

Spontaneous and chemically induced mutations do not occur randomly within genomes. They mostly occur at mutation hotspots or sequences that have mutation frequencies tens or hundreds of times higher than does the rest of the genome. In many cases the mutability of the hotspots depends on the mutagen, that is, hotspots may be mutable for one kind of mutagen but not another. Known hotspots have been identified by genetic and sequence analysis of genes that allow selection of reverse or forward mutations. This analysis has provided a successful approach but is dependent on naturally occurring hotspot sequences within the sequences being studied.

We have designed and verified an experimental system that permits study of mutation of synthetic DNA targets of any desired sequence in *Salmonella* Ames strains. These targets are inserted into a plasmid (Figure 1) that contains the *lac* operon for selection of mutants. The target insert changes the reading frame, thus inactivating the *lac* operon; therefore, mutations that correct the reading frame allow *Salmonella* to grow on lactose. Reading-frame mutations 3' to the target are prevented by a stop codon at the 3'-end of the inserted target. The system was described in greater detail in the 1988 Annual Report.

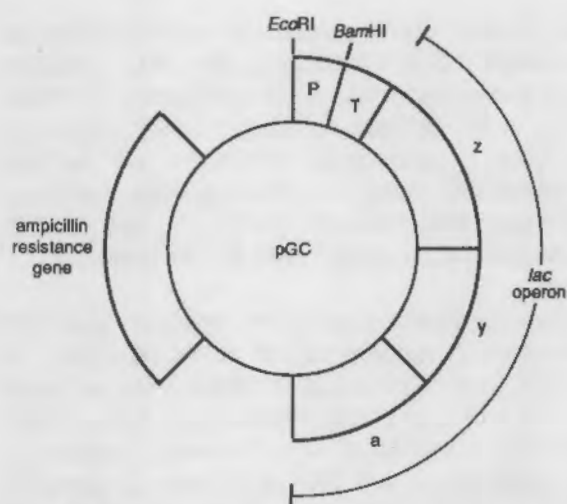


FIGURE 1. Exposure System Was Constructed from Parent Plasmid pSKS107, Which Contains Gene Conferring Ampicillin Resistance, *ColEI* Origin of Replication, and the Structural Genes of the *lac* Operon with M13 Multicloning Linker at Extreme 5' End of the *lacZ* Gene. However, the operon had no promoter. P, Synthetic promoter designed from *lpp* (lipoprotein) promoter in *E. coli*. This promoter was designed to drive operon structural genes *z*, *y*, and *a*. It was cloned into the *EcoRI* site at the extreme 5' end of *lacZ*. T, target sequence, synthetic oligo designed to take *lacZ* out of reading frame by adding +1 mutation. Target consists of core region (mutational hotspot) and translational stop codon in +1 reading frame. These target sequences were ligated into the *BamHI* site.

Five synthetic targets have been synthesized and tested in *Salmonella* Ames strain (TA 1538). One of these, with a core of 6 A's, was not mutagenically active, and another with the same flanking sequence but a core of ATATAT had too high a rate of spontaneous mutation to be usable. Three other targets were found to be mutable by 6-aminochrysene (6-AC) and 2-aminoanthracene (2-AA) and, although less so, by benzo[a]pyrene (BaP). The clones of mutants that were able to grow on lactose as a carbon source were further studied by analysis of their growth rate and β -galactosidase levels (see 1988 report). Plasmids from revertant clones were used to transform *Salmonella typhimurium* SL4213 so that we could separate mutated from nonmutated plasmids. The DNA from SL4213 was then purified by CsCl gradient centrifugation, and the target region was sequenced by the dideoxy chain termination method using the double-stranded plasmid as template.

The plasmid pGC1 contains a core sequence of six bases that are alternating G and C, modeled after the mutationally active sequence in Ames tester strain TA 1538 mutation D 3052. Sequence analysis of revertants that grew on lactose revealed no change in the sequence, perhaps indicating that the stop codon did not confine mutations to the target insert in this construct.

A strain containing another construct (pGC21) contained a tandem repeat of target pGC1. It exhibited the highest mutation rate, when exposed to 6-AC, of any plasmid tested and had a high spontaneous mutation rate. The insert regions of the plasmids of five revertants were sequenced (Table 1). In plasmids from two spontaneous and

two 6-AC-exposed revertants, the target (or insert) was completely deleted.

Plasmid pLG6 contained a core sequence of six G's, a sequence suspected of being mutagenically active in Ames tester strain TA 97, mutation *hisD* 6610. The sequence analysis of mutant plasmids of pLG6 yielded unexpected results (Table 2). The background and induced mutation rate of this construct was high. Retransformation of *Escherichia coli* strain MC1116 *rec*⁻, Δ *lac* 1POZYA) by DNA from the SL 4213 clones was performed until all colonies on media containing X gal were blue, indicating an active *lac* operon. When plasmid DNA from these clones were analyzed, base sequence changes that corrected the frameshift were revealed. Thus even after the transformation of *Salmonella* SL 4213 by plasmid DNA from mutant clones that grew on lactose, the transformed clones contained mixed populations of plasmids, both mutated and non-mutated. Further transformation of *rec*⁻ *E. coli* was required to establish clones of only mutant plasmids. Of 11 6-AC-induced and spontaneous mutants, 8 contained a single GC deletion (Table 2). The remaining 3 contained an insert that was a partial repeat of the target sequence. These are the only insertion mutants found in the clones analyzed. More research is required to formulate a mechanism by which the addition occurred. It did not depend on a mutagen because a revertant containing plasmid from an exposure to S-9 enzymes, but not added promutagen, also had the insert.

New target sequences have been synthesized, ligated into plasmids, and used to transform strain TA 98. This strain has a plasmid (pMK 101) that

TABLE 1. Sequence Analysis of Lactose Revertants of pGC21

Original Target Sequence:		
	CORE	STOP
5'-GATCCTTTACCGCGCGCCCCCTAACGGATCCCTTTACCGCGCGCCCCCTAACG-3'		
Mutagen	Clone Number	DNA Sequence Analysis
6-AC	9	Total insert deletion
6-AC	11	Total insert deletion
Control	1	Total insert deletion
Control	2	Total insert deletion

TABLE 2. Sequence Analysis of Lactose Revertants of pLG6

Original Target Sequence:		
5'-ATGGCGAATTCCTGGGGATCCTTTACCCGGGGGGCCCTAACG 3'		
CORE STOP		
Mutagen	Clone Number	DNA Sequence Analysis
6-AC	1	Deletion, one G from core
6-AC	2	Deletion, one G from core
6-AC	3	Deletion, one G from core
6-AC	4	Insertion ^(a)
6-AC	5	Deletion, one G from core
6-AC	10	Deletion, one G from core
6-AC	11	Insertion ^(a)
Control	3	Deletion, one G from core
Control	8	Deletion, one G from core
Control	9	Deletion, one G from core
Control	10	Insertion ^(a)

(a) Insert contained a partial repeat (in box) of target sequence:

ATGGCGAATTCCTGGGGATCCTTTA | CCGGGGATCCTTTA | CCGGGGGGCCTAACGGATCC

carries genes analogous to the error-prone repair system which enhances sensitivity to chemical mutagenesis in *E. coli*. Because PMK 101 confers ampicillin resistance, a gene that confers chloramphenicol resistance (*cat*) was added to the plasmid used as a target vector. In so doing, the ampicillin resistance gene was inactivated in the target vector. This provides selective pressure to maintain both plasmids in the cell; otherwise, one plasmid could be lost because either one would allow growth on ampicillin. +1 and +2 frameshifts are created in the new targets by only changing the alternating GC core length and keeping the flanking sequences constant.

We have no explanation for the lack of sequence change in pGC1. Plasmid DNA from *Salmonella* SL 4213 was used to transform *E. coli* MC1116, and only blue clones were selected for sequence analysis. The sequencing gels suggested that the template used for sequencing reactions was homogeneous, but another transformation yielded both white and blue clones on X gal. Further study is required to clarify this paradox.

The target (pGC21) containing a tandem repeat of the pGC1 target was highly mutable, and deletion of the entire target was the common frameshift-correcting mechanism. Deletions in

regions of DNA characterization by direct repeat sequences have been commonly observed in other mutagenesis studies.

The addition of the 14-bp insert into pGC6 occurred in 3 of 11 mutants analyzed. Because both the core and flanking sequences differed from the other targets, we are unable to attribute the insertion to a specific sequence. A recombinational event may have been responsible for the addition, but we cannot postulate why it occurred only in this target.

The genetic construction described in this report provides another approach to study molecular mechanisms of mutagenesis and its relationship to DNA sequence. It has revealed a wide spectrum of frameshift mutations, including deletions of a single base pair, larger deletion, and an insertion of 14 base pairs. Further investigation is needed to understand why lactose revertants with GC1 have unaltered target sequence. This may be the result of mutations not confined to the target by the stop codon. However, we found no evidence of this in plasmids with other target sequences. Mutations causing the frameshift sequence changes were dependent on the sequence of the target. This relationship suggests that this system is useful for studying mechanisms of mutagenesis.

In the future, we will investigate the pGC1 revertants by repeating the entire experiment, including repeated transformation of the plasmid into *E. coli* and extension of the DNA sequence analysis to include more of the *lacZ* gene. We will also

examine the effect of error-prone repair functions of plasmid pMK 101 (Ames strain TA 98) on mutagenesis. The role of flanking sequences will be studied by varying them while using the same core target.

Fetal and Juvenile Radiotoxicity

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This project compares information concerning the deposition, dosimetry, and toxicity of radionuclides in animals relative to their prenatal or postnatal age. These relationships are being modeled to obtain values to establish radiological protection practices for pregnant women and for rapidly growing infants and children.

Fetoplacental radionuclide uptake correlates with physicochemical and biological factors and displays a similarity to fractional absorption from the gastrointestinal tract. Binding and transport processes, metabolic specificities, and concentration gradients explain both similarities and differences.

To investigate the mechanisms of radiation teratogenesis, we developed an *in vitro/in vivo* mouse limb bud system. Experiments have shown that a dose range below 1 Gy is appropriate for demonstrating effects on limb development *in vitro*, such as cell death and altered histology, in addition to histochemical changes in cartilage differentiation and altered structure as seen in scanning electron microscopy. Further evaluations will provide comparisons with ultramicroscopic and immunocytochemical alterations and furnish parallel information about the processes of radionuclide deposition in fetal bone.

Examination of specimens and statistical analysis of data relative to placental transfer, perinatal toxicity, and fetoplacental dose demonstrate differences in mammary tumor development relative to the time of intravenous injection of ^{239}Pu in pregnant or postnatal rats. The incidence of tumors in rats was increased by radionuclide exposure in the prenatal, weanling, and adult groups, although incidence was not significantly affected by exposure level. There were also significant dose-dependent trends toward earlier tumor development in these age groups (Figure 1). Reduced longevity among rats injected with the highest dose obscured determination of the significance of any possible effect on incidence or latency in the newborn group. The increased tumor incidence in these experimental prenatal groups, as well as after injection at even earlier stages of gestation in related experiments, indicated that the oncogenic action must have occurred before mammary tissues had formed. This observation raises questions concerning the dose to specific target tissues for oncogenesis in prenatal life (presumptive

mammary tissues, in this instance) that have mechanistic implications and illustrate the need for microdosimetric evaluation of the embryo and fetus.

The Annual Reports for 1987 and 1988 described some correlations between radionuclide characteristics and their placental transfer and some modeling approaches. Another approach is that used by groups concerned with radiological protection (e.g., ICRP), in which the fractional amounts of radionuclides that are absorbed from the gastrointestinal (GI) tract or from the lung are estimated, expressed as f_1 values, and used in models for the resulting distribution and radiation dose in tissues. Because analogous values would be useful for placental transfer, fetoplacental deposition, and dose, we have begun introducing empirical and derived values into the models. Composite values from data in earlier reports, including clearance measurements by placental perfusion, short-term serial sacrifice experiments, and measurements of fetoplacental deposition that

did not involve actual kinetic or transport determinations, have been calculated. These composite values, which are proportional to fractional placental transfer, are tentatively denoted τ (tau), both to avoid semantic problems and to avoid conveying implications beyond warranted limits (Table 1).

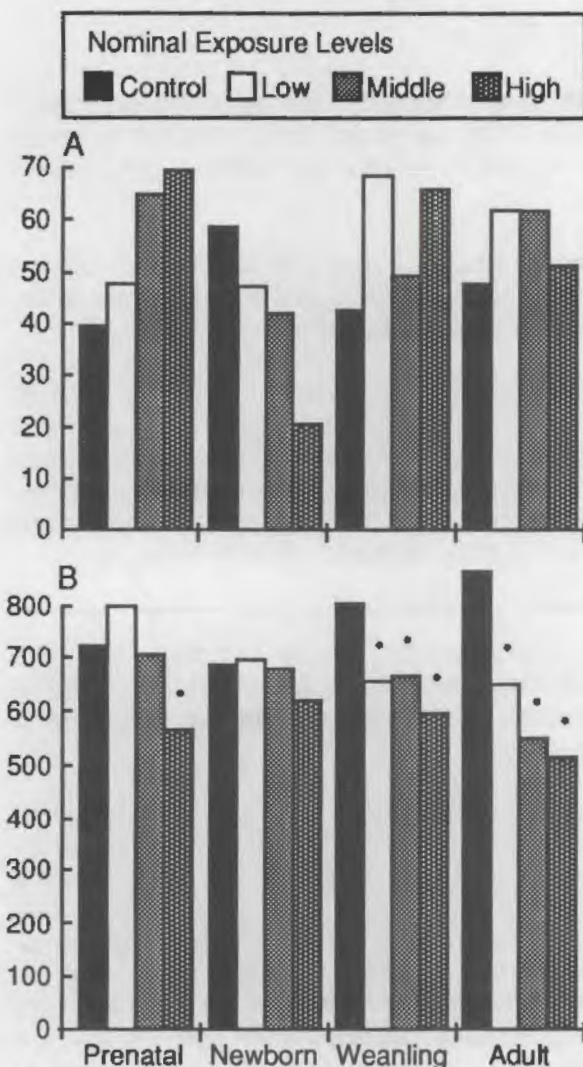


FIGURE 1. Effect of Age and Exposure Level to ^{239}Pu on Percentage of Rats with Mammary Tumors (A, upper panel) and Median Ages at Which First Tumors Were Detected in Age-Exposure Group (B, lower panel). Dose-dependent trends toward earlier development in age groups are indicated by one or more dots (*) above series; dot (*) above individual bar indicates significantly decreased latency relative to its corresponding control.

TABLE 1. Tentative Estimates of Relative Degree to Which Selected Elements Cross the Placenta Are Expressed as a Derived Term, τ , to Avoid Semantic and Operational Limitations (see text)

Z	Element/Form	τ
1	Hydrogen, water	1 ^(a)
1	Hydrogen, organic	0.555 ^(b)
6	Carbon	0.555
6	Carbon, oxide	0.444
6	Carbon, oxide x 2	0.444
7	Nitrogen	0.444
8	Oxygen	0.444
11	Sodium	0.777
15	Phosphorus	0.9
16	Sulfur	0.9
17	Chlorine	0.777
19	Potassium	1
20	Calcium	0.47
23	Vanadium	0.1
26	Iron	0.777
27	Cobalt, inorganic	0.222
27	Cobalt, organic B ₁₂	1
36	Krypton	1
38	Strontium	0.42
44	Ruthenium	0.001 ^(c)
48	Cadmium	0.62
53	Iodine	1
55	Cesium	1
58	Cerium	0.06
59	Praseodymium	0.06 ^(d)
71	Lutecium	0.06 ^(d)
80	Mercury, inorganic	0.02
80	Mercury, methyl	0.8
82	Lead	0.2
84	Polonium	0.01
90	Thorium	0.001
92	Uranium	0.03
93	Neptunium	0.06
94	Plutonium	0.063
95	Americium	0.006
96	Curium	0.009
99	Einsteinium	0.024

(a) Values of 1 are used to represent freely moving materials, although equilibrium may exist.

(b) Values are presented as 0.### to indicate approximations for which refinements are needed.

(c) Because of inability to achieve greater precision, 0.001 is used to indicate minimal transfer.

(d) Following ICRP approach, most intervening elements are assumed to be similar to cerium.

As shown in Figure 2, many initial relationships between these τ values and the tabulated f values for the GI-tract-absorbed fraction show generally consistent correlations, but differences in either direction are seen for some materials. Examinations of these differences provided mechanistic

inferences and suggested areas for further study for both physiological and developmental toxicology. First, the theoretical bases underlying τ and f values are not completely comparable. Second, there are physiological differences: placental transfer processes are bidirectional, more complex than absorption, may involve different transport proteins, and may be more affected by changing biological conditions. Third, there are important differences between approaches appropriate for metabolic as contrasted with dosimetric considerations. From the metabolic standpoint, it is necessary to distinguish between equilibrium and net transfer, and the calculations of the absorption of relatively insoluble materials differ for the small absorbed fraction that enters the blood and is available for placental transfer. In this case, we consider only the soluble fraction, or materials that are involved with transport protein or a chelate. Radiation dose may relate to external sources or in situ deposition, and involves decay scheme and energy, important considerations that are independent of transfer.

Radiation was among the first prenatal agents for which cause-and-effect and dose-response relationships for teratogenesis were demonstrated; these early studies also identified critical periods or stage dependence. However, there has been little research on the mechanisms of radiogenic derangements of development. Alterations of cell proliferation or differentiation may be mediated through changes in such factors as genome-related control processes, interactions between nuclear, cytoplasmic, and extracellular molecules, and cell-surface phenomena, including cell-cell interactions. Information concerning limb teratogens suggests that inhibition of communication between limb mesenchymal cells may interfere with chondrogenesis, and these processes are susceptible to radiogenic interference. Mechanistic investigation of these processes requires in vitro/in vivo methods.

Our approach was based on results of our earlier studies that compared in vitro/in vivo effects and repair following irradiation of fetal lung and liver in

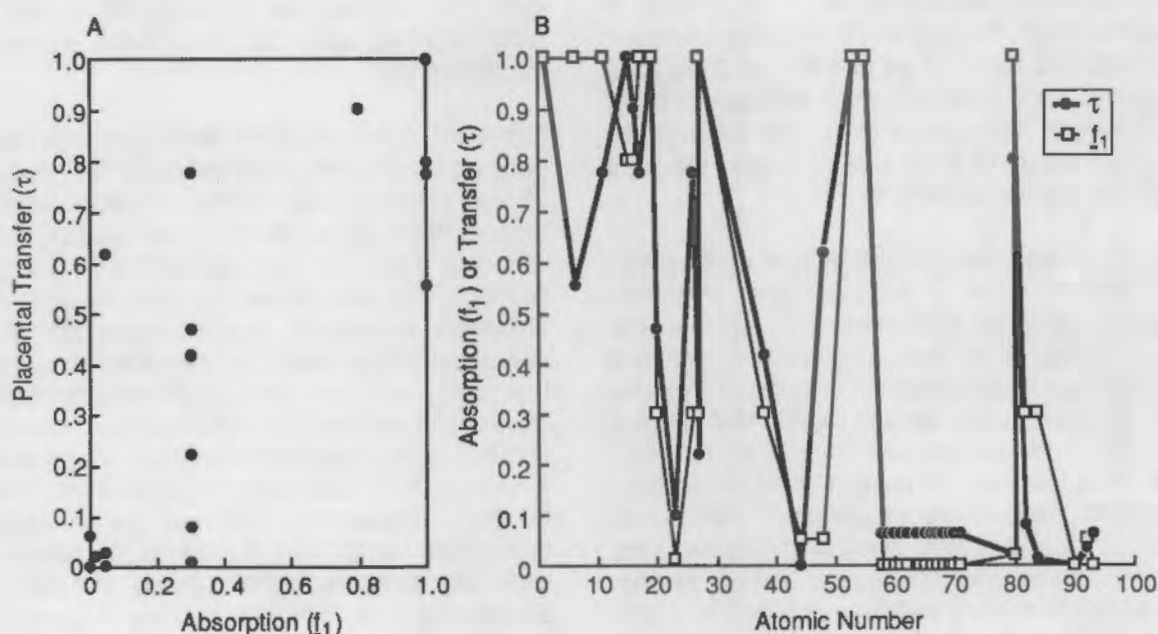


FIGURE 2. Relationships Between Estimates of Placental Transfer and Corresponding Gastrointestinal Absorption Values (A, left panel) and Variation of These Values with Increasing Atomic Number (B, right panel)

rats. We had implemented these techniques during prior years, and successfully converted them for use with the embryonic mouse this year, as well as adding methods for use with limb bud, brain, and yolk sac. We used the *in vitro* limb bud system for initial experiments on the mechanism of radiogenic developmental derangements; this system will also provide a means to examine the integrated morphological and molecular basis for the sequential development of receptor sites and processes for bone-seeking radionuclides during prenatal and neonatal life.

The dose and stage relationships for limb teratogenesis are well defined for irradiation *in vivo* but not *in vitro*. Mouse forelimb buds in organ culture provided a facile and reproducible test system because the specimens were readily accessible to manipulation; furthermore, one limb bud could be irradiated while the contralateral bud served as a control to reduce confounding by stage variability, and direct sequential evaluations could be made without killing the pregnant animal. In the initial experiments, embryos were obtained from timed-pregnant CD-1 mice, and their forelimbs were explanted into culture at 11 or 12 days of gestation (dg). The left forelimbs were irradiated with 1, 2, or 3 Gy at 11 dg or with 1 or 2 Gy at 12 dg, to induce a graded degree of developmental abnormalities for determining the appropriate range for study of molecular changes; the right forelimbs served as controls.

Limb buds were fixed at the time of explantation and after 1, 2, or 3 days *in vitro*, and from embryos removed from untreated dams at the same stages of *in vivo* development. The first methodological approaches concentrated on use of whole mounts with various fixation and staining procedures. In subsequent experiments, most limb buds were fixed in 10% neutral buffered formalin; histological sections were stained with H&E or with alcian blue/PAS, and unstained slides were retained for immunocytochemical staining as suggested by histochemical stains and electron microscopy. Glutaraldehyde-fixed limb buds were prepared for SEM and TEM; the latter was preceded by preliminary thick sectioning and toluidine blue staining. This allows us to develop additional ways to evaluate cartilage and its induction, morphological organization, and molecular precursors.

The extent of growth and differentiation in culture depended on the stage of the donor embryos, as observed previously, and development was less in limb buds explanted at 11 dg than in those explanted at 12 dg. Likewise, *in vitro* cultures showed less differentiation of mesenchymal cells into chondroblasts and less deposition of intercellular substances than parallel material from *in vivo* embryos.

The mesenchymal condensations that will form the radius and metacarpals of forelimb buds are present at 12 dg; the mesenchymal cells proliferate and differentiate to chondrocytes, forming cartilage for long bones and digits. Metacarpals are present after 1 day of incubation, and there is a broad layer of cells in the ectoderm region. At 3 days, death of ectodermal cells results in the indentations that contribute to the formation of the digital rays. Some mesenchymal cells differentiate and mature to chondrocytes, and glycogen and lipids are deposited in the matured chondrocytes in the central region of cartilage. Alcian blue interacts with the extracellular matrix materials, and an accumulation of materials staining positively with alcian blue is observed around the mesenchymal cells in their initial phase of condensation.

Exposure to 1 Gy at either gestational age had no early gross morphological effect. On the day after 12 dg irradiation, aggregation of prechondrocytic mesenchyme destined to form cartilage was reduced. Both H&E- and alcian blue/PAS-stained sections from the irradiated groups showed more cell death among the mesenchymal cells in the noncartilaginous areas, as compared to the control group, and less cell-to-cell contact, possibly because of reduced cell proliferation. Differentiation into chondrocytes continued through 3 days in culture, with deposition of extracellular matrix, but the arrangement of cells was less well ordered in irradiated cells than in controls. Mesenchymal cells of nonchondrogenic areas showed little development or differentiation by 3 days after irradiation.

We concluded that 1 Gy was the upper limit for mechanistic studies because the limb buds were visually smaller than those of controls after exposure to 2 or 3 Gy, and most had severely retarded

development. After 2 Gy at 12 dg, approximately 80% of the mesenchymal cells in noncartilaginous areas appeared necrotic on the next day as well as at 3 days after exposure. Aggregation of mesenchyme was initially reduced in the presumptive cartilage of these cultures, and there was a subsequent delay in their progression to chondrocytes and cartilage formation relative to that of controls, as well as increased cell death and a reduction of hematogenous elements. The appearance of limb buds that were explanted at 11 dg was a generalized distribution of mesenchymal cells, with a covering layer of ectodermal cells. Early prechondrocytic cells of the mesenchyme could be recognized on the following day in

control cultures, but the beginnings of their aggregation and cartilage formation were not apparent until 3 days. Exposure to 1 Gy had little gross effect. Proliferation was greater in nonchondrocytes than in prechondrocytes, and prechondrocytes seemed more radiosensitive, with a higher incidence of cell death and at lower doses. Cell death occurred among the mesenchymal cells of areas not involved in cartilage formation at 1 Gy. Chondrocytes were more resistant; they showed only slight suppression of differentiation and maturation to cartilage (Figure 3). There was a high incidence of necrosis of mesenchymal cells after a 2-Gy exposure, and essentially all were killed by 3 Gy at 11 dg.

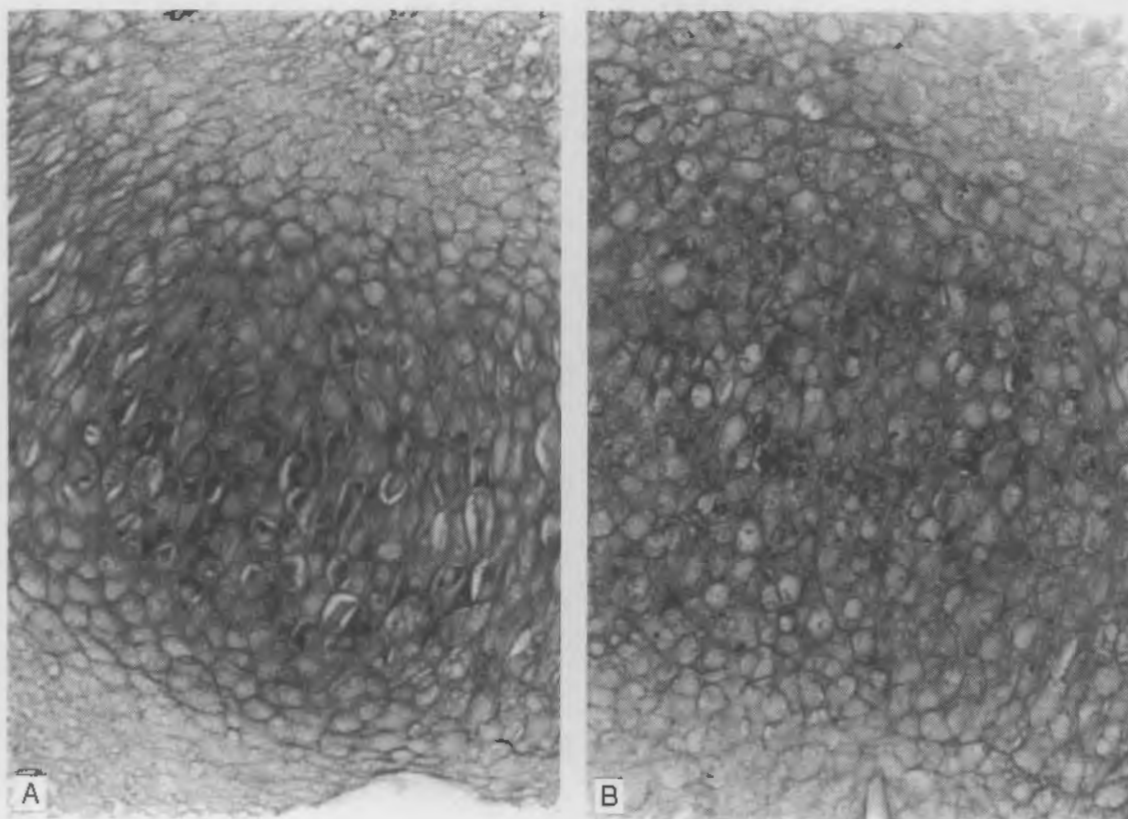


FIGURE 3. Photomicrographs of Limb Bud Cultures from 11-dg Mouse Embryo After 3 Days In Vitro. Control (A, left panel) shows typical appearance of cartilage developing into long bone, with noncartilaginous mesenchymal cells in adjacent areas. Irradiation at time of explantation (B, right panel) leads to reduced size and organization of cartilage and lower density of noncartilaginous mesenchymal cell population.

These findings generally agree with our earlier experiments in which radiation effects on fetal lungs were more pronounced with in vivo than in vitro irradiation. Although growth suppression was detectable, the morphological effects on the in vitro limb bud were less than expected from in vivo results. This suggested questions about processes that occur in vivo and lead to a greater responsiveness than with in vitro exposure. Similarly, recovery of embryonic lung from the radiation damage was more rapid and successful with continued in vivo development than after in vivo irradiation and subsequent in vitro development.

This research was coordinated with that of PNL staff who were implementing approaches for irradiation of single cells of the 2- to 4-cell embryo

with microbeams of charged particles. Standard procedures for harvesting and culturing 2-cell mouse embryos to the blastocyst stage were modified to conditions appropriate to our laboratory and the irradiation facility. Preimplantation mouse embryos were selected for this project because of the accessibility of their cells and because these cells and subsequent progenitor tissues must undergo a precise sequence of interactions to attain recognizable developmental endpoints. Thus, the 2- to 4-cell embryo will provide a system for studying biological mechanisms of radiation damage and control of intercellular interactions during early development; further, such a system should provide comparative data complementary to those obtained with irradiation during organogenesis.

Aerosol Technology Development

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The purpose of this project is to develop and transfer aerosol and inhalation technology to basic and applied research in biology and chemistry, especially in the areas of health and environmental effects of energy-related materials.

We report here advances in providing uniform exposures of laboratory animals to reactive vapors, and in electric-field nebulization, in the development of a respiratory physiology laboratory, in the determination of aerosol particle mobility in mixtures of gases to help interpret studies of the fluid dynamics of the respiratory tract, and in the numerical simulation of aerosol particle transport in the respiratory tract.

Exposure of Animals to Reactive Vapors

The Hazelton 2000 (Harford Division of Lab Products, Aberdeen, Maryland) whole-body exposure chamber, designed at PNL, has become the standard for large-scale exposures of rodents to vapors and aerosols. The mixing of air flow within the chamber that is induced by the excrement catch pans is sufficient to achieve uniform concentrations for a wide variety of materials. However, if the test material (e.g., ozone and glutaraldehyde) reacts with the animal's fur and excrement, or is able to condense on chamber surfaces (e.g., unattached radon daughters), the uniformity of exposure is compromised.

We have overcome nonuniform diffusional losses of test materials from the chamber air, while still maintaining an acceptable environment for the exposed animals, by developing a recirculation system to increase the level of mixing within the chamber (Figure 1). The chamber is usually operated at an air-flow rate of 15 cfm, which gives approximately 15 air changes per hour. The recirculation system increases the effective air-flow rate through the chamber to approximately 70 cfm. This requires neither additional air, which would have to be conditioned for temperature and relative humidity, nor a substantial increase in the concentration of test material supplied by the generator.

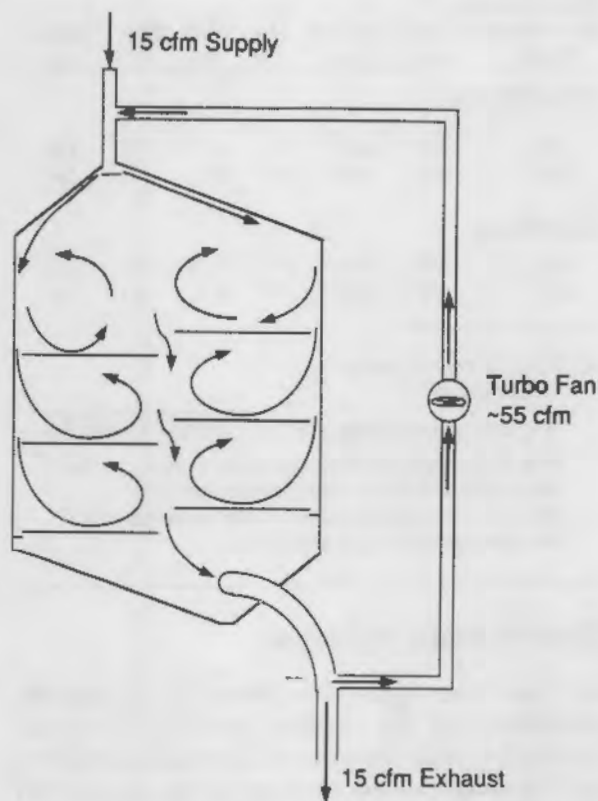


FIGURE 1. Turbo Fan Recirculation System Developed to Increase Mixing in the Hazelton 2000 Chamber to Achieve Uniform Exposures to Reactive Vapors

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The results given in Table 1 illustrate the reduction in variability of exposure to ozone achieved by adding the turbo fan recirculation system to the Hazelton 2000 chamber. When ozone was delivered to an empty chamber, the variability of the concentration measured at 12 sampling locations (expressed as the percent relative standard deviation) was 1.2% without the turbo fan and 0.5% with the fan operating. However, when ozone was delivered normally to 96 large rats, the variability in concentration within the chamber increased to 21.4% (14.0% temporal and 16.2% spatial components). Use of the turbo fan reduced the variability in ozone concentration to an acceptable level of 7.1%.

TABLE 1. Effect of Turbo Fan in Controlling the Variation in Concentration of Ozone in the Hazelton 2000 Exposure Chamber (target concentration = 450 ppb)

Mean Chamber Concentration (ppb)	Inlet (ppb)	Exhaust (ppb)	TPV (%)	WPV (%)	BPV (%)	Turbo (%)
<u>Empty Chamber</u>						
470	570	480	1.2	2.1	— ^(a)	Off
460	520	460	0.5	0.6	— ^(a)	On
<u>96 Large Rats</u>						
230	440	270	21.4	14.0	16.2	Off
430	850	450	7.1	3.6	6.1	On

(a) The BPV cannot be resolved.

Abbreviations:

TPV, total port variability ($TPV = \sqrt{(WPV)^2 + (BPV)^2}$);

WPV, within-port variability (temporal variation of the concentration over the measurement period);

BPV, between-port variability (spatial variation of the concentration within the chamber).

Electric-Field Nebulizer

We have investigated the effects of varying the dimensions of the capillary used to inject the source fluid into the electric-field nebulizer (EFN) and the electrical properties of the source fluid on the performance of the device for aerosolizing various materials. Tests with saline solutions showed that a fluid conductivity less than $100 \mu\text{mho cm}^{-1}$ is necessary to produce a reliable and stable fan spray from a 0.004-in.-ID stainless steel capillary tube. The ability to produce a stable fan spray

from low-conductivity, deionized distilled water was found to depend on the rate of injection through the capillary tube. The 0.004-in.-ID capillary gave a stable fan spray, whereas using an 0.001-in.-ID tube to increase the injection rate caused the output of the aerosol to fluctuate. It was found that the viscosity of the fluid also affected the aerosol output. A 1% solution of glycerol sprayed from a 0.006-in.-ID capillary gave a volumetric output rate of $10 \mu\text{L min}^{-1}$, whereas 20% glycerol in a 0.004-in.-ID tube yielded $0.9 \mu\text{L min}^{-1}$. The performance of the EFN was found to depend on the electrode configuration, which is now being optimized.

Respiratory Physiology of Laboratory Animals

We have assembled equipment and developed techniques to perform a wide range of pulmonary function tests on rats, mice, guinea pigs, hamsters, birds, and nonhuman primates. Tests are carried out noninvasively on awake animals, using whole-body, double-flow plethysmography. The tests include breath-by-breath evaluations of specific airway resistance and conductance, peak expiratory flow, tidal volume, respiratory rate, minute volume, and inspiratory, expiratory, and relaxation times. In addition, we can measure transpulmonary pressure, and dynamic compliance and resistance, using a surgically implanted intrapleural catheter.

The physiology laboratory will establish baseline data for the animal species and strains used at PNL in toxicological studies. This will enable both acute and chronic effects of exposure to pollutants on pulmonary function to be detected and monitored. Also, the laboratory will enable the effects of pollutants on an animal's capacity to respond to respiratory stress to be measured.

We have completed, for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, a study of pulmonary physiology in the bobwhite quail, from the 9-day-old chick to young adulthood at about 50 days. This species provides a useful model to monitor the effects of pollutants and agricultural chemicals on wildlife exposed at ground level. To illustrate the data obtained, Figures 2 and 3 show the undisturbed tidal volume and respiratory frequency, respectively, measured in bobwhite quail as a function of

age. The figures show variability in the mean values measured for several individual birds. The variability from breath to breath in each bird was found to be markedly lower than that between individuals, for all respiratory parameters. Monitoring of individual birds can therefore detect subtle changes in pulmonary function in response to pollutant exposure.

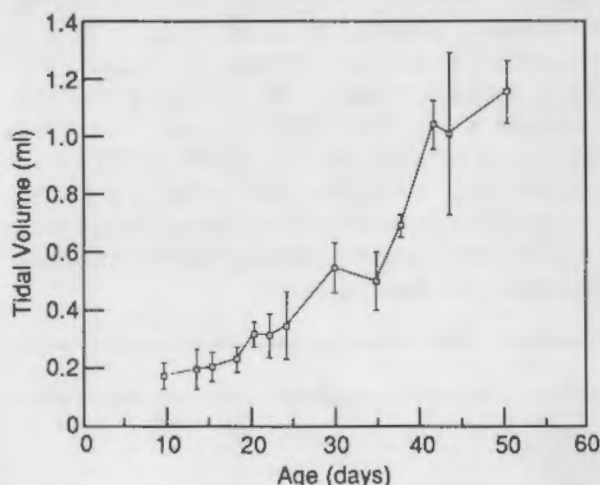


FIGURE 2. Tidal Volume of Bobwhite Quail Measured as Function of Age (mean \pm SD between individual birds)

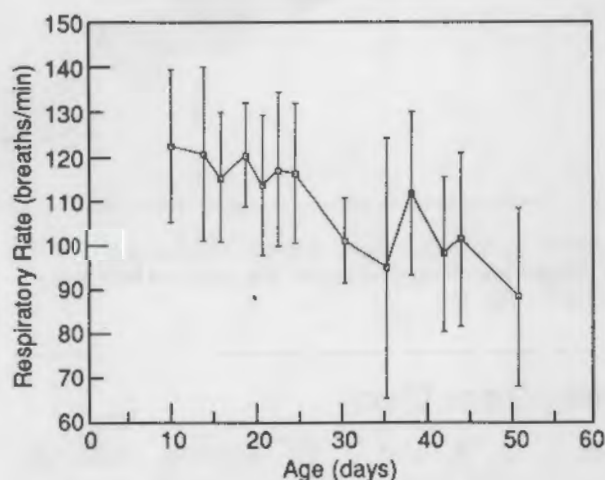


FIGURE 3. Respiratory Rate of Bobwhite Quail Measured as Function of Age (mean \pm SD between individual birds)

Aerosol Particle Mobility in Gas Mixtures

Particles of minimum intrinsic mobility are used to trace convective gas transport in the human lung and to detect changes in airway caliber in response to disease or irritant exposures. However, many variable factors influence the transport and dispersion of tidal air and thus the deposition of particles in the lung. To elucidate the fluid mechanical phenomena involved, experimental studies must fix as many variables as practicable, and then measure the effect of varying one controlled parameter. A promising approach is to fix the depth and velocity of inhalation, minimize the particle intrinsic mobility, and alter the behavior of the ventilating gas by varying its kinematic viscosity. However, studies that have adopted this approach have used inconsistent methods to evaluate the size of particles that have equivalent (and minimum) mobility in the test gases.

We have reviewed the theoretical basis for calculating the particle size of equivalent mobility in different mixtures of gases. The calculated value is found to depend strongly on the method used to formulate the mean velocity of the gas molecules, c . Consideration of the kinetic theory of gases determines that the mean velocity is defined by weighting the average molecular speeds of the component gases in the mixture by their mole fractions. Other investigators have evaluated c from the average molecular weight of the gas mixture. This results in a calculated equivalent mobility diameter 10 times greater than our calculated value of $0.38 \mu\text{m}$ for comparison of the commonly used mixture of 80% helium and 20% oxygen with air. We have submitted a paper on our proposed formal computational method, entitled Calculation of Equivalent Aerosol Particle Mobility in Different Mixtures of Gases, to the *Journal of Aerosol Science*.

Numerical Simulation of Particle Transport

We have carried out exploratory research to apply PNL's comprehensive fluid flow simulation package, TEMPEST-TX8, to the calculation of flow velocity vectors and particle transport in airways of the respiratory tract. This package was developed for

DOE to calculate fluid and thermal flows in reactor systems. We have applied the Battelle proprietary code TOOLCHEST™ to compile three-dimensional graphic images of airway boundaries and to generate the internal computational boundaries for export to TEMPEST-TX8. The code then solves the Navier-Stokes equations numerically to evaluate the flow velocity vectors continuously in time and space.

The flow pattern that develops in a channel with diverging walls is complex, particularly under the unsteady conditions that pertain when the fluid is oscillated with no bulk flow. We have found that the TEMPEST-TX8 code successfully predicts the flow patterns that have been measured as a function of time in such a channel. The typical flow profile, and the displacement of particles used to trace the fluid motion that was found by Gaver and Grotberg (1986) to develop over several oscillations, are shown in Figure 4. For comparison with these measured values, the figure also shows the amplitude of displacement calculated by TEMPEST-TX8. The simulation is in good agreement with the data.

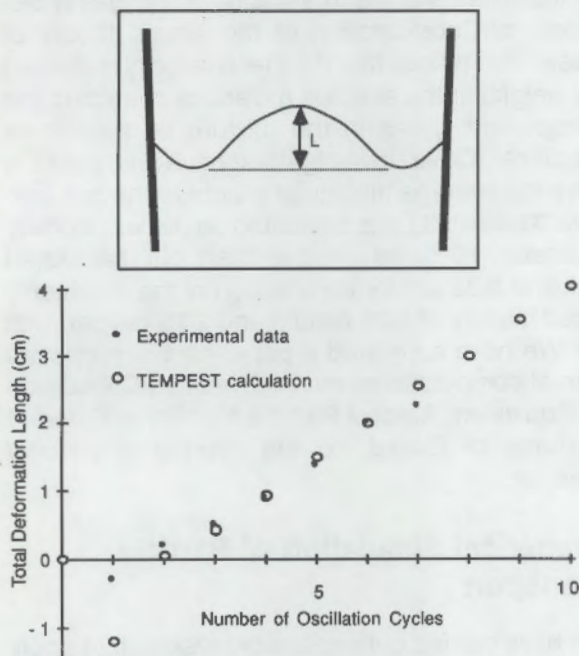


FIGURE 4. Typical Flow Deformation Profile Developed by Oscillating a Fluid in a Diverging Channel, with the Flow Displacements Measured by Gaver and Grotberg (1986) over Several Oscillatory Cycles and Simulated by TEMPEST-TX8

The three-dimensional flow field that develops in a diverging channel of circular cross section is much more complex than in the two-dimensional channel. Figure 5 shows a typical displacement pattern calculated by TEMPEST-TX8 after the air in a divergent tube has been oscillated six times. In this case there are no experimental data to test the numerical simulation. However, Godleski and Grotberg (1988) were able to solve the Navier-Stokes equations analytically for this radially symmetrical system. We have found that their theoretically predicted patterns of displacement are simulated closely by the numerical methods employed in the TEMPEST-TX8 code. From these results, we consider that the TEMPEST-TX8 code is capable of calculating flow fields in the more complex airway structures of the respiratory tract, for which analytical solutions of the Navier-Stokes equations are impossible.

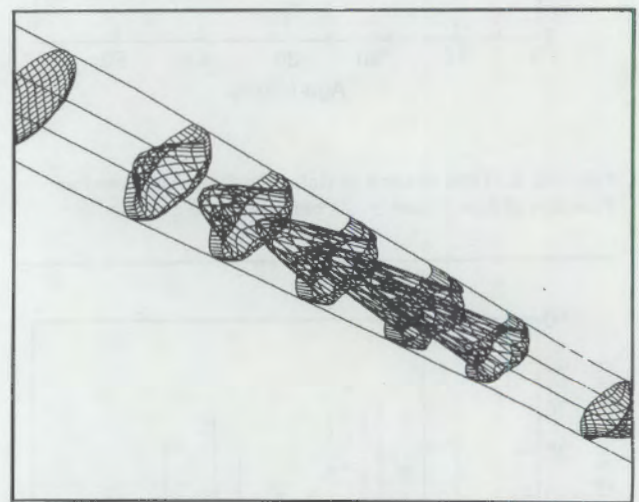


FIGURE 5. Flow Deformation Profiles Simulated by TEMPEST-TX8 for Six Oscillations of a Fluid in a Divergent Circular Tube

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Synthesis of Human Genome Information

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As a detailee to OHER, I provide computer science expertise to the Human Genome Task Group. The Human Genome community uses the term "informatics" to refer to the computation, analysis, and database components of this multidisciplinary effort. My major role is in the area of informatics, and includes reviewing research proposals, facilitating interagency and interlaboratory cooperation, liaising with the Human Genome newsletter group at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, and representing the U.S. Department of Energy at various technical meetings.

Research Proposal Review

As a member of the OHER staff, I attend meetings of the OHER Research Committee, which makes technical decisions on funding of research proposals on the basis of mail-in, technical peer reviews that they request, programmatic considerations, and funding availability. The OHER programs that process large numbers of similar research proposals, as does the Human Genome Program, have convened review panels to efficiently process these proposals.

An important aspect of my position on the Human Genome Task Group is to provide high visibility for the informatics component of the Human Genome Program. One measure of this visibility is the number of informatics preproposals received by the DOE Human Genome Program each year (Table 1).

TABLE 1. DOE Human Genome Program Proposals

Year	Total Preproposals	Informatics Preproposals
FY88	50	9 (18%)
FY89	51	7 (14%)
FY90	54	15 (28%)

The Small Business Innovative Research (SBIR) program also involves review of genome proposals. The SBIR proposals are solicited only in specific areas of energy research, for example, genome-related computation and instrumentation.

Interagency Cooperation

Cooperation and coordination among the various agencies involved is a cornerstone of the national

Human Genome Program. At the beginning of my detailee assignment, I visited the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI), the National Library of Medicine (NLM), and the National Science Foundation (NSF) to discuss informatics.

Also, I joined with representatives from the DOE, NIH, HHMI, NLM, and NSF who had been meeting regularly as an ad hoc interagency working group on databases and computation. This group had previously organized two workshops: "Repository, Data Management, and Quality Assurance Needs for the National Gene Library and Genome Ordering Projects" (Pleasanton, California, August 26-27, 1987) and "Data Management for Physical Mapping" (Bethesda, Maryland, May 12-13, 1988). I helped plan and organize the third workshop, "Nomenclature for Physical Mapping of Complex Genomes" (Rockville, Maryland, April 13-14, 1989). This series of workshops has helped to define the complex issues facing the human genome computational community.

Activities of this ad hoc group have been supplanted by the evolution of a formal DOE/NIH Joint Informatics Task Force. The DOE and the NIH formalized their coordination and cooperation with a Memorandum of Understanding in October 1988, and the DOE Human Genome Steering Committee and the NIH Human Genome Program Advisory Committee appointed informatics subcommittees. These subcommittees have met informally twice (Crystal City, Virginia, July 10, 1989, and Herndon, Virginia, November 8, 1989), resulting in a document on genome informatics needs and goals and a recommendation on the makeup of the formal Joint Informatics Task Force. This Task Force will be formally constituted after action by the two parent agency committees.

Interlaboratory Cooperation

The Human Genome Task Group is also concerned with coordination and cooperation between the National Laboratories. I have visited Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory (LBL), Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) to meet the informatics researchers and to see the current state of their projects. During the year, I visited LBL, LLNL, and Pacific Northwest Laboratory (PNL) when the opportunity arose during trips for other purposes. In April I attended a meeting between Sybase Corporation and LBL, LANL, and LLNL at which pricing policies and areas for possible cooperation were discussed.

In September 1989 I again visited LBL, LANL, and LLNL to view progress and to discuss informatics presentations at the upcoming DOE Human Genome Contractor/Grantee Workshop in November. For the workshop I set up workstations so the informatics posters could include demonstrations, and held an informal reception for the informatics participants.

Oak Ridge Liaison

In February 1988, the Human Genome Task Group initiated a project at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) called Human Genome Management Information System (HGMIS). The project began with four components: 1) a quarterly newsletter, 2) an annual DOE program report, 3) technical reports, and 4) an electronic bulletin board. I am serving as the primary DOE contact with the Task Leader for ORNL.

Two newsletters have been produced to date and a third is in preparation. The first copies of the newsletter were well received. The mailing list, which has grown from 850 to more than 2100 names, includes scientists, administrators, staff of other agencies, members of the press, upper DOE and National Laboratory management, and Congressional staff. A great compliment was paid by the NIH Human Genome group when they approached the DOE about contributing news from their program to the newsletter and making it a joint publication. This joint venture is currently being negotiated.

A subcontract has been let for the writing of the first technical report on instrumentation. The bulletin board has been running in test mode but is not yet open to the public. We are also producing a revision of the annual program report. The program report is shaping up as a professional, full-color document that will present the progress and future of the DOE program.

Meetings

Interest in the national human genome initiative has engendered a number of meetings and sessions at tangentially related meetings. The DOE sends representatives to many of these meetings to make presentations and report back to the Task Group. In response to invitations, I attended a number of informatics-related meetings.

- BioMatrix Advisory Committee Meeting, Herndon, Virginia, October 14, 1988. The BioMatrix group is interested in applying the latest computer science techniques to a synthesis of biological knowledge.
- Workshop on Advanced Computer Technologies and Biological Sequencing, Argonne National Laboratory, November 3-5, 1988. This small workshop brought together biologists and computer scientists, some new to the human genome community. ANL wants their computer group to be more involved in the genome activities.
- The Interface Between Computational Science and Nucleic Acid Sequencing, Santa Fe, New Mexico, December 12-16, 1988. The biggest informatics meeting of the year, this brought together the key players to share their latest progress.
- Chromosome 16 Workshop, New Haven, Connecticut, June 8-9, 1988. This is one of many single chromosome meetings sponsored by DOE and NIH to promote information exchange among research groups.
- Second *E. coli* Database Workshop, Chicago, Illinois, June 28-29, 1989. This was the second in a series of meetings sponsored by NLM and NSF to bring together *E. coli* researchers to discuss development and connection of multiple databases.

- First Canadian Workshop on Bioinformatics, Ottawa, Ontario, July 6-7, 1989. This meeting featured speakers from the United States and Europe in an effort to generate interest among Canadian scientists.
- Macromolecules, Genes, and Computers: Chapter Two, Waterville Valley, New Hampshire, August 13-18, 1989. A major, well-attended meeting; presentations were oriented more toward biology than computation.
- BioMatrix '89, Waterville Valley, New Hampshire, August 18-20, 1989. This meeting included a first-time representation of plant taxonomists, who are computerizing their plant genome databases.
- U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Plant Genome Mapping Coordinating Committee, Washington, D.C., August 30-31, 1989. The plant genome effort is in its infancy, and this community is eager to learn from the experiences of the human genome community.
- Laboratory Informatics for the Human Genome Project, Bethesda, Maryland, October 27, 1989. In this informal meeting, people from six major sequencing/mapping groups discussed "laboratory notebook" software.

I also attend regular meetings of two groups as an observer for OHER and the Human Genome Task Group. The ESnet (Energy Sciences network) Steering Committee (ESSC) is an effort to consolidate several existing special-purpose networks within Energy Research programs and at the same time significantly upgrade the network capacity. The OHER research community is becoming a more significant user of this network. The ESSC observed a technical review of the ESnet plan in March 1989. After the September 1989 ESSC meeting, I briefed the OHER Director and Division Directors on what ESnet was and how it might affect their programs. In addition to a DOE staff observer, each program is also expected to be represented by a researcher. I intend to conduct a survey of current and future OHER networking needs and to identify a ESSC representative from the OHER community.

I also attend the semiannual GenBank Advisors meeting as an OHER observer. This meeting is of interest to the DOE because of its relevance to the genome program and because part of the contract

is carried out at LANL. I also attend the GenBank Sponsor's Forum; after each Advisors meeting, the NIH GenBank staff review the Advisors meeting with other agency staff.

I attended the first meeting of the "Biotechnology Information Group" at the National Agricultural Library (NAL), a group collecting biotechnology information (e.g., NAL and NLM). The DOE activities do not have much to offer them, but their efforts may be of some use to genome researchers.

Structural Biology Task Group

In the fall of 1988, OHER organized a Structural Biology Task Group of which I serve as a member. Existing and planned unique facilities at DOE sites can make an important contribution to elucidating biological structure and function. The charge of the task group was to prepare an initiative for the FY91 budget that would provide the resources required for increased use of the current and planned structural biology facilities. The task group worked on the initiative during winter 1988, and a meeting was held in Chicago on May 2, 1989, to gather input from the user community and finalize the initiative. The initiative did not pass internal DOE review for inclusion in the FY91 budget, but the task group will continue to refine it for FY92.

Miscellaneous

The human genome program is highly visible and is often a major topic in briefings to the Director of Energy Research, the Secretary of Energy, the Office of Management and Budget, and Congress. I have helped prepare materials for these briefings. Similar materials were used for a special review of the biology program in OHER, which was held in June 1989 at the request of the Director of Energy Research.

The OHER staff must document that 'Work for Others' at DOE facilities is complementary to and will not interfere with DOE-funded research. I have helped produce these memoranda.

When the Office of Energy Research's Scientific Computing Staff was preparing presentations for a site review at the LLNL supercomputer center, I helped arrange for presentations by OHER supercomputer users.

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GnomeView: A Graphical Interface to the Human Genome

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The purpose of this project is to develop a graphical user interface to display and manipulate the vast amounts of information produced by the Human Genome Initiative. The user interface presents graphical representations of chromosomes, genetic and physical maps, and DNA sequences on a graphics workstation. The user can browse and query such representations, instead of scanning long lists of text, to learn more about genomic data.

An examination of any compendium of genetic maps, textbooks, and journals about modern genetics and molecular biology attests to the fact that the preferred method of presenting genomic information is pictorial: for example, chromosomes, physical maps, and regions related to DNA sequence are drawn as boxes, shaded regions, etc., on a linear map, and objects are identified with labels on drawings. If there are too many objects, their location is defined by some metric, such as chromosome band or base number, and they are listed in a table.

System Design

The GnomeView graphical user interface provides scientists with graphical representations of genomic maps. It provides access to many types of maps, from chromosomes and genetic maps to physical maps and DNA sequence. Ancillary information such as description of loci and genetic objects and bibliographic information is also available to the user.

GnomeView uses *db_VISTA*, a network-model database management system, to store and manipulate genomic mapping data. This type of database is excellent for storing and accessing the object relationships inherent in genomic data. Various genetics objects can be stored as the same record type, and maps are stored as collection of these objects linked together through ownership definitions and map metrics. Objects common to more than one mapping need to be stored only once in the database. Various querying mechanisms are being developed to locate objects, maps, and descriptive information. The system allows simultaneous display of maps

at different levels in the hierarchy and of conflicting and contradictory maps. Hybrid or new maps can be created by the user and saved as user-specific objects in the database.

We are developing the user interface on a SUN workstation in portable-C using the UNIX operating system. The graphics display is written using the network-transparent, device-independent X-window system.

Progress

A generic map X-window "map widget" has been written that in principle will draw genomic maps at any level in the genome hierarchy. The map widget has been used to display the entire human chromosome karyotype of 23 chromosomes. Three representative chromosomes at two band resolutions are shown in Figure 1. Mapping representation for the superoxide dismutase (SOD1) locus, including a 100-kb restriction enzyme map and sequence information from GenBank, has been completed (Figure 2).

Physical mapping data are currently entered by digitizing maps from figures printed in the literature, a slow and unsatisfactory process. We have developed collaborations with participating national laboratories [Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) and Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL)] and selected academic researchers to obtain input data for the location and span (size) of objects that have been mapped and the mapping metric that has been used. A collaboration has been established with the Human Genome Mapping Library (HGML) at Yale.

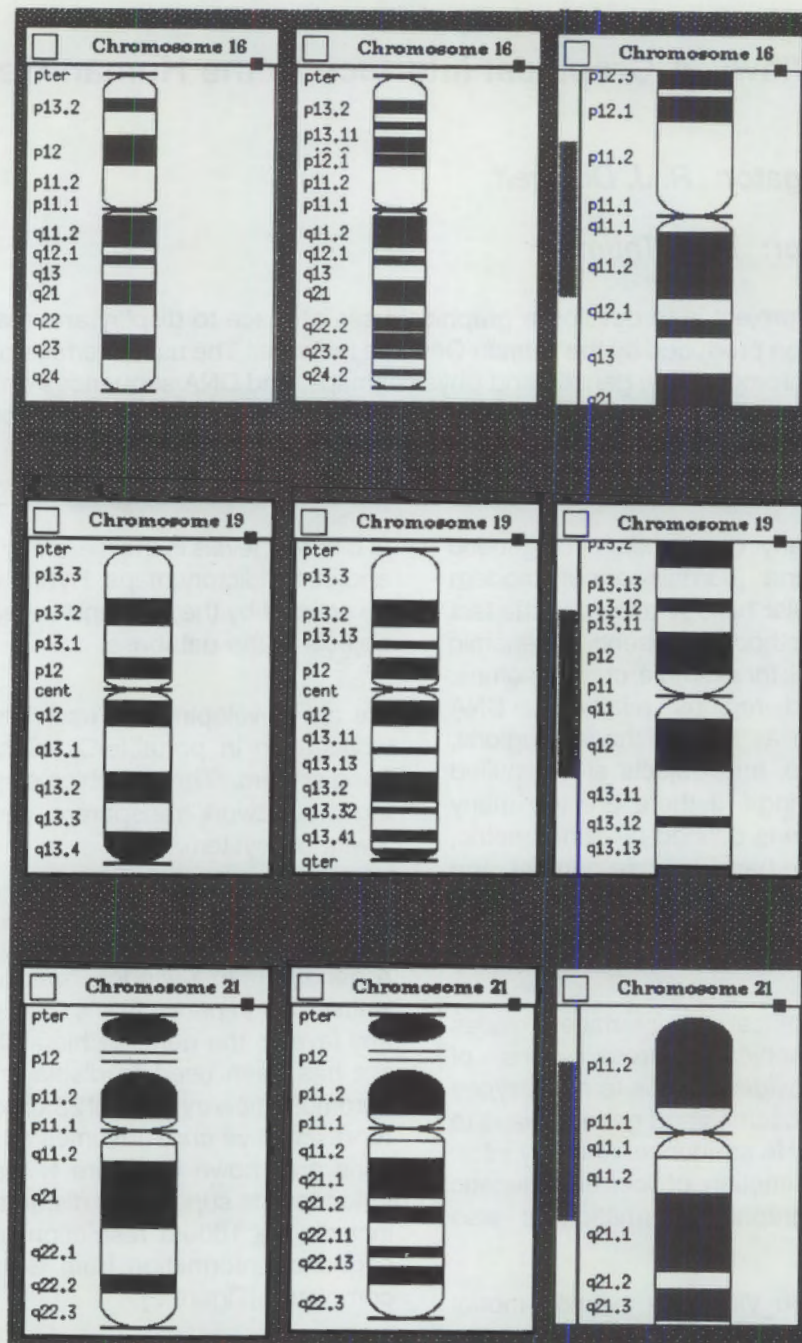


FIGURE 1. GnomeView Representation of Three Human Chromosomes. Human chromosomes 16, 19, and 21 shown at 400 and 550 band resolution. Chromosomes are displayed by map widget. Each band is kept as object in database, allowing editing, changing, and eventual computer construction of hybrid and aberrant chromosomes. Also shown is higher magnification of each high-resolution banding pattern. Every band is labeled only at higher magnification. GnomeView avoids graphics overwrite by displaying only nonoverlapping labels at lower magnifications. Hidden object labels can be made visible by selecting object with the mouse (see Figure 2).

We plan later to provide an editor that will customize a map by choosing and defining objects from a set of standard icons. This utility will allow

creation of hybrid maps that can be stored in a user-specific component of the database.

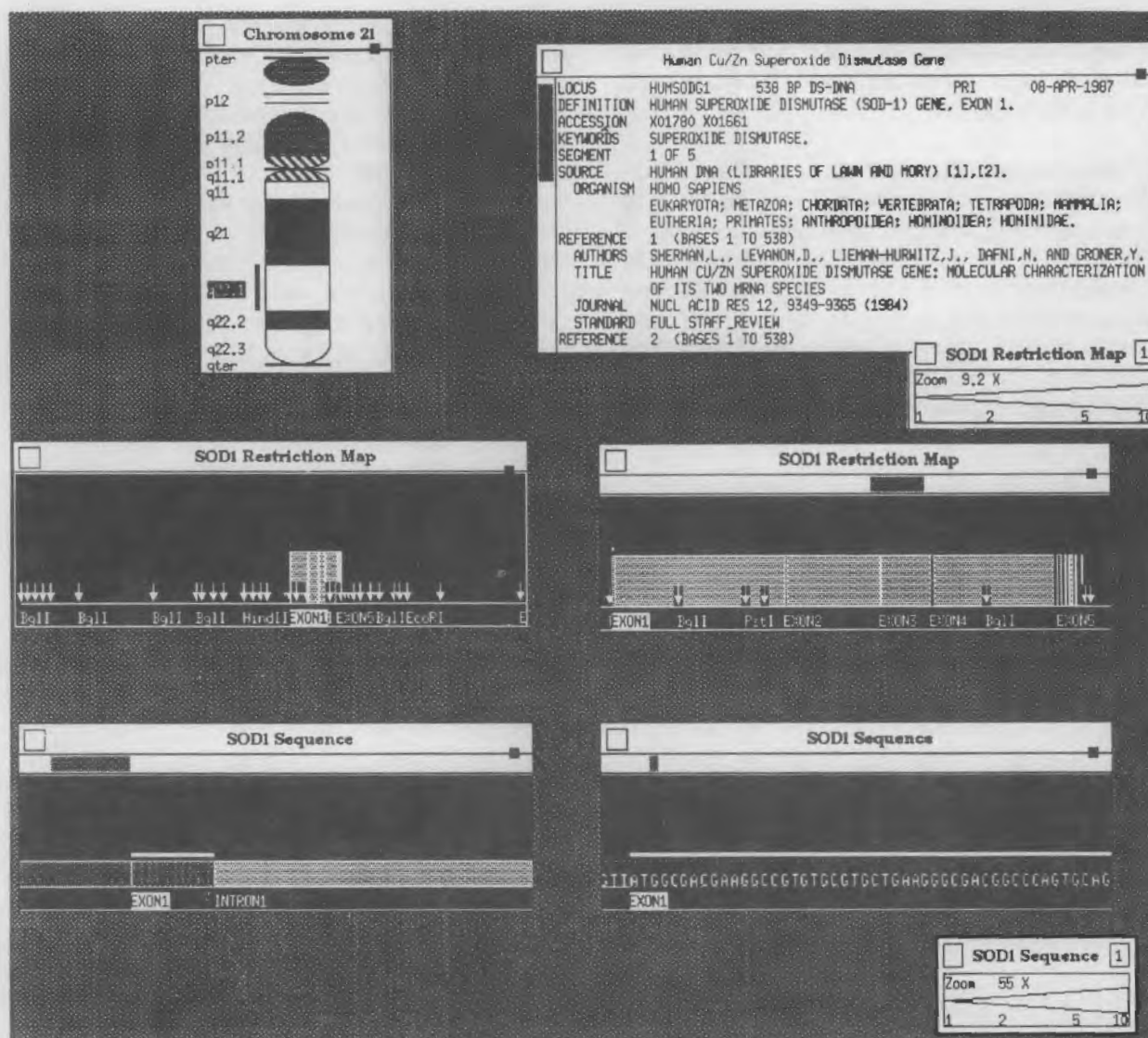


FIGURE 2. Superoxide Dismutase Mapping Hierarchy. The SOD1 (superoxide dismutase) locus is located on band q22.1 of chromosome 21. Portions of SOD1 restriction enzyme map are shown at two magnifications. Exon 1 has been keyed on and is shown at two magnifications at sequence level. Highest magnification shows actual DNA bases. Also shown is GenBank information header describing exon 1. These maps were constructed by linking objects together in the GnomeView network-model database. The "map widget" accepts streams of data from database and draws appropriate maps. Zoom controllers (shown) are used to obtain different magnifications.

The following specific graphics tools have been implemented.

1. A pull-down menu for each window with the following choices at the chromosome level: Zoom, Search, List maps, Query, Redisplay, Change resolution, Help, and Quit.
2. A zoom controller that allows zooming to different magnifications within a window by pointing and clicking (mouse).

3. The ability to select objects or regions from the graphics representation for further information or queries.
4. A color index for each window that presents the color code for objects within that window.

GenBank headers can now be accessed at the sequence level, and features can be drawn automatically on the sequence representation (see Figure 2). Some simple pattern location tools for

finding specific short sequences with mismatch scoring have been implemented. A complete set of analysis tools will need to be implemented (at the sequence level).

We have also developed a dictionary of terms, currently containing 23 words, that can be used to query objects in the database for chromosome mapping. Words have been chosen to have both a generic meaning and a specific quality reflecting the nature of the mapped object, and can be combined to retrieve a list that will include the desired object from the database. A similar dictionary, limited to about 20 words, will be developed for each level in the mapping hierarchy.

As research on the human genome progresses, it is anticipated that the number of objects located

on any region of a particular map will increase dramatically. GnomeView displays objects on maps in response to user queries. Although queries filter displays to some extent, direct graphics display of all desired objects as regions with labels is still virtually impossible. Therefore, we have written code that tabulates objects in response to a query and displays the results as a color-coded histogram on a map representation. The histogram can be further queried, resulting in a list of objects contained in the histogram that can be used for further querying or displays. Work is in progress to develop the histogram representation for objects located at the chromosome level by using the chromosome map dictionary as the query.



**Medical
Applications**

Radioisotope Customer List

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This project has continued to provide technical assistance to the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Energy Research, Office of Health and Environmental Research, by preparing the annual DOE radioisotope customer list. The report describes radioisotope distribution from DOE facilities to private firms, both domestic and foreign, as well as to other DOE facilities.

Information summarizing the FY 1988 commercial radioisotope production and distribution activities at DOE facilities was compiled using a computerized database management system to aid in tracking the quantities and subsequent revenues generated from the sale of radioisotopes produced at DOE facilities. A total of 1407 shipments of radioisotopes was distributed from DOE facilities during FY 1988 with a value of \$11M, an increase in revenues of 3% from FY 1987. The total dollar values of domestic shipments, foreign shipments, and shipments within DOE from 1974 through 1978 are given in Figure 1. In FY 1988, 61% of the revenue was from sales to domestic private firms, 35% from sales to foreign private firms, and 4% from transfer to other DOE facilities.

This information was summarized in the document entitled *U.S. Department of Energy Radioisotope Customers with Summary of Radioisotope Shipments, FY 1988*, which contains information on isotope suppliers, customers (domestic and foreign private firms as well as other DOE facilities), geographic locations of customers, and isotopes purchased, sold, and transferred. The DOE facilities included in the document are Argonne National Laboratory, Brookhaven National Laboratory, Idaho National Engineering

Laboratory, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Pacific Northwest Laboratory, Savannah River Operations Office, and Westinghouse Hanford Company. This document was the twenty-fifth report in a series dating from 1964.

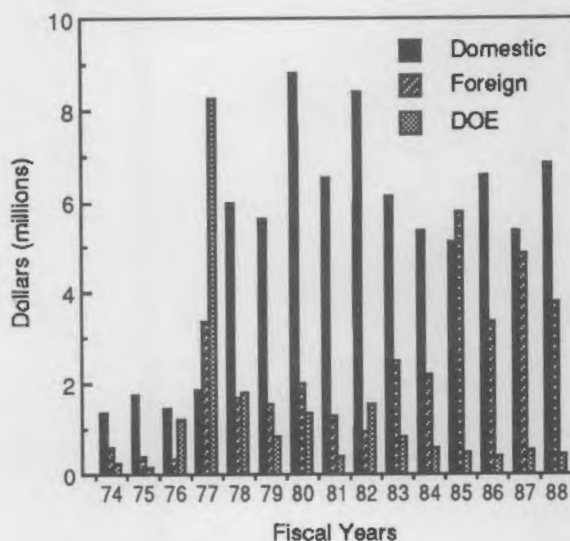


FIGURE 1. 15-Year Trend Analysis of Radioisotope Shipments from DOE Facilities (total dollar value)



Appendix

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Dose-Effect Studies with Inhaled Plutonium in Beagles

On the following pages (pp. 103-118), data are presented for all dogs assigned to current life-span dose-effect studies with inhaled $^{239}\text{PuO}_2$, $^{238}\text{PuO}_2$, and ^{239}Pu nitrate. Information is presented on the estimated initial lung deposition, based on external thorax counts and on estimated lung weights ($0.011 \times$ body weight) at time of exposure. Information is also provided on the current interpretation of the most prominent clinicopathological features associated with the death of animals. These data represent information presently available, and are presented as reference material for scientists who desire to follow in detail the progress of these experiments.

DOSE-EFFECT STUDIES WITH INHALED PU-239 OXIDE IN BEAGLES

DOSE GROUP	DOG IDENT	INITIAL ALVEOLAR DEPOSITION			INHALATION EXPOSURE			DATE OF DEATH	MONTHS SINCE INHALATION		COMMENTS ON DEAD DOGS
		NCI	NCI/G LUNG	NCI/KG	WEIGHT (KG)	AGE* (MO)	DATE		9/30/89	DEATH	
CONTROL	738 F	0	0.00	0.00				08/11/83	171.5*		Hemangiosarcoma, Heart
CONTROL	740 F	0	0.00	0.00				08/18/83	169.8*		Malignant Lymphoma
CONTROL	749 F	0	0.00	0.00				09/14/84	183.4*		Adrenelitis
CONTROL	755 M	0	0.00	0.00				12/10/82	182.2*		Status Epilepti, Nephrosclero
CONTROL	768 M	0	0.00	0.00				08/28/84	180.3*		Lung Tumor
CONTROL	775 F	0	0.00	0.00				10/05/81	147.3*		Pulmonary Thromboembolism
CONTROL	785 M	0	0.00	0.00				09/02/87	217.5*		Luxated Vertebral Disc
CONTROL	789 M	0	0.00	0.00				07/25/83	167.9*		Malignant Lymphoma
CONTROL	792 M	0	0.00	0.00				04/28/78	79.5*		Oral Tumor
CONTROL	800 F	0	0.00	0.00				11/17/86	204.9*		Malignant Pheochromocytoma
CONTROL	801 M	0	0.00	0.00				02/23/82	148.1*		Lung Tumor
CONTROL	811 F	0	0.00	0.00				02/24/85	183.1*		Oral cav.: Malignant Melanoma
CONTROL	846 M	0	0.00	0.00				04/08/83	159.6*		Nephrosclerosis
CONTROL	861 M	0	0.00	0.00				11/18/88	202.6*		Cushing's, Intestinal Carcinom
CONTROL	888 F	0	0.00	0.00				03/24/87	205.4*		Chronic Nephropathy
CONTROL	872 F	0	0.00	0.00				11/05/82	152.8*		Lung Tumor
CONTROL	878 M	0	0.00	0.00				01/22/85	177.4*		Chronic Nephropathy
CONTROL	882 M	0	0.00	0.00				11/08/81	138.7*		Hemangiosarcoma, Liver
CONTROL	885 F	0	0.00	0.00				02/18/83	153.5*		Lung Tumor
CONTROL	903 F	0	0.00	0.00				01/30/85	174.6*		Malignant Lymphoma
CONTROL SACRIFICE	701 F	0	0.00	0.00				04/18/79	121.0*		Sacrificed
CONTROL SACRIFICE	703 M	0	0.00	0.00				03/24/77	98.2*		Sacrificed
CONTROL SACRIFICE	724 M	0	0.00	0.00				03/30/78	107.9*		Sacrificed
D-1 LOWEST	758 M	0	0.00	0.00	13.0	19.5	01/19/71	04/21/83	147.0		Epilepsy
D-1 LOWEST	762 M	0	0.00	0.00	11.5	19.3	01/19/71	01/24/77	72.2		Sacrificed
D-1 LOWEST	847 M	0	0.00	0.00	13.0	18.5	07/08/71	01/23/85	162.6		Kidney Failure
D-1 LOWEST	858 M	0	0.00	0.00	13.5	18.2	07/08/71	10/01/80	182.9		Lymphocytic Leukemia
D-1 LOWEST	866 F	0	0.00	0.00	9.0	17.4	07/08/71	09/18/80	182.4		Acute Pneumonia, Lung Tumor
D-1 LOWEST	879 M	0	0.00	0.00	14.5	17.9	10/07/71	07/27/84	153.7		Hemangiosarcoma, Liver, Spleen
D-1 LOWEST	888 F	0	0.00	0.00	10.5	18.2	11/10/71	04/04/84	148.8		Meningioma, Malignant
D-1 LOWEST	907 F	0	0.00	0.00	11.5	15.9	11/10/71	05/10/80	174.0		Pneumonia
D-1 LOWEST	825 F	1	0.01	0.12	11.5	18.1	08/08/71	11/17/82	137.3		Hemangiosarcoma, Spleen
D-1 LOWEST	849 F	1	0.01	0.10	10.0	21.3	10/07/71	10/26/72	12.6		Sacrificed

* Indicates age in months since birth, all other ages are in months since exposure.

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D-1 LOWEST	904 F	1	0.01	0.07	9.5	15.9	11/10/71	12/19/83	146.3		Chondrosarcoma, Nasal
D-1 LOWEST	832 F	2	0.02	0.22	9.0	16.5	04/28/71	03/03/86	178.2		Malignant Lymphoma
D-1 LOWEST	908 M	3	0.02	0.22	13.0	16.0	11/10/71	05/21/82	126.3		Round Cell Sarcoma
D-1 LOWEST	870 F	4	0.03	0.32	12.0	16.9	07/06/71	05/04/84	154.0		Pneumonia
D-1 LOWEST	899 F	4	0.03	0.31	11.5	16.0	11/10/71	03/29/81	112.8		Hemangiosarcoma, Heart
D-1 LOWEST	867 M	5	0.04	0.41	11.5	17.4	07/06/71	02/07/86	175.1		Malignant Lymphoma
D-1 LOWEST	891 M	6	0.04	0.41	14.0	16.0	11/10/71	06/26/81	115.5		Septicemia
D-1 LOWEST	853 M	8	0.05	0.51	15.0	21.3	10/07/71	12/12/84	158.2		Bronchopneumonia
D-1 LOWEST	875 M	8	0.05	0.54	14.0	18.8	07/06/71	05/21/78	82.5		Kidney: Malignant Lymphoma
D-1 LOWEST	770 F	8	0.06	0.63	9.5	19.1	01/19/71	11/29/84	166.3		Glomerulosclerosis
D-1 LOWEST	788 M	8	0.06	0.62	13.0	18.8	02/10/71	04/13/84	158.1		Chronic Nephropathy
D-1 LOWEST	850 F	6	0.06	0.63	8.0	21.3	10/07/71	06/06/83	140.0		Bone Tmr, Chronic Nephropathy
D-1 LOWEST	893 M	9	0.06	0.61	14.0	14.9	10/07/71	07/01/86	176.8		Pneumonia
D-1 LOWEST	807 F	8	0.07	0.73	11.0	14.6	02/10/71	07/24/81	126.4		Pituitary Tumor, Cushing's
D-1 LOWEST	841 F	8	0.07	0.75	8.0	17.7	06/06/71	04/01/86	177.8		Malignant Lymphoma
D-1 LOWEST	908 M	9	0.07	0.77	11.0	15.9	11/10/71	04/01/80	100.7		Unknown, Pulmon. Hyalinosis
D-2 LOW	770 M	10	0.07	0.74	13.5	20.2	03/04/71	09/19/84	162.6		Bronchopneumonia
D-2 LOW	842 M	10	0.07	0.77	13.5	18.6	07/06/71	05/01/85	165.0		Lung Tmr, Chronic Nephropathy
D-2 LOW	767 M	10	0.08	0.88	12.0	18.2	12/21/70	12/09/85	179.6		Valvular Endocardopathy
D-2 LOW	920 M	11	0.08	0.92	12.0	16.0	06/08/72	07/07/72	1.0		Sacrificed
D-2 LOW	862 M	13	0.09	1.06	13.0	17.3	06/08/71	06/25/83	144.0		Peritonitis
D-2 LOW	871 M	13	0.09	0.96	13.5	16.9	07/06/71	07/24/86	180.6		Malignant Melanoma, Oral
D-2 LOW	874 M	16	0.11	1.24	13.0	18.0	07/06/71	04/09/85	165.1		Chronic Nephropathy
D-2 LOW	754 M	22	0.15	1.69	13.0	19.5	01/19/71	01/10/78	83.7		Epilepsy
D-2 LOW	845 F	19	0.15	1.63	11.5	17.6	06/08/71	08/09/84	158.1		Urinary Bladder Tumor
D-2 LOW	748 F	14	0.16	1.75	8.0	19.5	01/19/71	08/19/81	127.0		Unknown Cause
D-2 LOW	798 F	16	0.16	1.78	9.0	15.7	02/10/71	06/20/74	42.6		Sacrificed
D-2 LOW	828 F	19	0.17	1.90	10.0	19.1	07/06/71	04/17/84	153.4		Hemangioma, Spleen
D-2 LOW	831 F	21	0.18	2.00	10.5	17.9	06/08/71	05/14/84	155.2		Pneumonia
D-2 LOW	881 F	19	0.19	2.09	9.0	17.7	10/07/71	12/20/86	182.4		Acute Pneumonia
D-2 LOW	780 F	24	0.22	2.40	10.0	18.2	01/19/71	04/08/82	134.6		Pheochromocytoma
D-2 LOW	859 M	35	0.22	2.41	14.5	18.2	07/06/71	04/22/84	153.8		Urinary Bladder Tumor
D-2 LOW	757 M	36	0.23	2.57	14.0	18.5	12/21/70	11/26/86	191.2		Leiomyosarcoma, Kidney, Lung Tm

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0-2 LOW	876 F	19	0.24	2.89	7.0	17.9	10/07/71	05/05/88	174.9	Nephropathy, Lung Tumor
0-2 LOW	808 F	26	0.25	2.74	9.5	15.3	03/04/71	10/29/82	139.9	Palate: Malignant Melanoma
0-2 LOW	813 F	32	0.29	3.20	10.0	15.1	03/04/71	12/15/83	153.4	Multilobular Sarcoma, Skull
0-2 LOW	877 F	34	0.29	3.24	10.5	17.0	10/07/71	05/08/88	174.9	Lung Tumor
0-2 LOW	769 F	28	0.32	3.50	8.0	18.2	12/21/70	08/23/78	90.1	Ovarian Tumor
0-2 LOW	802 M	40	0.33	3.64	11.0	18.1	04/26/71	12/28/84	164.1	Pneumonia
0-3 MED-LOW	781 F	40	0.38	4.17	11.5	17.3	12/21/70	02/20/81	122.0	Kidney Tumor, Lung Tumor
0-3 MED-LOW	771 F	44	0.40	4.40	10.0	19.2	01/20/71	11/02/83	153.4	Lung Tumor
0-3 MED-LOW	782 M	62	0.42	4.59	13.5	19.0	02/10/71	05/27/83	147.5	Neurofibrosarcoma, Brach.Pi.
0-3 MED-LOW	786 M	62	0.42	4.59	13.5	19.5	03/04/71	05/29/88	182.8	Adrenocortical Carc, Lung Tmr
0-3 MED-LOW	762 M	62	0.43	4.77	13.0	18.8	12/21/70	02/22/79	98.1	Lung Tumor, Adrenal Tumor
0-3 MED-LOW	823 M	65	0.44	4.81	13.5	18.8	04/26/71	05/24/84	158.9	Urinary Bladder Tumor
0-3 MED-LOW	883 M	83	0.44	4.85	13.0	17.7	10/07/71	01/25/88	195.8	Chronic Nephropathy
0-3 MED-LOW	778 M	74	0.46	5.10	14.5	20.2	03/04/71	08/26/79	101.7	Pulmonary Thromboembolism
0-3 MED-LOW	838 M	56	0.46	5.09	11.0	17.8	08/08/71	07/20/84	157.4	Malignant Lymphoma, Lung Tmr
0-3 MED-LOW	795 F	54	0.49	5.40	10.0	15.0	01/20/71	09/06/83	151.5	Lung Tumor
0-3 MED-LOW	815 M	68	0.52	5.87	12.0	18.8	04/26/71	06/22/73	24.9	Sacrificed
0-3 MED-LOW	851 F	53	0.54	5.89	9.0	21.3	10/07/71	12/07/86	182.0	Thyroid Carc, Hypothyroidism
0-3 MED-LOW	918 M	74	0.58	6.43	11.5	18.0	06/08/72	07/06/72	0.9	Sacrificed
0-3 MED-LOW	834 F	67	0.69	7.44	9.0	17.0	06/08/71	07/05/79	96.9	Pyometra
0-3 MED-LOW	797 F	85	0.70	7.73	11.0	18.4	03/04/71	05/16/86	182.4	Lung Tumor
0-3 MED-LOW	848 F	75	0.72	7.94	9.5	21.3	10/07/71	10/02/86	179.8	Acute Pneumonia
0-3 MED-LOW	827 F	89	0.74	8.09	11.0	18.7	04/26/71	01/08/85	164.4	Acute Pneumonitis
0-3 MED-LOW	897 M	140	0.85	9.33	15.0	19.5	10/08/70	05/08/80	114.3	Cardiac Valve Insufficiency
0-3 MED-LOW	750 M	110	0.93	10.26	11.5	19.8	01/20/71	08/28/84	161.2	Lung Tmr, Malignant Lymphoma
0-3 MED-LOW	884 M	123	1.12	12.30	10.0	17.8	10/08/71	09/12/84	155.2	Lung Tumor
0-3 MED-LOW	844 F	135	1.17	12.88	10.5	17.8	06/08/71	08/08/85	170.6	Nephropathy, Lung Tumor
0-3 MED-LOW	905 F	127	1.88	14.94	8.5	15.9	11/10/71	02/07/83	134.9	Malignant Lymphoma
0-4 MEDIUM	866 M	200	1.35	14.81	13.5	17.4	07/06/71	06/27/84	155.7	Lung Tumor
0-4 MEDIUM	809 F	157	1.86	14.95	10.5	15.3	03/04/71	05/28/81	122.8	Liver Cirr, Thy Tm, Addison's
0-4 MEDIUM	764 F	150	1.37	15.05	10.5	18.2	12/21/70	07/07/82	138.5	Lung Tumor
0-4 MEDIUM	835 F	163	1.48	16.30	10.0	18.4	04/26/71	06/25/78	86.0	Reticulum Cell Sarcoma
0-4 MEDIUM	839 F	189	1.49	16.43	11.5	18.3	04/26/71	02/03/86	177.3	Lung Tumor, Bile Duct Carcinom

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D-4 MEDIUM	814 F	140	1.50	16.47	8.5	15.1	03/04/71	10/17/79	103.5		Lung Tumor, Thyroid Adenoma
D-4 MEDIUM	838 M	258	1.68	18.29	14.0	17.8	06/08/71	03/18/81	117.3		Lung Tumor
D-4 MEDIUM	819 F	183	1.74	19.18	8.5	18.2	06/08/71	06/20/85	170.4		Nephropathy, Lung Tumor
D-4 MEDIUM	888 M	274	1.78	19.57	14.0	17.1	10/08/71	07/02/79	92.8		Lung Tumor
D-4 MEDIUM	824 F	227	1.79	19.74	11.5	18.1	06/08/71	01/26/81	115.8		Bronchopneumonia
D-4 MEDIUM	888 M	254	1.85	20.32	12.5	17.3	06/08/71	06/24/82	132.5		Lung Tumor
D-4 MEDIUM	833 F	248	2.37	28.11	9.5	18.5	04/26/71	04/04/83	143.3		Metritis, Adrenal & Thyr Tumor
D-4 MEDIUM	810 F	302	2.39	28.28	11.5	15.3	03/04/71	09/09/81	126.2		Lung Tumor
D-4 MEDIUM	794 M	444	2.80	28.65	15.5	17.7	03/04/71	02/17/81	119.5		Pituitary Tumor, Cushing's
D-4 MEDIUM	854 M	465	2.84	29.06	18.0	21.8	10/06/71	01/25/82	123.8		Lung Tumor
D-4 MEDIUM	478 M	298	2.71	29.80	18.0	64.0	10/09/70	10/18/78	0.2		Sacrificed
D-4 MEDIUM	808 F	270	2.89	31.78	8.5	14.6	02/10/71	09/09/82	138.9		Lung Tumor
D-4 MEDIUM	805 F	257	3.12	34.27	7.5	18.6	06/08/71	07/22/82	133.5		Esophageal & Lung Tumor
D-4 MEDIUM	812 M	438	3.19	35.04	12.5	17.1	04/28/71	11/12/79	102.8		Lung Tumor
D-4 MEDIUM	857 M	486	3.40	37.38	13.0	17.3	06/08/71	07/01/80	108.8		Lung Tumor
D-4 MEDIUM	892 M	494	3.59	39.52	12.5	18.0	11/10/71	10/26/81	119.5		Lung Tumor
D-4 MEDIUM	816 M	398	3.82	39.80	10.0	18.8	04/25/71	05/11/71	0.6		Sacrificed
D-4 MEDIUM	777 M	548	3.97	48.68	12.5	20.2	03/04/71	03/26/80	108.7		Lung Tumor
D-4 MEDIUM	803 M	547	4.82	47.57	11.5	18.1	04/26/71	11/10/77	78.5		Interstitial Pneumonitis
D-5 MED-HIGH	787 M	851	4.73	52.08	12.5	19.5	03/04/71	02/08/79	95.2		Lung Tumor, Intestinal Tumor
D-5 MED-HIGH	840 F	703	4.92	54.08	13.0	17.7	06/08/71	04/29/80	106.7		Lung Tumor
D-5 MED-HIGH	727 M	733	5.33	58.64	12.5	18.8	10/26/70	11/10/78	72.5		Lung Tumor
D-5 MED-HIGH	898 F	711	5.39	59.25	12.0	18.0	11/10/71	02/03/81	118.8		Uri Bladr & Lung & Adr Tumor
D-5 MED-HIGH	856 F	818	5.72	62.92	13.0	18.2	07/07/71	05/02/79	93.8		Lung Tumor
D-5 MED-HIGH	759 M	809	6.13	67.42	12.0	18.3	12/21/70	06/02/76	53.4		Lung Tumor
D-5 MED-HIGH	864 F	801	6.82	72.82	11.0	17.4	07/07/71	11/02/79	99.9		Lung Tumor
D-5 MED-HIGH	909 M	737	6.70	73.70	10.0	16.9	11/10/71	08/04/81	114.8		Lung Tumor
D-5 MED-HIGH	734 M	914	6.92	76.17	12.0	19.2	11/10/70	04/01/71	4.7		Sacrificed
D-5 MED-HIGH	837 M	1283	6.04	88.48	14.5	18.8	07/07/71	07/21/77	72.5		Lung Tumor
D-5 MED-HIGH	803 F	980	8.48	93.33	10.5	17.4	07/07/71	10/21/77	75.5		Lung Tumor
D-5 MED-HIGH	820 F	847	8.58	94.11	9.0	18.2	06/08/71	06/01/79	95.8		Lung Tumor
D-5 MED-HIGH	852 F	1167	9.38	103.22	11.5	21.3	10/08/71	02/22/78	76.5		Lung Tumor
D-5 MED-HIGH	880 F	840	9.55	105.00	8.0	17.8	10/08/71	12/04/78	85.8		Lung Tumor

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D-6 MED-HIGH	889 F	1089	9.90	108.90	10.0	16.0	11/10/71	09/20/79	94.3		Lung Tumor, Osteoarthropathy
D-6 MED-HIGH	783 M	1394	10.14	111.52	12.5	19.0	02/10/71	12/03/75	57.7		Lung Tumor
D-6 MED-HIGH	804 M	1344	10.18	112.00	12.0	20.5	07/07/71	08/18/74	37.4		Lung Tumor, Rad. Pneumonitis
D-6 MED-HIGH	873 M	1767	10.71	117.80	15.0	10.0	07/07/71	09/03/76	01.9		Lung Tumor
D-6 MED-HIGH	760 M	1378	10.89	119.83	11.5	19.3	01/20/71	08/16/73	30.0		Radiation Pneumonitis
D-6 MED-HIGH	798 F	1318	11.41	125.52	10.5	15.7	02/10/71	09/17/75	55.2		Lung Tumor, Osteoarthropathy
D-6 MED-HIGH	761 M	1460	12.07	132.73	11.0	19.3	01/20/71	11/02/76	69.4		Lung Tumor
D-6 MED-HIGH	709 M	1720	12.55	138.08	12.5	19.6	11/10/70	03/31/71	4.6		Sacrificed
D-6 MED-HIGH	772 M	1090	14.99	164.87	11.5	19.8	02/10/71	08/28/75	52.5		Lung Tumor, Osteoarthropathy
D-6 MED-HIGH	702 F	1682	15.29	168.20	10.0	19.8	11/10/70	03/31/71	4.6		Sacrificed
D-6 MED-HIGH	739 F	1511	17.17	188.88	8.0	18.5	11/10/70	04/01/71	4.7		Sacrificed
D-6 HIGH	753 F	2448	23.43	257.88	9.5	18.5	12/21/70	10/02/78	69.4		Lung Tumor
D-6 HIGH	817 M	3164	23.97	283.07	12.0	19.2	07/07/71	03/28/73	20.0		Radiation Pneumonitis
D-6 HIGH	829 M	3515	24.58	270.38	13.0	19.1	07/07/71	09/13/73	26.3		Radiation Pneumonitis
D-6 HIGH	890 F	3101	31.32	344.58	9.0	18.0	11/10/71	08/13/74	31.1		Radiation Pneumonitis
D-6 HIGH	435 F	3840	33.25	365.71	10.5	75.5	11/05/70	11/12/70	0.2		Sacrificed
D-6 HIGH	913 M	4900	35.84	392.00	12.5	17.4	07/19/72	08/10/72	1.0		Sacrificed
D-6 HIGH	908 F	6632	63.46	698.11	9.5	15.9	11/09/71	11/22/72	12.5		Radiation Pneumonitis
D-6 HIGH	896 F	5515	66.85	735.33	7.5	16.0	11/10/71	02/12/73	15.1		Radiation Pneumonitis
D-6 HIGH	747 F	7478	97.09	1058.00	7.0	19.0	01/20/71	01/13/72	11.8		Radiation Pneumonitis
D-6 HIGH	910 M	14267	103.78	1141.36	12.5	15.9	11/10/71	10/12/72	11.1		Radiation Pneumonitis

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		NCI	NCI/G LUNG	NCI/KG	WEIGHT (KG)	AGE* (MO)	DATE		9/30/89	DEATH	
CONTROL	939 M	0	0.00	0.00				10/01/82	136.9*	Urinary Bladder Tumor	
CONTROL	949 F	0	0.00	0.00				10/30/84	101.7*	Malignant Lymphoma	
CONTROL	978 M	0	0.00	0.00				04/07/88	202.8*	Processing	
CONTROL	990 F	0	0.00	0.00				07/08/79	97.4*	Pyometra	
CONTROL	990 F	0	0.00	0.00				07/08/84	157.2*	Malignant Lymphoma	
CONTROL	1006 M	0	0.00	0.00				02/24/87	188.8*	Lung Tumor	
CONTROL	1007 F	0	0.00	0.00				03/29/88	201.9*	Processing	
CONTROL	1024 M	0	0.00	0.00				07/13/87	192.9*	Trans. Cell Carc. Urethra	
CONTROL	1038 M	0	0.00	0.00				12/18/88	183.9*	Hemangiosarcoma, Spleen	
CONTROL	1045 M	0	0.00	0.00				06/08/88	177.6*	Renal Amyloidosis, Spl Hemangi	
CONTROL	1064 F	0	0.00	0.00				12/05/88	207.3*	Processing	
CONTROL	1081 F	0	0.00	0.00				07/07/81	118.2*	Malignant Lymphoma	
CONTROL	1093 M	0	0.00	0.00				11/04/83	142.4*	Pituitary Tumor, Cushing's	
CONTROL	1097 F	0	0.00	0.00				09/15/88	200.1*	Processing	
CONTROL	1112 M	0	0.00	0.00				12/02/88	178.4*	Malignant Lymphoma	
CONTROL	1118 F	0	0.00	0.00				04/07/89	206.3*	Processing	
CONTROL	1186 F	0	0.00	0.00				07/28/85	155.3*	Urinary Bladder Tumor	
CONTROL	1197 M	0	0.00	0.00				04/26/89	199.8*	Processing	
CONTROL	1209 M	0	0.00	0.00				12/27/88	195.6*	Pulmonary Interstitial Fibrosis	
CONTROL	1226 F	0	0.00	0.00				10/10/87	180.2*	Pituitary Adenoma	
CONTROL SACRIFICE	966 M	0	0.00	0.00				04/30/77	71.6*	Sacrificed	
CONTROL SACRIFICE	1011 F	0	0.00	0.00				06/01/78	83.9*	Sacrificed	
CONTROL SACRIFICE	1013 F	0	0.00	0.00				05/29/79	96.8*	Sacrificed	
CONTROL SACRIFICE	1087 M	0	0.00	0.00				12/14/78	60.0*	Sacrificed	
CONTROL SACRIFICE	1118 M	0	0.00	0.00				01/13/78	47.5*	Sacrificed	
CONTROL SACRIFICE	1223 M	0	0.00	0.00				05/15/75	31.9*	Sacrificed	
CONTROL SACRIFICE	1227 M	0	0.00	0.00				12/01/78	49.9*	Sacrificed	
CONTROL SACRIFICE	1228 M	0	0.00	0.00				10/31/78	72.9*	Sacrificed	
D-1 LOWEST	998 M	0	0.00	0.00	10.5	19.8	01/18/73	04/11/86	158.7	Lung Tumor	
D-1 LOWEST	1003 M	0	0.00	0.00	14.0	19.8	01/18/73	04/01/87	170.4	Transitional Carc, Uri Bladr	
D-1 LOWEST	1023 F	0	0.00	0.00	12.5	19.2	01/18/73	03/27/88	182.2	Processing	
D-1 LOWEST	1039 M	0	0.00	0.00	11.0	17.0	01/18/73	07/04/86	161.6	Heart Failure	
D-1 LOWEST	1044 F	0	0.00	0.00	11.5	17.0	01/18/73	08/31/88	187.4	Processing	

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D-1 LOWEST	1065 M	0	0.00	0.00	13.0	10.6	01/18/73	06/04/87	172.5		Malignant Melanoma, Oral
D-1 LOWEST	1063 M	0	0.00	0.00	14.5	10.7	01/18/73	11/11/80	93.8		Brain Tumor, Heart Tumor
D-1 LOWEST	1105 F	0	0.00	0.00	10.0	10.4	05/31/73	02/08/85	140.3		Malignant Lymphoma
D-1 LOWEST	1194 F	0	0.00	0.00	10.5	19.8	04/18/74	12/03/85	139.5		Malignant Lymphoma
D-1 LOWEST	1215 M	0	0.00	0.00	15.5	19.3	04/18/74	04/28/77	38.3		Sacrificed
D-1 LOWEST	1230 M	0	0.00	0.00	12.5	18.4	04/18/74	09/30/86	149.4		Hemangiosarcoma, Liver
D-1 LOWEST	951 M	2	0.01	0.14	14.0	19.3	12/19/72	02/14/83	121.9		Anesthetic Death
D-1 LOWEST	1008 M	2	0.01	0.15	13.5	19.8	01/18/73	10/24/85	153.2		Fibrosarcoma, Spleen
D-1 LOWEST	1193 F	2	0.01	0.16	12.5	19.8	04/18/74	01/22/86	141.2		Immune Hemolytic Anemia
D-1 LOWEST	959 M	3	0.02	0.22	13.5	19.2	12/19/72	08/22/84	138.1		Liver Abscess
D-1 LOWEST	1069 F	2	0.02	0.24	8.5	18.1	05/31/73	08/24/83	120.8		Malignant Lymphoma
D-1 LOWEST	1095 F	2	0.02	0.19	10.5	16.6	05/31/73	08/12/87	170.4		Chronic Nephropathy
D-1 LOWEST	921 F	3	0.03	0.31	10.0	19.5	11/30/72	12/27/72	0.9		Sacrificed
D-1 LOWEST	923 F	3	0.03	0.35	8.5	19.5	11/30/72	01/28/73	1.9		Sacrificed
D-1 LOWEST	989 F	3	0.03	0.32	9.5	18.8	12/19/72	03/05/81	98.5		Bone Tumor, Fibrosarcoma
D-1 LOWEST	925 M	5	0.04	0.40	12.5	19.5	11/30/72	02/27/73	2.9		Sacrificed
D-1 LOWEST	1204 M	6	0.04	0.43	14.0	17.7	02/26/74	02/23/89	179.9		Trans. Cell Carc, Urethra
D-1 LOWEST	970 F	8	0.05	0.55	11.0	19.2	12/19/72	01/04/77	48.6		Sacrificed
D-1 LOWEST	993 F	8	0.05	0.50	12.0	18.8	12/19/72	07/01/86	182.4		Malignant Lymphoma
D-1 LOWEST	1106 F	5	0.05	0.50	10.0	18.4	05/31/73	03/14/83	117.4		Adrenal Tmr, Osteoarthritis
D-2 LOW	1065 F	6	0.05	0.60	10.0	18.3	05/31/73	04/10/86	154.3		Malignant Lymphoma, Lung Tmr
D-2 LOW	1082 M	11	0.06	0.69	10.0	18.0	05/31/73	12/04/79	78.1		Paralysis, Spinal Cord Degen.
D-2 LOW	1188 M	11	0.06	0.71	15.5	18.4	02/26/74	01/15/84	118.6		Metastatic Lng Tmr, Prim. Unk
D-2 LOW	1084 M	13	0.07	0.76	17.0	17.5	05/31/73	08/19/89	194.8		Processing
D-2 LOW	1090 F	10	0.08	0.83	12.0	17.3	05/31/73	05/10/87	167.3		Heart Failure
D-2 LOW	1222 M	15	0.10	1.07	14.0	19.0	04/18/74	03/19/86	143.0		Malign (mediast) Mesothelioma
D-2 LOW	971 F	13	0.11	1.24	10.5	19.2	12/19/72	05/04/83	124.5		Hemangiosarcoma, Spleen
D-2 LOW	999 F	11	0.11	1.16	9.5	18.7	12/19/72	01/31/86	157.4		Nasal Sarcoma, Lung Tumor
D-2 LOW	1229 M	16	0.11	1.19	13.5	16.8	02/26/74	05/25/84	122.9		Pneumonia, Thyroid Tumor
D-2 LOW	1070 M	22	0.12	1.33	10.5	18.1	05/31/73	12/18/83	128.4		Round Cell Sarcoma: Kidney
D-2 LOW	1214 M	17	0.12	1.36	12.5	19.3	04/18/74	05/12/75	12.9		Sacrificed
D-2 LOW	955 M	17	0.14	1.55	11.0	19.2	12/19/72	01/27/87	189.3		Lng Tumor, Bile Duct Adenoma
D-2 LOW	1033 M	17	0.14	1.55	11.0	19.1	02/22/73	12/17/85	153.8		Lung Tumor

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D-2 LOW	1036 F	16	0.14	1.52	10.5	18.2	02/22/73	05/08/87	170.4		Malignant Melanoma, Oral
D-2 LOW	1216 M	23	0.16	1.77	13.0	19.3	04/18/74	04/22/87	156.1		Malignant Lymphoma
D-2 LOW	1000 F	22	0.18	2.00	11.0	17.0	02/22/73	12/21/84	141.9		Pneumonia
D-2 LOW	981 M	30	0.21	2.31	13.0	19.0	12/19/72	01/12/89	192.8		Processing
D-2 LOW	1046 M	27	0.22	2.45	11.0	18.1	02/22/73	12/15/87	177.7		Lung Tumor
D-2 LOW	1050 F	22	0.22	2.44	9.0	18.1	02/22/73	05/14/86	158.7		Lung Tumor
D-2 LOW	1078 F	29	0.22	2.42	12.0	18.0	05/31/73	11/09/83	125.3		Meningioma, Malignant
D-2 LOW	1207 F	22	0.24	2.59	8.5	17.0	02/20/74	08/11/88	173.5		Herniated Vert Disc
D-2 LOW	1190 F	28	0.25	2.80	10.0	17.9	02/20/74	12/26/88	178.0		Salivary Squam. Carc, Lng Tmr
D-2 LOW	1189 M	38	0.26	2.81	13.5	20.0	04/18/74	04/25/79	80.2		Sacrificed
D-2 LOW	930 M	38	0.27	2.92	13.0	19.2	11/30/72	12/28/72	0.9		Sacrificed
D-3 MED-LOW	1006 M	54	0.31	3.38	10.0	18.3	05/31/73	06/21/83	120.7		Malignant Lymphoma
D-3 MED-LOW	972 F	40	0.33	3.64	11.0	19.2	12/19/72	03/04/86	150.5		Allergic Bronchitis
D-3 MED-LOW	1009 F	41	0.34	3.73	11.0	17.3	05/31/73	08/21/88	182.7		Processing
D-3 MED-LOW	1310 M	54	0.34	3.72	14.5	10.5	03/04/75	04/01/77	24.9		Sacrificed
D-3 MED-LOW	1312 M	50	0.34	3.74	15.5	10.5	03/04/75	03/26/79	48.7		Sacrificed
D-3 MED-LOW	1311 M	54	0.30	4.00	13.5	10.5	03/04/75	04/03/78	37.0		Sacrificed
D-3 MED-LOW	1219 F	46	0.40	4.38	10.5	19.0	04/18/74	12/05/88	151.6		Chronic Nephropathy
D-3 MED-LOW	1317 M	72	0.41	4.50	10.0	18.1	03/04/75	04/01/77	24.9		Sacrificed
D-3 MED-LOW	1158 M	73	0.43	4.71	15.5	17.7	11/08/73	06/10/88	175.3		Nasal Carcinoma
D-3 MED-LOW	1165 M	70	0.43	4.75	16.0	17.3	11/08/73	07/21/88	152.4		Acute Pneumonia
D-3 MED-LOW	1309 M	60	0.44	4.80	12.5	18.5	03/04/75	04/22/87	145.6		Hemangiosarcoma, Liver
D-3 MED-LOW	1318 M	67	0.45	4.98	13.5	18.1	03/04/75	03/08/78	12.2		Sacrificed
D-3 MED-LOW	029 F	41	0.50	5.47	7.5	19.2	11/30/72	01/25/73	1.0		Sacrificed
D-3 MED-LOW	1310 M	84	0.53	5.79	14.5	18.1	03/04/75	12/13/80	105.4		Posterior Paralysis
D-3 MED-LOW	060 M	68	0.54	5.91	11.5	19.2	12/19/72	11/07/80	94.6		Malignant Lymphoma
D-3 MED-LOW	1072 M	98	0.54	5.94	10.5	18.1	05/31/73	09/22/83	123.7		Delayed Radiation Pneumonitis
D-3 MED-LOW	1190 F	71	0.54	5.92	12.0	18.1	02/20/74	05/09/85	134.4		Lung Tumor
D-3 MED-LOW	028 M	75	0.55	6.00	12.5	19.5	11/30/72	02/28/73	3.0		Sacrificed
D-3 MED-LOW	1315 M	90	0.55	6.00	15.0	18.1	03/04/75	03/31/77	24.9		Sacrificed
D-3 MED-LOW	982 M	70	0.58	6.33	12.0	19.0	12/19/72	01/29/88	157.3		Pneumonia, Thyroid Carcinoma
D-3 MED-LOW	1040 M	84	0.61	6.72	12.5	18.2	02/22/73	03/04/81	96.3		Parathyroid Adenoma
D-3 MED-LOW	1059 F	71	0.65	7.10	10.0	17.0	02/22/73	06/08/83	125.5		Malignant Lymphoma

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D-3 MED-LOW	1319 M	99	0.67	7.33	13.5	18.1	03/04/76	03/09/76	12.2		Sacrificed
D-3 MED-LOW	1108 F	84	0.69	7.64	11.0	18.4	05/31/73	01/14/87	183.5		Posterior Paralysis
D-3 MED-LOW	1000 F	70	0.71	7.78	9.0	18.7	12/19/72	12/02/87	179.4		Transitional Carc, Uri Bladr
D-3 MED-LOW	1050 M	97	0.71	7.76	12.5	17.9	02/22/73	06/17/86	159.6		Pneumonia, Thyroid Carcinoma
D-3 MED-LOW	1004 M	116	0.73	8.00	14.5	19.6	01/18/73	04/30/87	171.3		Malign Lympho, Lung Tmr, Cholan
D-3 MED-LOW	1026 M	116	0.78	8.59	13.5	19.2	01/18/73	11/19/85	153.8		Hepatic Displasia
D-3 MED-LOW	1043 F	98	0.89	9.80	10.0	18.1	02/22/73	09/21/81	102.9		Empyema, Pituit.T., Cushing's
D-3 MED-LOW	1031 F	76	0.92	10.13	7.5	19.1	02/22/73	05/04/84	134.3		Pneumonia
D-3 MED-LOW	1212 F	111	1.12	12.33	9.0	17.8	02/26/74	06/24/88	171.9		Hepatocellular Carcinoma
D-4 MEDIUM	1176 M	129	0.87	9.50	13.5	18.0	11/06/73	12/12/85	145.2		Hemangioma, Spleen
D-4 MEDIUM	1221 F	124	1.13	12.40	10.0	19.0	04/18/74	09/30/88	173.4		Malign Lympho, Cholangiosarcom
D-4 MEDIUM	1195 M	228	1.38	15.20	16.0	18.1	02/26/74	07/29/87	161.0		Chron Nephro, Bile Duct Adenoma
D-4 MEDIUM	1032 M	102	1.40	15.43	10.5	18.3	11/30/72	12/08/72	0.3		Sacrificed
D-4 MEDIUM	1053 F	148	1.42	15.58	9.5	17.9	02/22/73	02/02/85	143.3		Cushing's Disease
D-4 MEDIUM	097 M	203	1.60	17.05	11.5	19.8	01/18/73	05/08/86	159.6		Lung Tumor
D-4 MEDIUM	091 F	104	1.76	19.40	10.0	18.8	12/19/72	06/20/83	128.0		Urinary Bladder & Ovarian Tmr
D-4 MEDIUM	1177 M	202	1.76	19.41	13.5	18.8	11/06/73	03/12/85	136.1		Bone Tumor
D-4 MEDIUM	032 F	216	1.79	19.64	11.0	19.1	11/30/72	01/25/78	1.8		Sacrificed
D-4 MEDIUM	1103 F	200	1.89	20.80	12.5	18.5	05/31/73	04/08/83	118.2		Bone Tumor, Lung Tumor
D-4 MEDIUM	073 F	271	2.24	24.64	11.0	19.2	12/19/72	10/08/84	141.6		Bone Tumor
D-4 MEDIUM	031 F	289	2.89	26.27	11.0	19.1	11/30/72	12/28/72	0.9		Sacrificed
D-4 MEDIUM	1091 F	243	2.60	28.59	8.5	17.3	05/31/73	11/10/86	161.3		Thyroid Carcinoma
D-4 MEDIUM	1114 M	430	2.76	29.66	14.5	18.4	05/31/73	04/23/85	142.8		Bone Tumor, Bile Duct Carcinom
D-4 MEDIUM	1062 M	485	2.93	32.22	13.5	17.8	02/22/73	05/30/84	135.2		Bone Tumor, Lung Tumor
D-4 MEDIUM	034 M	454	3.06	33.63	13.5	19.1	11/30/72	03/01/73	3.0		Sacrificed
D-4 MEDIUM	1081 M	541	3.07	33.81	18.0	18.0	05/31/73	01/18/80	79.6		Hemangiosarcoma, Heart
D-4 MEDIUM	1030 F	840	3.25	35.79	9.5	19.1	02/22/73	04/14/83	121.7		Pneumonia, Rad. Pneumonitis
D-4 MEDIUM	1198 M	530	3.50	38.50	14.0	17.9	02/26/74	09/14/88	150.6		Acute Pneumonia, Lung Tumor
D-4 MEDIUM	052 F	305	3.69	40.56	9.0	19.2	12/19/72	06/03/83	125.4		Bone Tumor
D-4 MEDIUM	1166 M	673	4.08	44.87	15.0	17.3	11/06/73	06/28/84	127.5		Malignant Lymphoma
D-4 MEDIUM	1220 F	518	4.28	47.09	11.0	19.0	04/18/74	12/09/86	151.7		Malignant Lymphoma, Addison's
D-4 MEDIUM	092 F	555	4.39	48.26	11.5	18.8	12/19/72	07/26/84	139.2		Bone Tumor
D-4 MEDIUM	083 M	617	4.67	51.42	12.0	19.0	12/19/72	12/29/83	132.3		Adrenal & Pituitary Tumor

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D-5 MED-HIGH	1191 F	591	4.48	49.25	12.0	19.8	04/18/74	03/21/77	35.1		Interstitial Pneumonitis
D-5 MED-HIGH	1157 M	700	4.71	51.85	13.5	17.7	11/06/73	03/02/84	123.8		Bone Tumor
D-5 MED-HIGH	1035 F	571	5.48	60.11	9.5	18.2	02/22/73	03/04/84	132.3		Bone Tumor, Cushing's Disease
D-5 MED-HIGH	1192 F	754	6.53	71.81	10.5	18.1	02/26/74	03/29/83	109.0		Bone Tumor
D-5 MED-HIGH	1140 M	1014	6.58	72.43	14.0	18.2	11/06/73	12/14/81	97.2		Bone Tumor
D-5 MED-HIGH	1071 M	1209	6.79	74.85	17.0	18.1	05/31/73	01/09/81	91.3		Bone Tumor, Lung Tumor
D-5 MED-HIGH	1173 M	1023	7.75	85.25	12.0	17.3	11/06/73	02/09/82	99.1		Bone Tumor
D-5 MED-HIGH	1178 M	1125	8.52	93.75	12.0	16.6	11/06/73	01/06/83	110.0		Bone Tumor, Lung Tumor
D-5 MED-HIGH	1047 M	900	8.61	94.74	9.5	18.1	02/22/73	10/05/82	115.4		Vertebral Disk Herniation
D-5 MED-HIGH	1109 F	1119	8.85	97.30	11.5	16.4	05/31/73	08/06/80	86.2		Bone & Lung Tumor, Addison's
D-5 MED-HIGH	1160 F	1344	10.18	112.00	12.0	17.3	11/06/73	09/22/81	94.5		Bone Tumor, Lung Tumor
D-5 MED-HIGH	1211 M	1764	11.06	121.00	14.5	17.6	02/26/74	05/17/82	98.6		Bone Tumor
D-5 MED-HIGH	1096 F	1476	12.20	134.18	11.0	16.6	05/31/73	05/08/78	59.2		Addison's Disease
D-5 MED-HIGH	1218 F	1710	12.95	142.50	12.0	17.3	02/26/74	04/24/81	85.9		Bone Tumor
D-5 MED-HIGH	1092 M	1848	13.44	147.84	12.5	17.3	05/31/73	10/23/78	64.8		Bone Tumor
D-5 MED-HIGH	1027 M	2148	13.95	153.43	14.0	19.2	01/18/73	12/01/78	70.4		Bone Tumor, Lung Tumor
D-5 MED-HIGH	1116 F	1885	14.00	163.01	11.5	16.1	05/31/73	07/11/78	61.3		Bone Tumor
D-5 MED-HIGH	974 F	1718	15.62	171.80	10.0	20.2	01/18/73	05/24/78	64.1		Bone Tumor
D-5 MED-HIGH	1079 M	2020	16.88	174.67	15.0	18.0	05/31/73	02/12/78	56.4		Addison's Disease, G.I. Tumor
D-5 MED-HIGH	1058 F	1907	16.51	181.62	10.5	17.8	02/22/73	11/01/79	80.3		Bone Tumor, Adrenal Tumor
D-5 HIGH	1002 M	2907	18.88	207.64	14.0	19.6	01/18/73	01/21/80	84.1		Bone Tumor, Lung Tumor
D-5 HIGH	1057 M	3110	20.98	230.91	13.5	17.9	02/22/73	03/07/79	72.4		Bone Tumor
D-5 HIGH	1009 M	3030	26.40	290.40	12.5	19.6	01/18/73	04/01/78	62.4		Lung Tumor, Osteoarthropathy
D-5 HIGH	1042 F	2959	20.32	311.47	9.5	18.1	02/22/73	11/10/78	68.6		Bone Tumor, Lung Tumor
D-5 HIGH	994 F	3453	31.39	345.30	10.0	19.6	01/18/73	07/04/78	41.5		Addison's Disease
D-5 HIGH	1008 F	3810	31.49	346.30	11.0	19.6	01/18/73	01/18/79	72.0		Bone Tumor, Lung Tumor
D-5 HIGH	975 F	3968	36.07	396.80	10.0	20.2	01/18/73	07/25/78	66.2		Bone Tumor, Lung Tumor
D-5 HIGH	1037 M	4854	44.13	486.40	10.0	18.2	02/22/73	11/21/78	68.9		Bone Tumor
D-5 HIGH	1143 M	7891	53.78	591.62	13.0	18.2	11/06/73	12/05/77	49.0		Bone Tumor, Lung Tumor
D-5 HIGH	1025 M	8479	57.10	628.07	13.5	19.2	01/18/73	03/17/77	49.9		Lung Tumor
D-5 HIGH	1064 M	9453	63.66	700.22	13.6	16.7	01/18/73	04/14/77	50.8		Bone Tumor, Lung Tumor
D-5 HIGH	1162 F	8959	70.29	773.22	9.0	17.3	11/06/73	12/19/78	61.4		Bone Tumor, Addison's Disease
D-5 HIGH	1175 F	8201	75.16	820.80	7.5	16.6	11/06/73	02/24/78	51.6		Lung Tumor

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CONTROL	1356 M	0	0.00	0.00				04/07/87		154.9*	Adrenal Tumor
CONTROL	1365 M	0	0.00	0.00				07/10/88		170.1*	Processing
CONTROL	1376 F	0	0.00	0.00				05/11/80		70.8*	Pneumonia
CONTROL	1388 M	0	0.00	0.00				09/11/81		86.7*	Sacrificed
CONTROL	1393 M	0	0.00	0.00				06/19/87		155.9*	Pneumonia
CONTROL	1405 M	0	0.00	0.00				08/13/84		121.3*	Sacrificed, Heart Base Tumor
CONTROL	1409 M	0	0.00	0.00				07/17/89		180.3*	Processing
CONTROL	1418 M	0	0.00	0.00				08/28/89		181.4*	Processing
CONTROL	1425 M	0	0.00	0.00				08/02/82		98.5*	Status Epilepticus
CONTROL	1450 F	0	0.00	0.00				11/04/81		87.4*	Sacrificed
CONTROL	1455 F	0	0.00	0.00				08/20/87		158.5*	Pyometra
CONTROL	1483 F	0	0.00	0.00					180.9*		
CONTROL	1509 M	0	0.00	0.00				10/30/86		145.1*	Sacrificed
CONTROL	1516 F	0	0.00	0.00					179.6*		
CONTROL	1525 M	0	0.00	0.00				11/14/87		157.1*	Prostate Tumor
CONTROL	1526 M	0	0.00	0.00					179.6*		
CONTROL	1528 F	0	0.00	0.00				04/06/87		149.2*	Cerebral hemorrhage
CONTROL	1543 M	0	0.00	0.00				08/12/86		141.3*	Vertebral OIec
CONTROL	1563 F	0	0.00	0.00					188.8*		
CONTROL	1572 F	0	0.00	0.00					188.7*		
CONTROL	1577 M	0	0.00	0.00					188.7*		
CONTROL	1584 F	0	0.00	0.00				11/29/88		158.6*	Thyroid Tumor
CONTROL	1594 F	0	0.00	0.00					188.6*		
CONTROL	1608 M	0	0.00	0.00					188.3*		
CONTROL	1633 F	0	0.00	0.00				11/10/86		126.9*	Thyroid Tumor
CONTROL	1638 F	0	0.00	0.00				09/08/87		136.5*	Sacrificed
VEHICLE	1381 M	0	0.00	0.00	8.5	21.0	02/13/76	04/04/89		167.7	Processing
VEHICLE	1381 F	0	0.00	0.00	8.5	19.8	02/13/76		163.5		
VEHICLE	1392 M	0	0.00	0.00	13.0	22.0	04/22/76		161.3		
VEHICLE	1406 M	0	0.00	0.00	13.5	21.0	04/22/76	01/21/80		141.0	Malignant Lymphoma
VEHICLE	1412 F	0	0.00	0.00	9.0	19.0	02/13/76	07/06/89		160.7	Processing
VEHICLE	1421 M	0	0.00	0.00	13.0	23.3	06/23/76	02/26/88		140.1	Mastocytoma
VEHICLE	1457 F	0	0.00	0.00	12.0	20.6	04/22/76		161.3		

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VEHICLE	1491 F	0	0.00	0.00	8.0	21.0	06/23/76	05/10/89		154.5	Processing
VEHICLE	1504 F	0	0.00	0.00	10.0	20.9	06/23/76	02/22/89		152.0	Processing
VEHICLE	1514 M	0	0.00	0.00	14.0	20.9	06/23/76	08/06/82		73.4	Malignant Lymphoma
VEHICLE	1524 M	0	0.00	0.00	12.0	21.5	07/27/76	03/27/88		140.0	Vertebral Disc
VEHICLE	1531 F	0	0.00	0.00	9.0	20.9	07/27/76		159.1		
VEHICLE	1542 M	0	0.00	0.00	12.0	20.8	07/27/76	05/01/89		153.1	Processing
VEHICLE	1568 M	0	0.00	0.00	14.0	18.3	03/15/77		150.5		
VEHICLE	1578 M	0	0.00	0.00	10.5	18.2	03/15/77		150.5		
VEHICLE	1593 F	0	0.00	0.00	11.0	18.0	03/15/77		150.5		
VEHICLE	1601 F	0	0.00	0.00	9.5	18.0	03/15/77		150.5		
VEHICLE	1620 M	0	0.00	0.00	11.0	21.1	12/01/77	01/06/87		109.2	Vertebral Disc
VEHICLE	1634 F	0	0.00	0.00	10.5	19.8	12/01/77		142.0		
VEHICLE	1651 F	0	0.00	0.00	11.0	19.2	12/01/77		142.0		
D-1 LOWEST	1410 M	0	0.00	0.00	12.0	22.1	05/20/76		160.4		
D-1 LOWEST	1458 F	0	0.00	0.00	10.5	21.5	05/20/76	09/21/89		160.1	Processing
D-1 LOWEST	1489 F	0	0.00	0.00	9.0	20.5	05/20/76	08/04/84		98.5	Esophageal Tumor
D-1 LOWEST	1501 M	0	0.00	0.00	14.0	20.4	05/20/76	01/03/84		91.5	Thyroid Tumor
D-1 LOWEST	1515 M	0	0.00	0.00	13.5	19.8	05/20/76		160.4		
D-1 LOWEST	1573 M	0	0.00	0.00	11.5	19.4	04/19/77		149.4		
D-1 LOWEST	1581 M	0	0.00	0.00	16.5	19.3	04/19/77	07/31/88		111.4	Hemangiosarcoma
D-1 LOWEST	1598 M	0	0.00	0.00	14.0	19.2	04/19/77		149.4		
D-1 LOWEST	1600 F	1	0.01	0.11	11.0	19.2	04/19/77		149.4		
D-1 LOWEST	1603 M	2	0.01	0.12	14.0	19.2	04/19/77		149.4		
D-1 LOWEST	1339 F	2	0.02	0.22	9.0	17.5	10/18/75	11/13/75		0.9	Sacrificed
D-1 LOWEST	1519 M	2	0.02	0.18	12.5	19.5	05/20/76		160.4		
D-1 LOWEST	1570 F	2	0.02	0.18	10.0	19.4	04/19/77	08/19/87		122.0	Stomach tumor
D-1 LOWEST	1465 F	4	0.03	0.35	12.0	21.0	05/20/76	05/18/89		155.0	Processing
D-1 LOWEST	1470 F	3	0.03	0.29	10.5	21.0	05/20/76	04/09/84		94.7	Meningioma
D-1 LOWEST	1507 M	4	0.03	0.32	14.0	19.8	05/20/76	08/07/88		144.6	Processing
D-1 LOWEST	1592 F	4	0.03	0.29	13.5	19.2	04/19/77		149.4		
D-1 LOWEST	1607 M	5	0.03	0.35	13.0	19.0	04/19/77	07/28/88		135.2	Liver Tumor
D-1 LOWEST	1335 M	5	0.04	0.42	11.5	18.0	10/18/75	11/13/75		0.9	Sacrificed
D-1 LOWEST	1487 F	6	0.04	0.46	13.0	20.5	05/20/76		160.4		

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D-1 LOWEST	1583 F	4	0.04	0.40	9.5	19.2	04/19/77		149.4		
D-1 LOWEST	1351 M	7	0.06	0.61	11.0	17.2	10/16/75	11/13/75		0.9	Sacrificed
D-1 LOWEST	1585 F	8	0.06	0.67	11.5	19.4	04/19/77	09/28/85		101.3	Hemangiosarcoma
D-2 LOW	1513 M	0	0.00	0.00	11.5	19.8	05/20/78		160.4		
D-2 LOW	1520 M	1	0.01	0.12	10.5	19.5	05/20/78		160.4		
D-2 LOW	1415 M	2	0.02	0.20	11.5	22.2	05/20/78		160.4		
D-2 LOW	1575 M	3	0.02	0.19	14.0	19.4	04/19/77	12/28/87		120.3	Prostate Tumor
D-2 LOW	1460 F	5	0.03	0.37	14.0	21.0	05/20/78		160.4		
D-2 LOW	1608 F	5	0.04	0.42	12.5	19.0	04/19/77		149.4		
D-2 LOW	1579 M	8	0.05	0.59	14.0	19.3	04/19/77		149.4		
D-2 LOW	1590 F	8	0.05	0.51	12.0	19.2	04/19/77	03/18/87		118.9	Mammary Tumor
D-2 LOW	1585 F	8	0.06	0.68	12.0	19.2	04/19/77	08/31/89		149.4	Processing
D-2 LOW	1580 F	9	0.07	0.82	11.0	19.3	04/19/77		149.4		
D-2 LOW	1591 M	11	0.07	0.76	15.0	19.2	04/19/77	08/15/89		147.9	Processing
D-2 LOW	1417 M	11	0.08	0.89	12.0	22.1	05/20/78		160.4		
D-2 LOW	1423 M	10	0.08	0.87	11.0	22.1	05/20/78	06/27/89		157.2	Processing
D-2 LOW	1587 M	10	0.08	0.83	12.0	19.4	04/19/77		149.4		
D-2 LOW	1472 F	10	0.09	1.01	10.0	21.0	05/20/78		160.4		
D-2 LOW	1503 F	9	0.09	1.03	8.5	19.8	05/20/78	12/13/84		102.8	Thyroid Tumor
D-2 LOW	1602 M	15	0.09	1.03	14.5	19.2	04/19/77	08/10/86		111.7	Epilepsy
D-2 LOW	1494 F	11	0.10	1.08	10.0	20.5	05/20/78		160.4		
D-2 LOW	1599 F	10	0.10	1.14	9.0	19.2	04/19/77	03/12/86		106.7	Adrenal Tumor
D-2 LOW	1490 F	16	0.15	1.85	9.5	20.5	05/20/78	10/19/89		149.0	Processing
D-3 MED-LOW	1336 M	21	0.14	1.62	13.5	18.0	10/16/75	11/13/75		0.9	Sacrificed
D-3 MED-LOW	1341 F	19	0.16	1.78	10.5	17.2	10/16/75	11/13/75		0.9	Sacrificed
D-3 MED-LOW	1605 F	25	0.20	2.19	11.6	17.0	03/15/77	03/24/82		00.3	Sacrificed
D-3 MED-LOW	1386 M	34	0.21	2.36	14.5	22.0	04/20/78	01/04/88		116.6	Hemangiosarcoma
D-3 MED-LOW	1389 M	27	0.23	2.54	10.5	21.9	04/20/78	05/04/78		0.5	Sacrificed
D-3 MED-LOW	1413 F	29	0.24	2.88	11.0	18.2	01/20/78	03/01/85		100.3	Malignant Lymphoma
D-3 MED-LOW	1445 F	34	0.24	2.80	13.0	21.0	04/20/78	05/05/78		0.5	Sacrificed
D-3 MED-LOW	1568 M	46	0.29	3.17	14.5	18.3	03/15/77	12/02/86		116.0	Pneumonia
D-3 MED-LOW	1595 M	50	0.29	3.23	15.5	18.0	03/15/77		150.6		
D-3 MED-LOW	1390 M	43	0.30	3.29	13.0	21.9	04/20/78	05/04/78		0.5	Sacrificed

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D-3 MED-LOW	1391 M	54	0.30	3.20	10.5	21.9	04/20/78	07/22/85		111.0	Thyroid Tumor, Lung Tumor
D-3 MED-LOW	1587 M	53	0.31	3.40	15.5	18.1	03/15/77	01/14/86		106.0	Hemangiosarcoma, Lung Tumor
D-3 MED-LOW	1359 M	50	0.82	3.57	14.0	20.2	01/20/78	01/23/78		0.1	Sacrificed
D-3 MED-LOW	1540 M	64	0.32	3.61	16.5	20.7	07/22/78	11/25/86		124.1	Lung tumor
D-3 MED-LOW	1844 F	41	0.33	3.00	11.5	17.2	10/16/75	11/14/75		1.0	Sacrificed
D-3 MED-LOW	1589 F	41	0.34	3.75	11.0	18.0	03/15/77	06/08/82		02.8	Sacrificed, Lung Tumor
D-3 MED-LOW	1588 M	50	0.36	3.08	12.5	18.1	03/15/77	03/22/78		12.2	Sacrificed
D-3 MED-LOW	1529 F	43	0.37	4.08	10.5	20.8	07/22/78	10/19/78		2.9	Sacrificed
D-3 MED-LOW	1574 M	46	0.38	4.21	11.0	18.2	03/15/77		150.5		
D-3 MED-LOW	1376 F	50	0.40	4.35	11.5	19.1	01/20/78	01/23/78		0.1	Sacrificed
D-3 MED-LOW	1564 F	40	0.40	4.44	9.0	18.3	03/15/77	03/20/78		12.2	Sacrificed
D-3 MED-LOW	1444 F	49	0.41	4.50	11.0	21.0	04/20/78		161.3		
D-3 MED-LOW	1439 F	53	0.42	4.61	11.5	21.0	04/20/78	03/30/88		143.3	Malignant Lymphoma
D-3 MED-LOW	1523 F	55	0.42	4.60	12.0	21.3	07/22/78		158.3		
D-3 MED-LOW	1539 M	55	0.45	4.99	13.0	20.7	07/22/78	10/20/78		3.0	Sacrificed
D-3 MED-LOW	1380 M	63	0.46	5.06	12.5	19.1	01/20/78	05/24/87		136.1	Pneumonia
D-3 MED-LOW	1407 F	50	0.51	5.56	9.0	18.5	01/20/78	01/23/78		0.1	Sacrificed
D-3 MED-LOW	1509 F	58	0.53	5.82	10.0	18.2	03/15/77	09/27/87		126.4	Lung tumor
D-3 MED-LOW	1570 M	70	0.53	5.80	12.0	18.2	03/15/77	03/17/82		00.1	Sacrificed
D-3 MED-LOW	1582 F	57	0.54	5.90	9.5	18.1	03/15/77	08/12/88		138.9	Mammary Tumor, Liver Tumor
D-3 MED-LOW	1571 F	68	0.57	6.22	11.0	18.2	03/15/77	03/21/78		12.2	Sacrificed
D-3 MED-LOW	1427 F	68	0.62	6.01	10.0	21.1	04/20/78	08/23/89		100.1	Processing
D-3 MED-LOW	1522 F	78	0.71	7.78	10.0	21.3	07/22/78	10/18/78		2.9	Sacrificed
D-3 MED-LOW	1363 M	85	0.74	8.09	10.5	20.2	01/20/78	05/12/87		135.7	Pneumonia, Adrenal/Liver Tmra
D-3 MED-LOW	1604 M	85	0.74	8.10	10.5	18.0	03/15/77		150.5		
D-3 MED-LOW	1530 F	72	0.76	8.41	8.5	20.8	07/22/78	09/17/86		121.9	Bone Tumor, Lung Tumor
D-3 MED-LOW	1450 F	61	0.79	8.00	7.0	20.5	04/20/78	04/21/87		132.0	Pneumonia
D-3 MED-LOW	1598 F	93	1.06	11.65	8.0	18.0	03/15/77	03/10/82		59.8	Sacrificed
D-3 MED-LOW	1422 F	99	1.12	12.35	0.0	18.1	01/20/78		164.3		
D-4 MEDIUM	1637 M	192	1.45	16.99	12.0	18.9	11/07/77	11/28/88		132.7	Lung Tumor
D-4 MEDIUM	1404 M	200	1.48	18.25	16.0	21.5	04/20/78	02/03/84		93.5	Pleuritis
D-4 MEDIUM	1521 F	205	1.49	18.37	12.5	21.3	07/22/78	06/07/85		100.5	Bone Tumor, Lung Tumor
D-4 MEDIUM	1650 M	211	1.54	16.90	12.5	18.4	11/07/77		142.8		

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D-4 MEDIUM	1379 M	278	1.74	19.16	14.5	19.1	01/20/76	01/20/88		144.0	Liver, Lung, & Bone Tumors
D-4 MEDIUM	1362 M	267	1.87	20.54	13.0	20.2	01/20/76	12/20/88		155.0	Processing
D-4 MEDIUM	1639 F	248	2.05	22.57	11.0	18.5	11/07/77		142.8		
D-4 MEDIUM	1647 M	294	2.06	22.58	13.0	18.5	11/07/77		142.8		
D-4 MEDIUM	1640 M	307	2.08	22.71	13.5	18.5	11/07/77	03/20/84		76.4	Lung Tumor
D-4 MEDIUM	1645 F	257	2.13	23.39	11.0	18.5	11/07/77	08/07/86		105.0	Lung Tumor
D-4 MEDIUM	1534 M	295	2.14	23.57	12.5	20.8	07/22/78	05/26/85		106.1	Congestive Heart Failure
D-4 MEDIUM	1414 F	233	2.35	25.88	9.0	18.2	01/20/76	08/14/88		126.8	Bone, Lung, and Liver tumors
D-4 MEDIUM	1618 F	277	2.40	26.38	10.5	20.3	11/07/77	07/12/89		140.1	Bone Tumor
D-4 MEDIUM	1385 M	373	2.42	26.83	14.0	19.0	01/20/76	07/12/84		101.7	Bone Tumor, Lung Tumor
D-4 MEDIUM	1408 F	331	2.62	28.77	11.5	18.5	01/20/76	10/12/83		92.7	Bone Tumor
D-4 MEDIUM	1428 F	378	3.12	34.38	11.0	21.1	04/20/78	10/28/85		114.3	Bone Tumor, Lung Tumor
D-4 MEDIUM	1535 F	345	3.13	34.48	10.0	20.7	07/22/78	10/06/86		122.5	Bone and lung tumors
D-4 MEDIUM	1446 F	354	3.22	35.40	10.0	21.0	04/20/78	08/10/88		123.7	Pyometra, Liver tumor
D-4 MEDIUM	1364 M	483	3.24	35.85	13.0	20.2	01/20/76	08/02/84		102.4	Lung Tumor
D-4 MEDIUM	1387 F	345	4.48	49.30	7.0	19.0	01/20/76	08/13/80		54.8	Bone Tumor
D-5 MED-HIGH	1329 F	383	3.30	38.27	10.0	18.0	10/18/75	11/14/75		1.0	Sacrificed
D-5 MED-HIGH	1346 M	658	4.42	48.59	13.5	17.2	10/18/75	11/14/75		1.0	Sacrificed
D-5 MED-HIGH	1648 M	811	5.90	64.90	12.5	18.5	11/07/77	07/11/85		92.1	Bone Tumor, Lung Tumor
D-5 MED-HIGH	1347 F	688	6.95	76.47	9.0	17.2	10/18/75	11/14/75		1.0	Sacrificed
D-5 MED-HIGH	1659 F	990	7.32	80.51	12.3	19.3	11/07/77	08/19/83		69.4	Bone Tumor
D-5 MED-HIGH	1636 M	1212	8.48	93.25	13.0	19.9	11/07/77	05/03/89		65.8	Bone Tumor
D-5 MED-HIGH	1621 M	1334	8.66	95.28	14.0	20.3	11/07/77	11/19/84		84.4	Bone Tumor, Lung Tumor
D-5 MED-HIGH	1646 F	1061	8.77	98.45	11.0	18.5	11/07/77	11/11/82		60.1	Bone Tumor
D-5 MED-HIGH	1429 M	1376	9.62	105.85	13.0	23.2	06/23/78	05/29/81		59.2	Bone Tumor, Lung Tumor
D-5 MED-HIGH	1641 M	1275	9.68	108.24	12.0	18.5	11/07/77	06/28/85		91.7	Lung Tumor
D-5 MED-HIGH	1660 M	1518	10.22	112.41	13.5	18.3	11/07/77	09/05/84		81.9	Bone Tumor, Lung Tumor
D-5 MED-HIGH	1508 M	1718	10.76	118.97	14.5	20.9	06/23/78	01/24/88		43.0	Bone Tumor
D-5 MED-HIGH	1655 M	1094	11.05	121.58	9.0	18.4	11/07/77	03/18/86		88.3	Bone Tumor, Lung Tumor
D-5 MED-HIGH	1652 F	1320	12.00	131.95	10.0	18.4	11/07/77	07/20/83		68.4	Bone Tumor, Lung Tumor
D-5 MED-HIGH	1619 F	1490	12.32	135.50	11.0	20.3	11/07/77	01/21/83		62.5	Bone Tumor
D-5 MED-HIGH	1512 M	2411	14.81	160.71	15.0	20.9	06/23/78	12/23/79		42.0	Bone Tumor
D-5 MED-HIGH	1419 M	1559	14.92	164.11	9.5	23.3	06/23/78	10/22/82		76.0	Bone Tumor, Lung Tumor

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D-6 MED-HIGH	1498 F	2018	18.68	183.45	11.0	21.5	06/23/76	04/09/82	69.5		Bone Tumor, Lung Tumor
D-6 MED-HIGH	1502 F	3008	20.25	222.00	13.5	20.9	06/23/76	01/21/81	55.0		Bone Tumor, Lung Tumor
D-6 MED-HIGH	1486 F	2330	21.18	233.00	10.0	21.7	06/23/76	12/30/80	54.2		Bone Tumor
D-6 MED-HIGH	1471 F	2500	21.71	230.82	10.5	22.1	06/23/76	05/01/79	34.2		Radiation Pneumonitis
D-6 MED-HIGH	1492 F	2473	24.90	274.82	9.0	21.6	06/23/76	10/16/80	51.8		Bone Tumor
D-6 MED-HIGH	1459 F	2645	26.72	293.89	9.0	22.0	06/23/76	09/25/80	51.1		Rad. Pneumonitis, Lung Tumor
D-6 HIGH	1518 M	3566	29.46	324.09	11.0	20.6	06/23/76	12/10/79	41.8		Rad. Pneumonitis, Lung Tumor
D-6 HIGH	1420 M	3040	30.36	333.91	11.5	23.3	06/23/76	07/12/78	24.6		Radiation Pneumonitis
D-6 HIGH	1517 F	5185	49.62	545.79	9.5	20.8	06/23/76	11/02/77	16.3		Radiation Pneumonitis
D-6 HIGH	1510 F	6969	55.09	606.02	11.5	20.9	06/23/76	11/09/77	16.6		Radiation Pneumonitis
D-6 HIGH	1424 M	7681	69.83	768.12	10.0	23.2	06/23/76	08/31/77	14.3		Radiation Pneumonitis

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