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- *Part 1: Test method using liquid scintillation counting*
- *Part 2: Test method using emanometry*
- *Part 3: Test method using coprecipitation and gamma-spectrometry*

Introduction

Radioactivity from several naturally occurring and human-made sources is present throughout the environment. Thus, water bodies (surface waters, ground waters, sea waters) can contain radionuclides of natural and human-made origins:

Natural radionuclides, including potassium-40, and those of the thorium and uranium decay series, in particular radium-226, radium-228, uranium-234, uranium-238, and lead-210, can be found in water for natural reasons (e.g. desorption from the soil and wash-off by rain water) or releases from technological processes involving naturally occurring radioactive materials (e.g. the mining and processing of mineral sands or phosphate fertilizer production and use).

Human-made radionuclides such as transuranium elements (americium, plutonium, neptunium, curium), tritium, carbon-14, strontium-90, and gamma emitters radionuclides can also be found in natural waters as they can be authorized to be routinely released into the environment in small quantities in the effluent discharge from nuclear fuel cycle facilities and following their use in unsealed form in medicine or industry. They are also found in the water due to the past fallout of the explosion in the atmosphere of nuclear devices and those following the Chernobyl and Fukushima accident.

Human-made radionuclides, such as transuranium elements (americium, plutonium, neptunium, curium), tritium, carbon-14, strontium-90, and some gamma emitting radionuclides, can also be found in natural waters as a result of authorized routine releases into the environment in small quantities in the effluent discharged from nuclear fuel cycle facilities. They are also released into the environment following their use in unsealed form for medical and industrial applications. They are also found in the water as a result of past fallout contamination resulting from the explosion in the atmosphere of nuclear devices and accidents such as those that occurred in Chernobyl and Fukushima.

Drinking water can thus contain radionuclides at activity concentration which could present a risk to human health. In order to assess the quality of drinking water (including mineral waters and spring waters) with respect to its radionuclide content and to provide guidance on reducing health risks by taking measures to decrease radionuclide activity concentrations, water resources (groundwater, river, lake, sea, etc.) and drinking water are monitored for their radioactivity content as recommended by the World Health Organization (WHO) and can be required by some national authorities.

The need of a standard on a test method of radium-226 activity concentrations in water samples is justified for test laboratories carrying out these measurements, required sometimes by national authorities, as they may have to obtain a specific accreditation for radionuclide measurement in drinking water samples.

Radium-226 activity concentration can vary widely according to local geological and climatic characteristics and ranges from 0,001 Bq·l⁻¹ in surface waters up to 50 Bq·l⁻¹ in natural groundwaters; the guidance level for radium 226 in drinking water as recommended by WHO is 1 Bq·l⁻¹ (see Reference [13]).

NOTE The guidance level is the activity concentration (rounded to the nearest order of magnitude) with an intake of 2 l·d⁻¹ of drinking water for 1 year that results in an effective dose of 0,1 mSv·y⁻¹ for members of the public, an effective dose that represents a very low level of risk that is not expected to give rise to any detectable adverse health effect.

This International Standard is one of a series on determination of the activity concentration of radionuclides in water samples.