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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 18589-2:2015), which has been technically revised.

The main change is as follows:

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### Introduction

Everyone is exposed to natural radiation. The natural sources of radiation are cosmic rays and naturally occurring radioactive substances which exist in the earth, flora and fauna, including the human body. Human activities involving the use of radiation and radioactive substances add to the radiation exposure from this natural exposure. Some of those activities, such as the mining and use of ores containing naturally-occurring radioactive materials (NORM) and the production of energy by burning coal that contains such substances, simply enhance the exposure from natural radiation sources. Nuclear power plants and other nuclear installations use radioactive materials and produce radioactive effluent and waste during operation and decommissioning. The use of radioactive materials in industry, agriculture and research is expanding around the globe.

All these human activities give rise to radiation exposures that are only a small fraction of the global average level of natural exposure. The medical use of radiation is the largest and a growing man-made source of radiation exposure in developed countries. It includes diagnostic radiology, radiotherapy, nuclear medicine and interventional radiology.

Radiation exposure also occurs as a result of occupational activities. It is incurred by workers in industry, medicine and research using radiation or radioactive substances, as well as by crew during air travel. The average level of occupational exposures is generally similar to the global average level of natural radiation exposure (see Reference [1]).

As uses of radiation increase, so do the potential health risk and the public's concerns. Thus, all these exposures are regularly assessed in order to

- improve the understanding of global levels and temporal trends of public and worker exposure,
- evaluate the components of exposure so as to provide a measure of their relative importance, and
- identify emerging issues that may warrant more attention and study.

While doses to workers are mostly directly measured, doses to the public are usually assessed by indirect methods using the results of radioactivity measurements of waste, effluent and/or environmental samples.

To ensure that the data obtained from radioactivity monitoring programs support their intended use, it is essential that the stakeholders (for example nuclear site operators, regulatory and local authorities) agree on appropriate methods and procedures for obtaining representative samples and for handling, storing, preparing and measuring the test samples. An assessment of the overall measurement uncertainty also needs to be carried out systematically. As reliable, comparable and 'fit for purpose' data are an essential requirement for any public health decision based on radioactivity measurements, international standards of tested and validated radionuclide test methods are an important tool for the production of such measurement results. The application of standards serves also to guarantee comparability of the test results over time and between different testing laboratories. Laboratories apply them to demonstrate their technical competences and to complete proficiency tests successfully during interlaboratory comparisons, two prerequisites for obtaining national accreditation.

Today, over a hundred International Standards are available to testing laboratories for measuring radionuclides in different matrices.

Generic standards help testing laboratories to manage the measurement process by setting out the general requirements and methods to calibrate equipment and validate techniques. These standards underpin specific standards which describe the test methods to be performed by staff, for example, for different types of samples. The specific standards cover test methods for:

- naturally-occurring radionuclides (including  $^{40}\text{K}$ ,  $^3\text{H}$ ,  $^{14}\text{C}$  and those originating from the thorium and uranium decay series, in particular  $^{226}\text{Ra}$ ,  $^{228}\text{Ra}$ ,  $^{234}\text{U}$ ,  $^{238}\text{U}$  and  $^{201}\text{Pb}$ ) which can be found in materials from natural sources or can be released from technological processes involving naturally occurring radioactive materials (e.g. the mining and processing of mineral sands or phosphate fertilizer production and use);