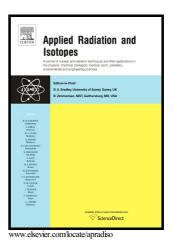
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Abstract

The National Radiation Standard Laboratory of Taiwan organized in 2014 a

comparison exercise by distributing 210 L drum-typed samples to seven radioactive

waste analysis laboratories in Taiwan. Four drums were filled with uniformly

distributed active carbon, water, resin and concrete, respectively and five drums were

filled with cracked metals and heterogeneously distributed radioactive sources.

Measurement uncertainties of participants results are in the range 3 % -40 % (k=2)

and about 96 % of the reported results produced E_n values (ISO, 1997) smaller than

one for drums with activity uniformly distributed. The minimum discrepancies,

expressed as B_i values (ISO, 1997), of drums with heterogeneously distributed ¹³⁷Cs

and ⁶⁰Co were 0.34 and 0.17, respectively.

Keywords: HPGe detector; comparison exercise; radioactive waste; testing drums

1. Introduction

Radioactive waste produced by nuclear power plants or nuclear facilities is

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