

# **New radiation protection guidelines for mining and minerals processing industry in Western Australia**

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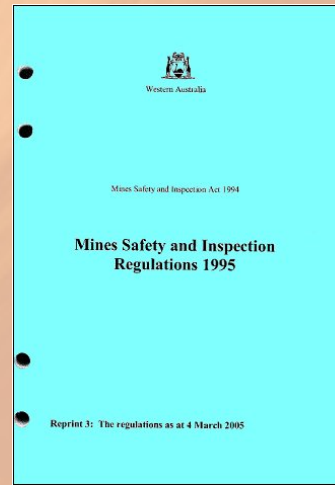
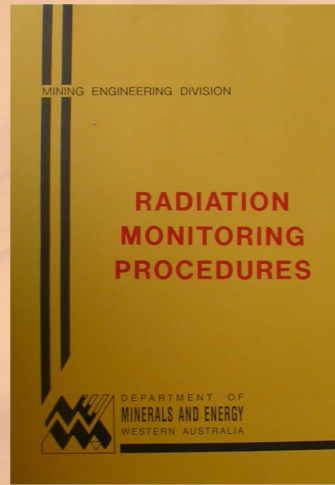
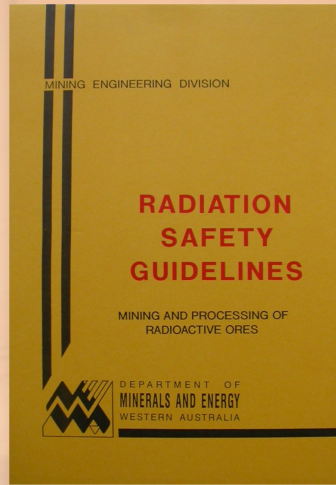


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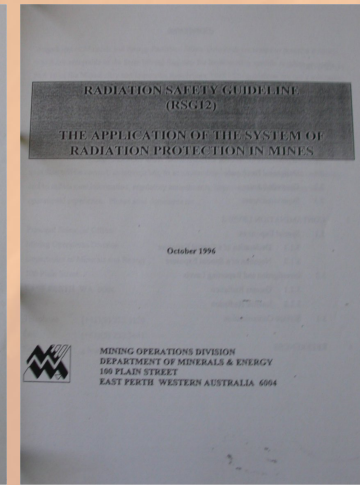
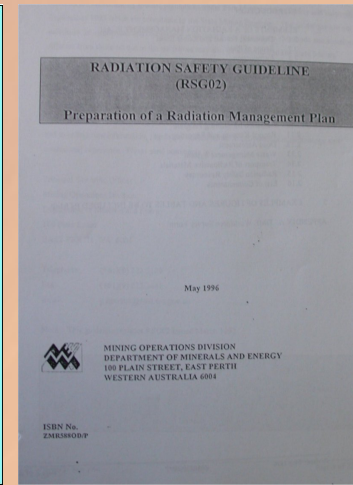
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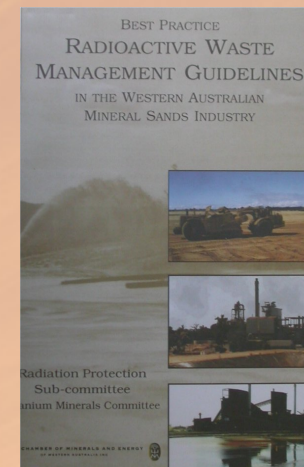
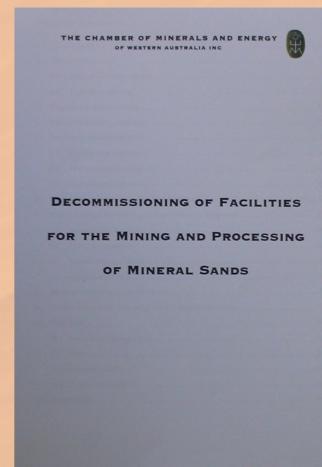
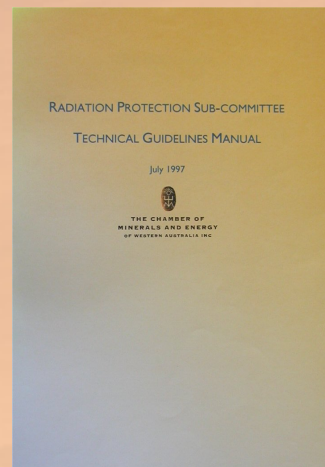
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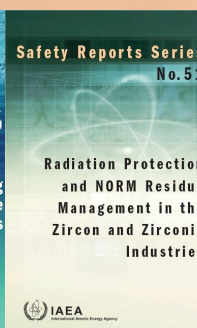
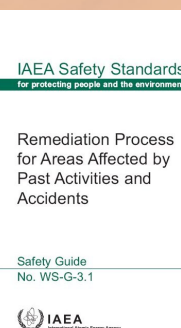
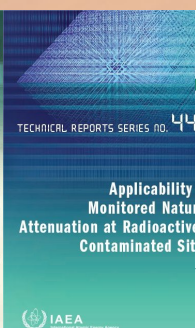
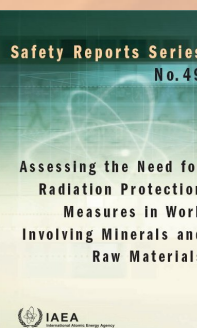
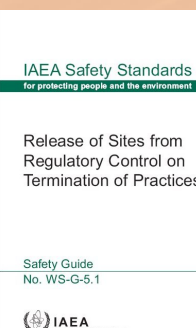
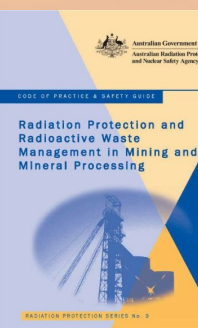
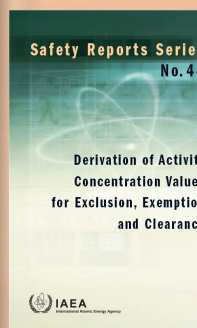
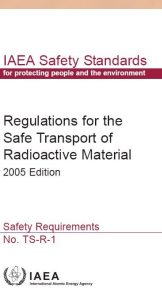
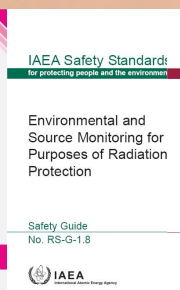
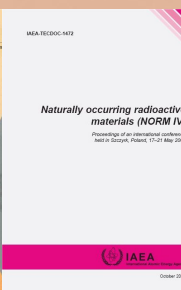
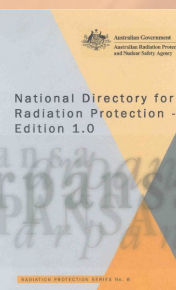
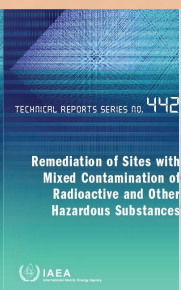
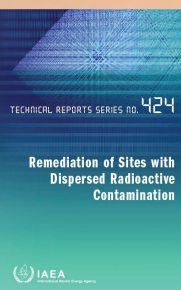
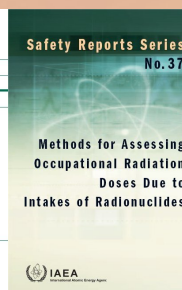
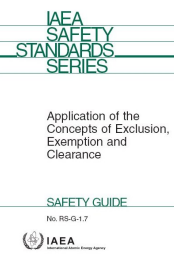
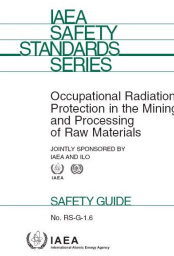
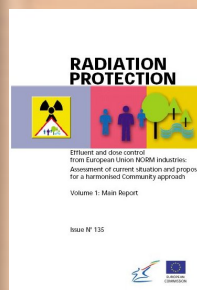
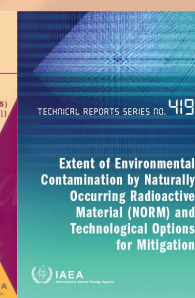
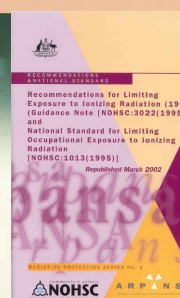
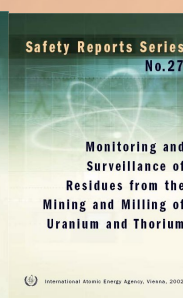
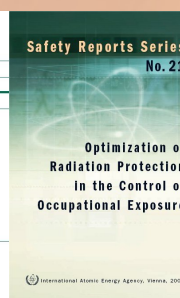
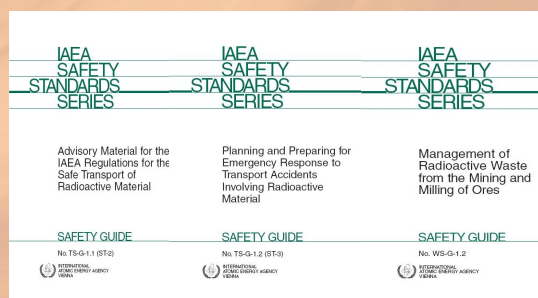
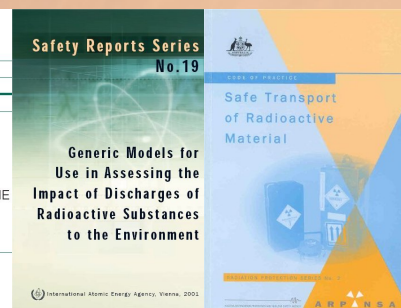
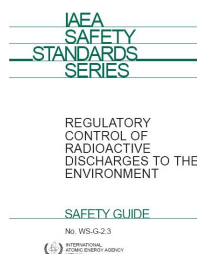
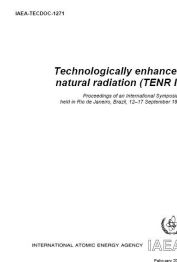
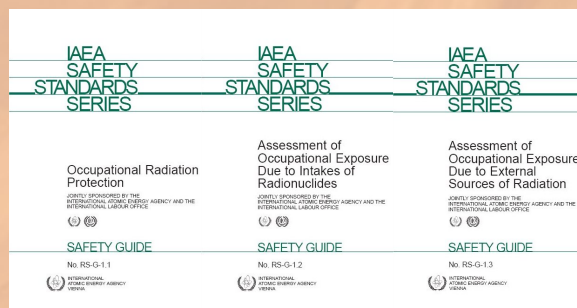
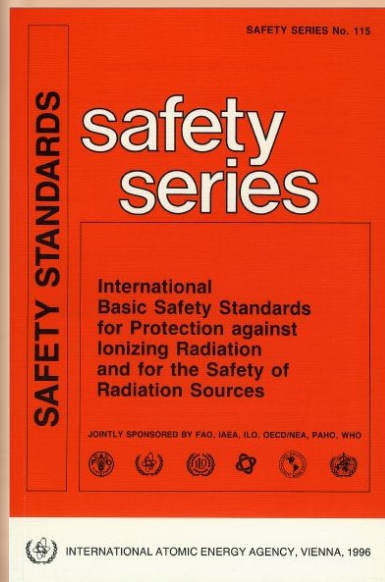


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## **System of Radiation Protection in Mines (NORM-1)**

### **Radiation Management Plan (NORM-2)**

Exploration  
(NORM-2.1)

Mining & Processing  
(NORM-2.2)

#### **Monitoring NORM (NORM-3)**

Pre-Operational  
Monitoring  
(NORM-3.1)

Operational Monitoring  
(NORM-3.2)

Air Monitoring  
Strategies  
(NORM-3.3)

Airborne Radioactivity  
Sampling  
(NORM-3.4)

Measurement of  
Particle Size  
(NORM-3.5)

#### **Controlling NORM (NORM-4)**

Dust Control  
Strategies  
(NORM-4.1)

Management of  
Radioactive Waste  
(NORM-4.2)

Transport of NORM  
(NORM-4.3)

#### **Assessing Doses (NORM-5)**

Dose  
Assessment

#### **Reporting & Notifying (NORM-6)**

Reporting  
Requirements

#### **BOSWELL Assessment & Reporting Database (NORM-7)**

Electronic Data Management System

Review carried out by the Radiation Industry Work Group of the Chamber  
of Minerals and Energy of Western Australia

DRAFT versions: <http://calytrix.biz/radlinks/tenorm>





## System of Radiation Protection in Mines (NORM-1)

### Application of the System of Radiation Protection in Mines

#### Engineering

Best Practicable  
Technology

Radiation  
Protection in  
Design

Engineering  
Control of  
Sources

#### Administrative Processes

Classifying Work  
Conditions

Classifying  
Employees &  
Dose Constraints

Establishing  
Triggers for  
Action & Control

Developing  
Procedures &  
Awareness

Classification  
of Controlled  
Areas

Classification  
of Designated  
Employees

Special  
Exposures

Safe Work  
Procedures

Classification  
of Restricted  
Areas

Dose  
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Investigation  
Levels

Radiation  
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Training

Classification  
of Supervised  
Areas

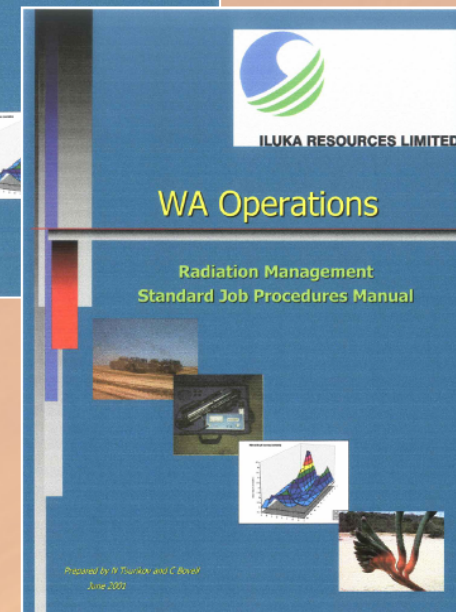
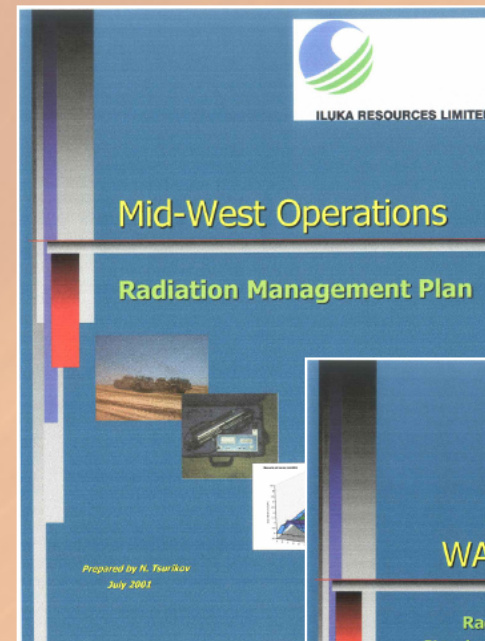
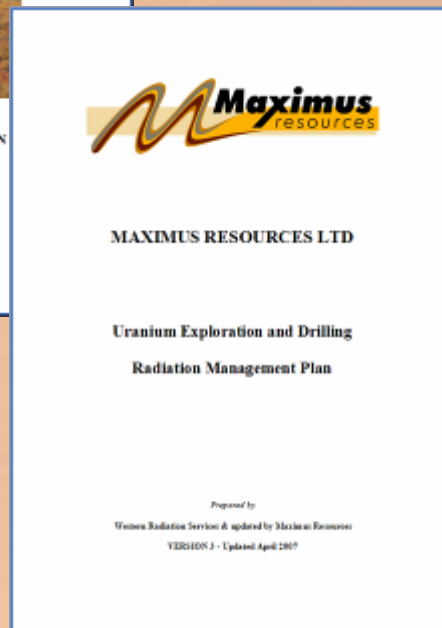
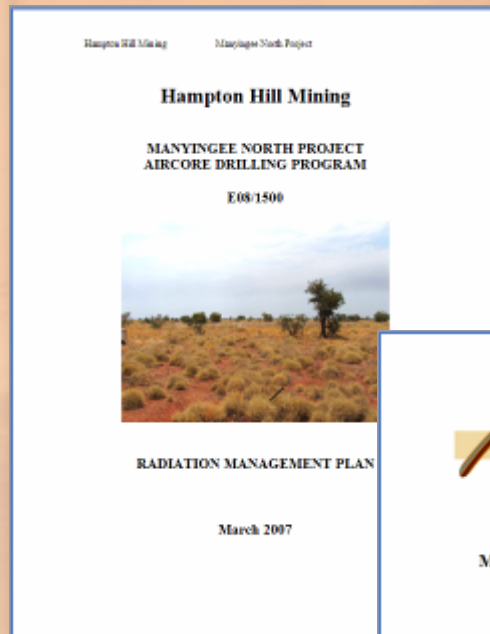
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## Radiation Management Plan (NORM-2)

Exploration  
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**Monitoring  
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(NORM-3)**

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***Pre-Operational Monitoring***



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***Operational Monitoring***





## Monitoring NORM (NORM-3)

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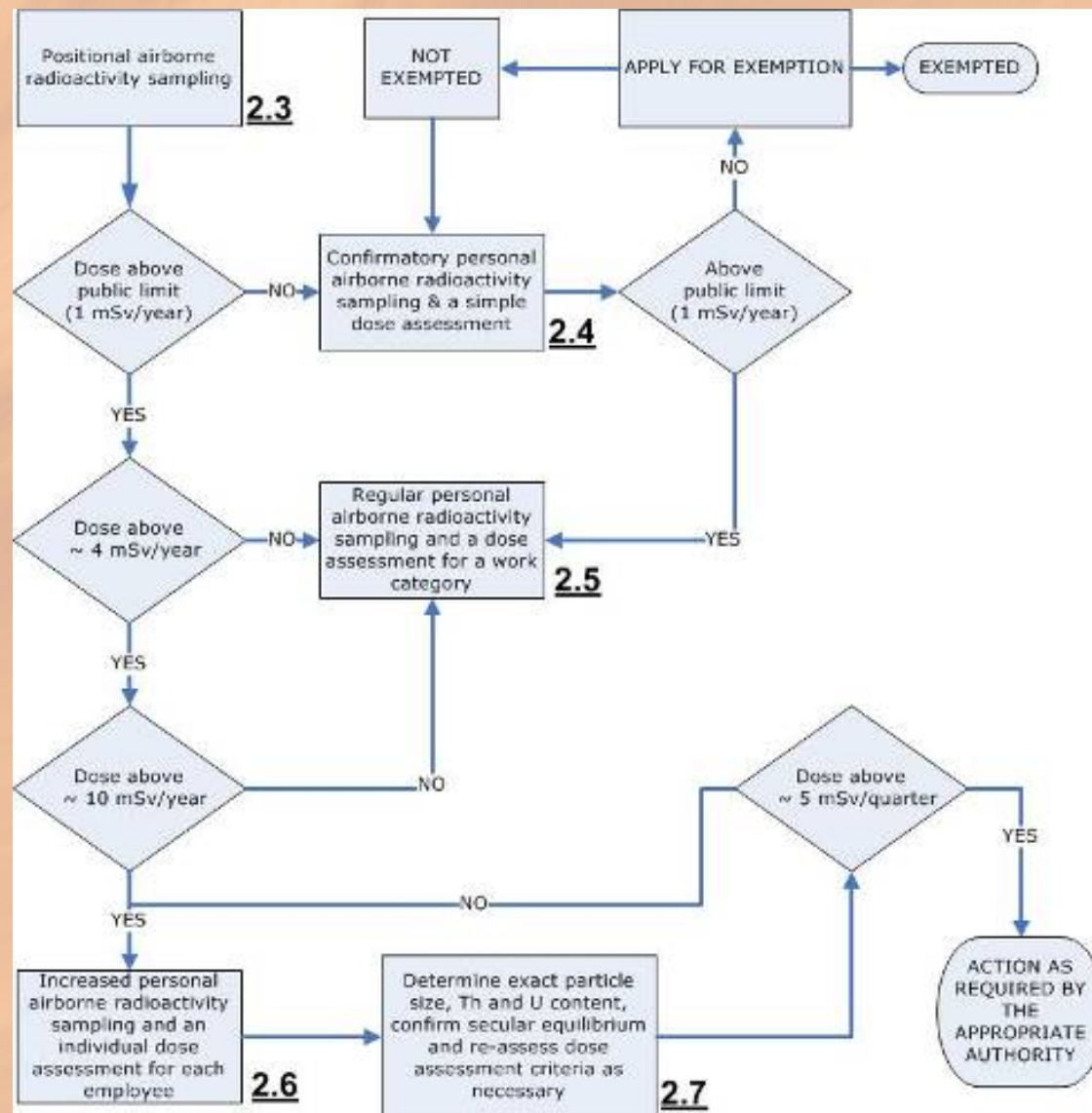
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## Air Monitoring Strategies



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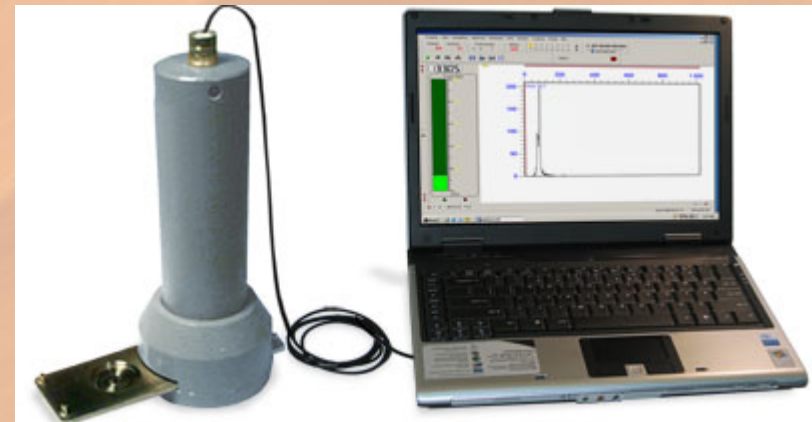
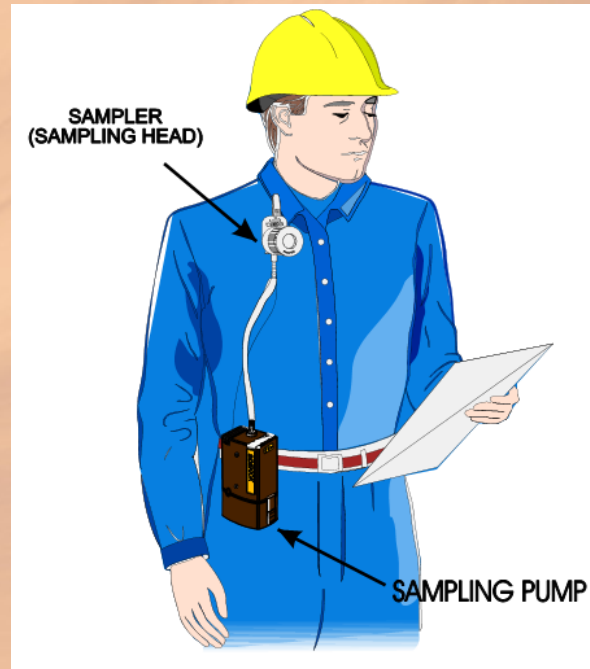
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## *Airborne Radioactivity Sampling*





## Monitoring NORM (NORM-3)

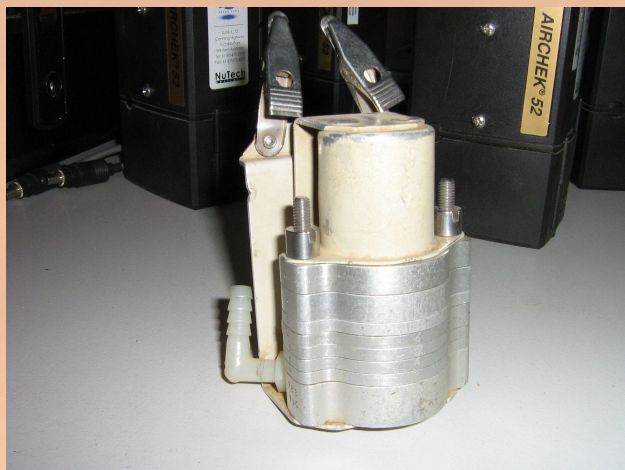
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## Measurement of Particle Size

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Rockwell 12 B									
Post-weight (mg)									
A4	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
1	SAMPLE No...								
2	Stage No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	9	Σ
3	Pre-weight (mg)	28.58	27.27	27.25	27.33	26.75	26.53	10.31	
4	Post-weight (mg)	44.05	43.94	32.12	27.77	27.01	26.67	10.47	
5	Total weight [W] (mg)	15.47	16.67	4.87	0.44	0.26	0.14	0.16	38.01
6	Cum.% < size	59.30	15.44	2.63	1.47	0.79	0.42	0.00	
7	Size range (nm)	50 - 21.3	21.3 - 14.8	14.8 - 9.8	9.8 - 6.0	6.0 - 3.5	3.5 - 1.55	1.55 - 0.1	
8	Median [M] (nm)	32.6	17.75	12.04	7.67	4.58	2.33	0.39	
9	ln[M]	3.484	2.876	2.488	2.037	1.522	0.846	-0.942	
10	Background count	42	37	42	42	42	42	37	
11	Background time (min)	900	900	900	900	900	900	900	
12	Efficiency	0.359	0.315	0.359	0.359	0.359	0.359	0.315	
13	Count time (min)	60	60	60	60	100	100	200	
14	Min.Detect. Act (mBq)	7	7	7	7	5	5	4	
15	Counts	775	291	162	57	45	19	43	
16	Net counted Activity (mBq)	597	254	123	42	19	7	9	
17	Is net activity <MDL (NO)?								
18	Activity [A] (mBq)	597	254	123	42	19	7	9	1052
19	Cum.% < size	43.18	18.99	7.28	3.29	1.51	0.87	0.00	
20	{[A] * ln[M]}	2081.852	731.863	306.505	85.440	28.494	5.629	-8.663	3231.120
21	AMAD=	21.6							
22	{[A] * GSD} / {[M] * AMAD}	101.335	8.785	42.048	44.939	45.032	32.991	148.247	424.377
23	GSD=	1.9							
24	{[W] * ln[M]}	53.902	47.949	12.118	0.896	0.396	0.118	-0.151	115.229
25	MMAD=	20.7							
26	{[M] * GSD} / {[W] * MMAD}	3.171	0.401	1.438	0.435	0.593	0.669	2.526	9.232
27	GSD=	1.6							
28									
29	NAME	WORK	SHIFT	TIME (min)	FLOW (lpm)	SAMPLE	COUNT	Tot mBq/m3	Tot mg/m3
30	J.Smith	D.P.O.	NGT	480	2	31-Jan	11-Feb	1095	40
31									
32	M.D.L.Stages -	none							
33									
34									
35									
36									
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38									
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## ***Dust control strategies***

### **Controlling NORM (NORM-4)**

Dust Control  
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## *Management of radioactive waste*

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## Transport of NORM

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### MONAZITE CONCENTRATE - STANDING DECLARATION FOR MULTIPLE TRANSPORT

#### ROAD/RAIL/MARINE CONSIGNOR'S DECLARATION FOR DANGEROUS GOODS CLASS 7 RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL

TWO COMPLETED AND SIGNED COPIES OF THIS DECLARATION MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE CARRIER

CONSIGNOR (SENDER'S NAME AND ADDRESS): ILUKA RESOURCES LTD GOULDS ROAD NARNGULU WA 6530		NAME OF TRANSPORTING COMPANY AND CONSIGNMENT No. GIACCI BROS			
		CONSIGNOR'S REFERENCE No.			
CONSIGNEE (RECEIVER'S NAME AND ADDRESS): ILUKA RESOURCES LTD BRAND HIGHWAY ENEABBA WA 6518		MARINE USE ONLY PORT OF LOADING ..... DATE OF LOADING ..... PORT OF DISCHARGE ..... VESSEL ..... CONTAINER No .....			
NATURE AND QUANTITY OF RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL See applicable Codes: International Atomic Energy Agency — Safety Series No. 6 (IAEA), Maritime Dangerous Goods Code (IMO) and Code of Practice for Safe Transport of Radioactive Material 2001 ("The Transport Code")					
PROPER SHIPPING NAME Refer overleaf	RADIONUCLIDE Name or symbol of principal radioactive content e.g. Iridium-192, Ir-192 or <sup>192</sup> Ir	FORM Physical state: gas, liquid, solid or special form	UNITED NATIONS NUMBER	SUBSIDIARY RISK (if applicable) Classes 1 to 9	
RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL LOW SPECIFIC ACTIVITY (LSA-I)	THORIUM-232	SOLID	2912	N/A	
NUMBER OF PACKAGES	ACTIVITY OF RADIONUCLIDE in Becquerel units (Bq) (Curie units (Ci) may be used)	HAZARD CATEGORY Delete category not applicable	TRANSPORT INDEX Definition: 100 times the maximum radiation dose in millisievert per hour (mSv/h) at 1 metre	PACKAGE CLASSIFICATION Delete classification not applicable	COMPETENT AUTHORITY CERTIFICATE NUMBER(S) required only for Type B containers
ROAD TRAIN (TWO TRAILERS)	6.6 GBq	<del>I White</del> or <del>II Yellow</del> or III Yellow	For Yellow hazard categories only 7	Industrial-type III- or Type A or Type B(U) or Type B(M)	N/A

#### "WARNING"

FAILURE TO COMPLY IN ALL RESPECTS WITH THE APPLICABLE RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS  
TRANSPORT REGULATIONS MAY BE IN BREACH OF THE APPLICABLE LAW, SUBJECT TO LEGAL  
PENALTIES. THIS DECLARATION MUST NOT, IN ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, BE COMPLETED AND/OR  
SIGNED BY A CONSOLIDATOR, A FORWARDER OR CARGO AGENT.

I HEREBY DECLARE THAT I AM AUTHORISED TO SIGN THIS  
DECLARATION ON BEHALF OF THE CONSIGNOR AND THAT THE  
CONTENTS OF THIS CONSIGNMENT ARE FULLY AND  
ACCURATELY DESCRIBED ABOVE AND ARE CLASSIFIED,  
PACKED, MARKED AND LABELLED AND ARE, IN ALL RESPECTS,  
IN THE PROPER CONDITION FOR TRANSPORT ACCORDING TO  
THE APPLICABLE REGULATIONS BY THE FOLLOWING MODE(S)  
OF TRANSPORT

NAME OF SIGNATORY: (PLEASE PRINT)

NICK TSURIKOV

POSITION RADIATION SAFETY OFFICER

SIGNATURE

(SEE ABOVE WARNING)

DATE 21 NOVEMBER 2003

ADDITIONAL HANDLING INFORMATION (e.g. EmS Number, Schedule Number, Special arrangements, Exclusive use, other information)

RSO EMERGENCY CONTACT: 0428880340

SEE REVERSE FOR INFORMATION FOR CARRIERS AND EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

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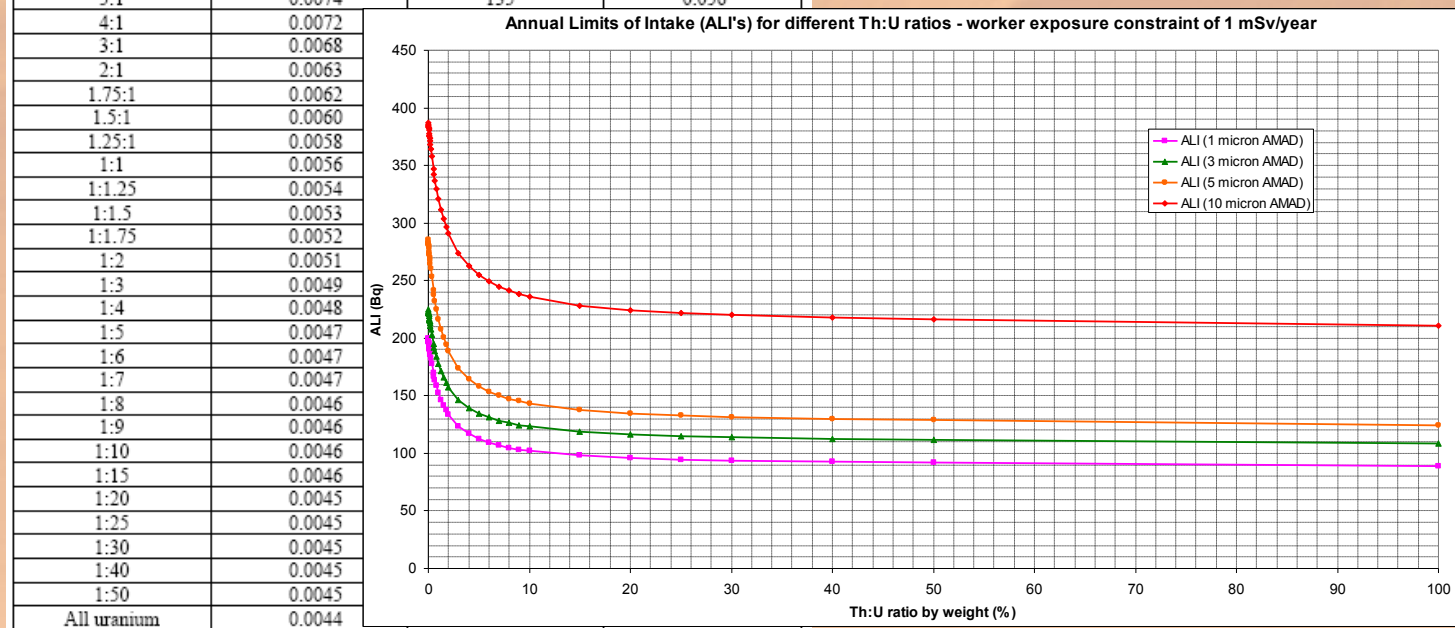


## Assessing Doses (NORM-5)

Dose  
Assessment

Table 18 – Dose conversion factors (DCF – mSv/Bq), Annual limits of intake (ALI – Bq/year) and Derived air concentrations (DAC – Bq/m<sup>3</sup>) for the dust with AMAD = 3 µm containing both thorium and uranium in different ratios, for workers (dose constraint = 1 mSv/year)

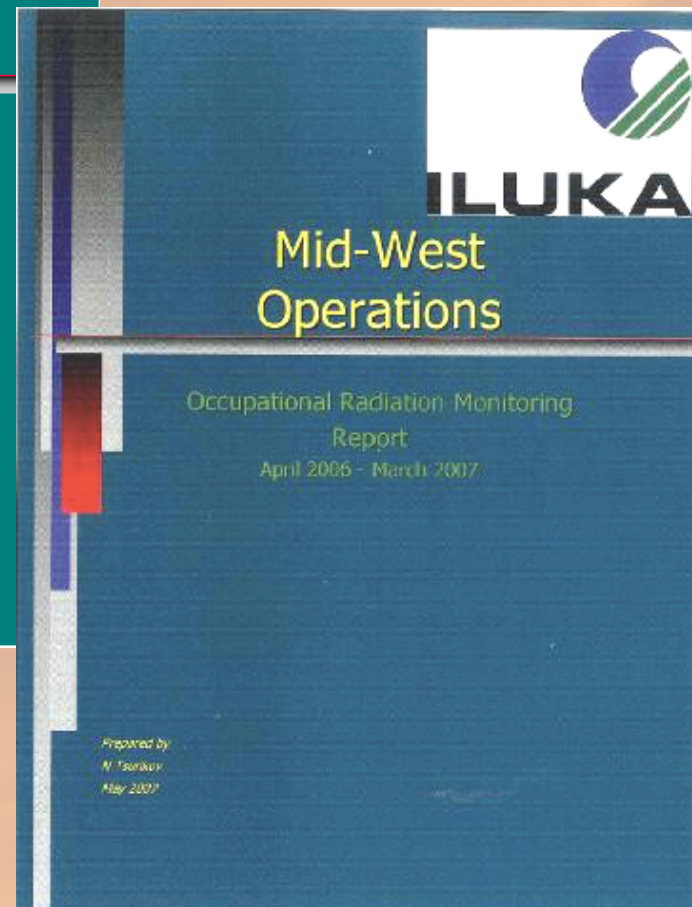
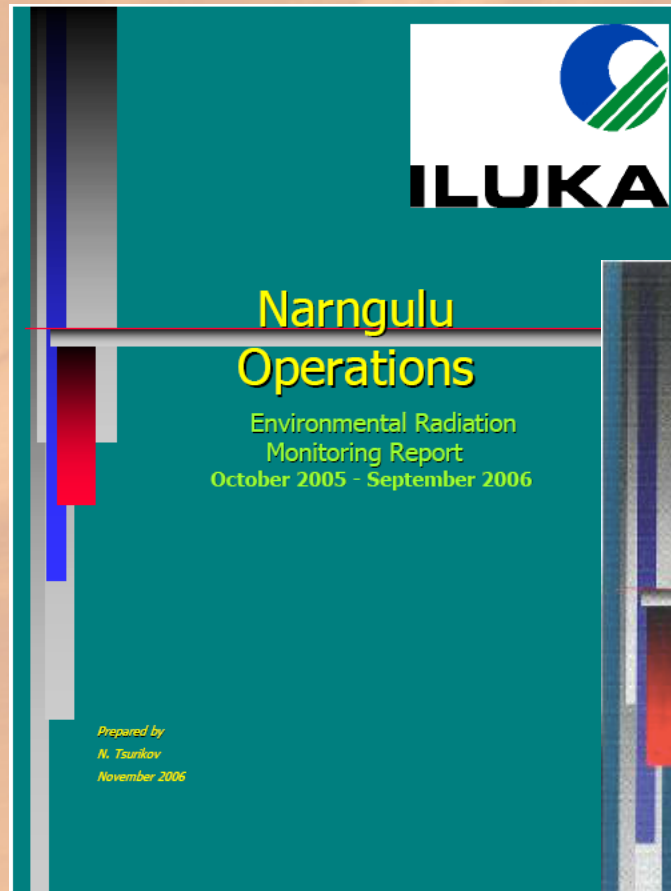
Th:U weight ratio	Dose conversion factor (mSv/Bq)	Annual limit of intake (Bq/year)	Derived air concentration (Bq/m <sup>3</sup> )
All thorium	0.0092	108	0.045
50:1	0.0090	112	0.047
40:1	0.0089	112	0.047
30:1	0.0088	114	0.047
25:1	0.0087	115	0.048
20:1	0.0086	116	0.048
15:1	0.0084	119	0.049
10:1	0.0081	123	0.051
9:1	0.0080	125	0.052
8:1	0.0079	126	0.053
7:1	0.0078	129	0.054
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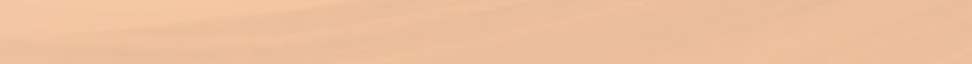
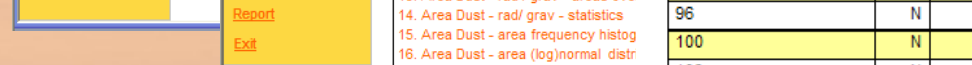
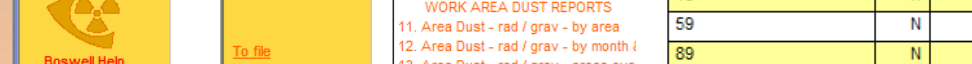
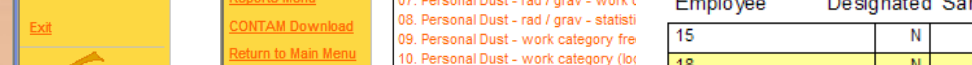
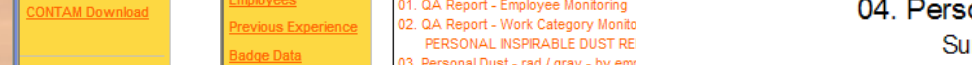
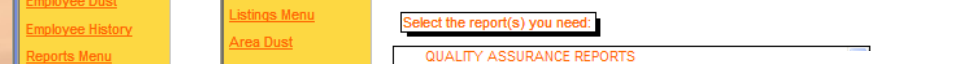
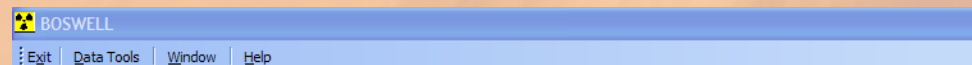
## Reporting & Notifying (NORM-6)

Reporting  
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# BOSWELL Assessment & Reporting Database (NORM-7)

Electronic Data Management System



## 04. Personal Dust - rad / grav - by employee number Summary for period 01/04/2006 to 31/03/2007

Employee	Designated	No. of Samples	Airborne Radioactivity (mBq/m³)					Dust Concentration in Air (mg/m³)				
			Min	Max	Mean	SDev	UCL	Min	Max	Mean	SDev	UCL
15	N	2	22	24	23	1		0.2	0.5	0.3	0.2	
18	N	1	17	17	17			0.2	0.2	0.2		
59	N	4	29	122	73	45	126	0.2	0.6	0.4	0.1	0.6
89	N	1	67	67	67			4.3	4.3	4.3		
96	N	2	141	175	158	24		3.4	4.6	4.0	0.9	
100	N	3	6	124	47	66	159	0.1	8.0	2.8	4.5	10.4
109	N	5	6	19	10	5	15	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.1	0.3
115	N	1	8	8	8			0.2	0.2	0.2		
256	N	1	6	6	6			0.1	0.1	0.1		
266	N	1	115	115	115			1.6	1.6	1.6		
311	N	4	6	8	7	1	7	0.0	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2
319	N	2	16	87	51	50		0.4	4.3	2.4	2.8	
352	N	1	54	54	54			2.1	2.1	2.1		
355	N	1	15	15	15			0.1	0.1	0.1		



**Thank you for your attention**

