

*Special Joint Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission and
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RAMP and The Dose to the Lens of the Eye



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Agenda/Goals

- RAMP Program – *Why are we having an Dose to the Lens of the Eye Symposium during a RAMP Meeting?*
 - Joint Health Canada/US NRC Request
 - NRCs Office of Research
 - Monitoring the Science
 - REIRS Database – Reporting Requirements for LDE
 - Cooperative Research Program - **RAMP**
 - International Collaboration
 - Developing confirmatory tools such as computer codes

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FEATURED PRESENTATIONS:

**Dose to the Lens of
the Eye: ICRP's
Latest
Recommendations**
*Christopher Clement,
ICRP*

**U.S. Nuclear
Regulatory
Commission's
Perspective on the
ICRP's
Recommendations**
*Rebecca Tadesse
U.S. NRC*

**The Canadian
Nuclear
Safety
Commission's Dose
Limits for Lens to
the Eye**
*Adelene Gaw,
Canadian Nuclear
Safety Commission*

**Operational
Considerations for
Dosimetry Service
Providers and
Dose Registries**
*Keith Henderson
and Philippe Prince,
Health Canada*

**Eye Dosimetry
Using VARSKIN**
*Logan Anspach
& Nicholas
McDaniel,
Oregon State
University*

**Development of a
Deterministic Eye
Dosimetry Model**
*David Boozer,
Oregon State
University, and
David Hamby,
Renaissance Code
Development*

**Hp(3) Comes
into Focus:
Views from a
Health Physicist**
*Christopher
Passmore,
Landauer, Inc.*

**Epidemiology and
Mechanistic Effects of
Radiation on the Lens
of the Eye: Review
and Scientific
Appraisal of the
Literature**
*Phung Kim Tran,
Electric Power
Research Institute*

**Benchmarking
Dose Modeling
for Eye
Cataracts**
*Vinita Chauhan,
Health Canada*

**Australia's
Response to the
ICRP's
Recommendation**
*Blake Orr,
Australian
Radiation
Protection and
Nuclear Safety
Agency*

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Nuclear Regulatory Research

- Mandated by Congress
- Three technical divisions:
 - Division of Engineering
 - Division of Risk Analysis
 - Division of Systems Analysis (RAMP)
- About 200 engineers, scientists, analysts, and support staff.
 - ~ 30% M.S. and 30% Ph.D.
- About \$40 M funding



Key Research Areas

- Thermal-Hydraulics
- Fuel and Core
- Severe Accident and Accident Consequences
- **Radiation and Environmental Protection**
- Risk Analysis
- Human Reliability and Human Factors
- Fire Safety
- External Hazards
- Materials Performance
- Structural Performance
- Digital Instrumentation & Control and Electrical
- Domestic and International Collaboration



<http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/nuregs/staff/sr1925/>

What Is RAMP?/Need for RAMP

RAMP is a Computer Code Management Program for **development**, maintenance and distribution of radiation/dose assessment codes:

- Streamline updates/ recognized code issues
- Incorporating the latest accepted state of the art models
- **Incorporate new models as the need arises in current codes: VARSKIN and eye dosimetry**
- Fiscally responsible by leveraging group dynamics
- Leverage the US NRC expertise in member country activities; share international codes
- Consolidation efforts to gain in efficiencies (IMBA, RESRAD, TURBOFRMAC)

Dose Assessment Codes in RAMP

Environmental

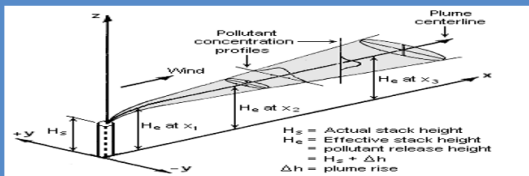


MILDOS 4

Radiological Dose from Uranium Milling



Atmospheric Codes

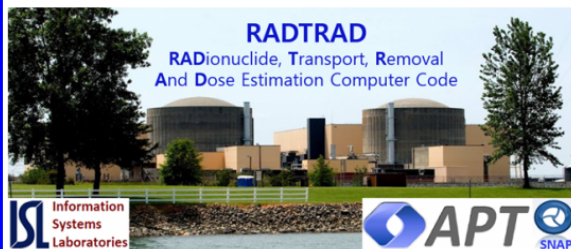


PAVAN

ARCON96

XOQ/DOQ

NPP Licensing



Gaseous And Liquid Effluent



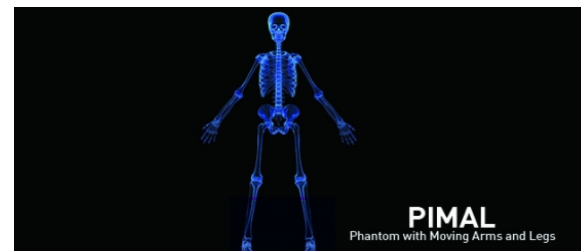
Emergency Response Code



Other Dose Assessment Codes



**RADIOLOGICAL
TOOLBOX**



Current RAMP International Agreements

We currently have 9 RAMP Agreements with these partners:

- South Africa
- Canada
- South Korea
- Taiwan
- UAE
- China
- Armenia
- Vietnam
- Spain
- Under negotiations: Ukraine, Ghana, Australia



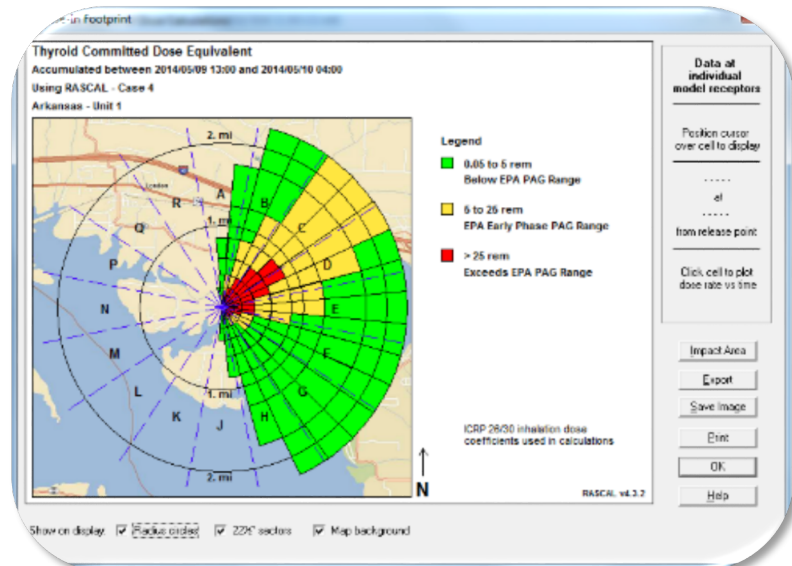
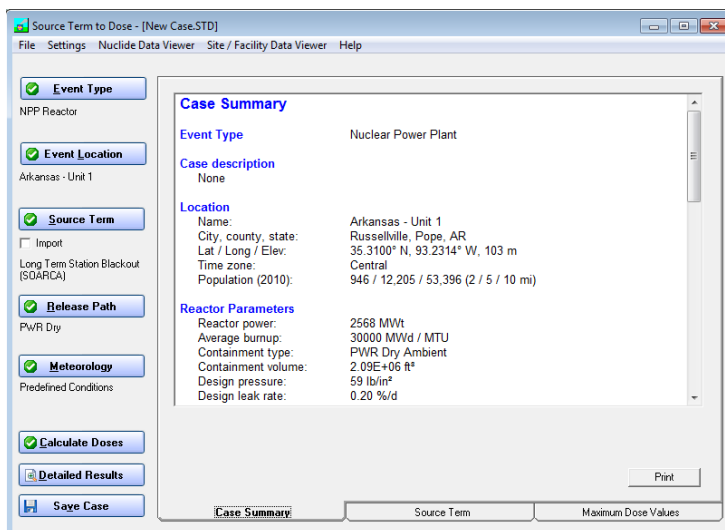
Benefits to RAMP Partnerships

- For South Africa
 - RASCAL: Input Atmospheric Tower Information
 - ARCON96: Helping with confirmatory analysis
- For Canada
 - RASCAL: Candu Source Term interface
- For Taiwan
 - RASCAL: Inputting Reactor Source Term Information
 - GENII: Decommissioning Examples
- VARSKIN is now available in Spanish, (easy to add French)
- Larger user group: troubleshooting, forums, training
- United States
 - With times of less resources, greater governmental HP community and ability to collaborate on governmental family of codes

RASCAL (Radiological Assessment System for Consequence AnaLysis)

Purpose: Radiological incidents to assess off-site dose consequences

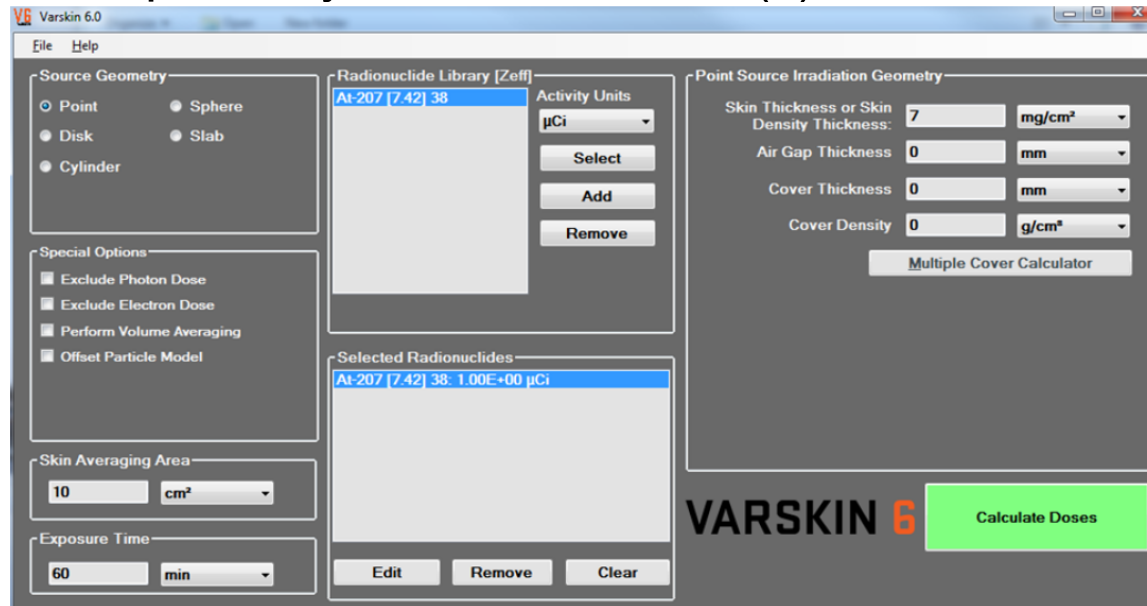
Uses: Response organizations for pre-release or plume phase of radiological release to atmosphere; to help inform or evaluate protective actions



VARSKIN

Purpose: calculate occupational dose to the skin resulting from exposure to radiation emitted from hot particles or other contamination on or near the skin over a contiguous 10 cm^2 of skin at a tissue depth of 0.007 centimeters (7 mg/cm²).

Uses: NRC staff uses the code to perform confirmatory calculations of licensees' skin dose estimates from both electron and photon emissions as required by 10 CFR 20.1201(c).



The screenshot shows the Varskin 6.0 software interface. The window title is "Varskin 6.0". The menu bar includes "File" and "Help". The interface is divided into several sections:

- Source Geometry:** Radio button options for Point, Sphere, Disk, Slab, and Cylinder. "Point" is selected.
- Special Options:** Checkboxes for "Exclude Photon Dose", "Exclude Electron Dose", "Perform Volume Averaging", and "Offset Particle Model".
- Skin Averaging Area:** A text box with "10" and a dropdown menu with "cm²".
- Exposure Time:** A text box with "60" and a dropdown menu with "min".
- Radionuclide Library [Zeff]:** A list box containing "At-207 [7.42] 38". To its right are "Activity Units" (a dropdown menu with "μCi" selected), and "Select", "Add", and "Remove" buttons.
- Selected Radionuclides:** A list box containing "At-207 [7.42] 38: 1.00E+00 μCi". Below it are "Edit", "Remove", and "Clear" buttons.
- Point Source Irradiation Geometry:** Input fields for "Skin Thickness or Skin Density Thickness" (7 mg/cm²), "Air Gap Thickness" (0 mm), "Cover Thickness" (0 mm), and "Cover Density" (0 g/cm³). A "Multiple Cover Calculator" button is below these fields.

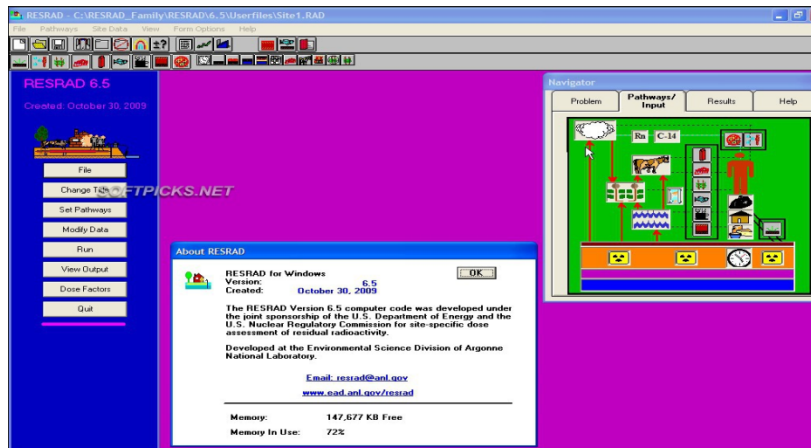
At the bottom right, the text "VARSKIN 6" is displayed next to a large green button labeled "Calculate Doses".

RESRAD (RESidual RADioactive Materials)

RESRAD in RAMP in 2018

Purpose: Family of codes used to analyze human and biota radiation exposures from environmental contamination of residual radioactive materials

Use: The codes are used worldwide by regulatory agencies, the risk assessment community, and universities in more than 100 countries



U.S. RAMP Meeting in Canada 2018

Monday: Opening Session



Lets Continue with Day 3: Dose to the Lens of the Eye