

# **MILDOS-AREA**

Version 4

Fall RAMP Users Group Meeting North Bethesda, Maryland

10/16/17 to 10/17/17



### **Overview**

#### What is MILDOS-AREA?

- Program scope
- Uranium reserves and mining / milling
- MILDOS-AREA development
- Documentation & guidance / regulations
- New features and demo

### Models and Methodology

- User Interface
  - Example case development follows model discussion
  - Receptor options
- Radionuclides, source types, and source terms
- Air dispersion, ground concentrations, and resuspension
- Media concentrations
- Exposure calculations
- Interactive results
- Sensitivity analysis

### Topic Specific Problem Sets

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### What is MILDOS-AREA?

### **Computer code**

Based on U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) guidance

### **Licensing tool**

- Applicants and licensees
- NRC staff

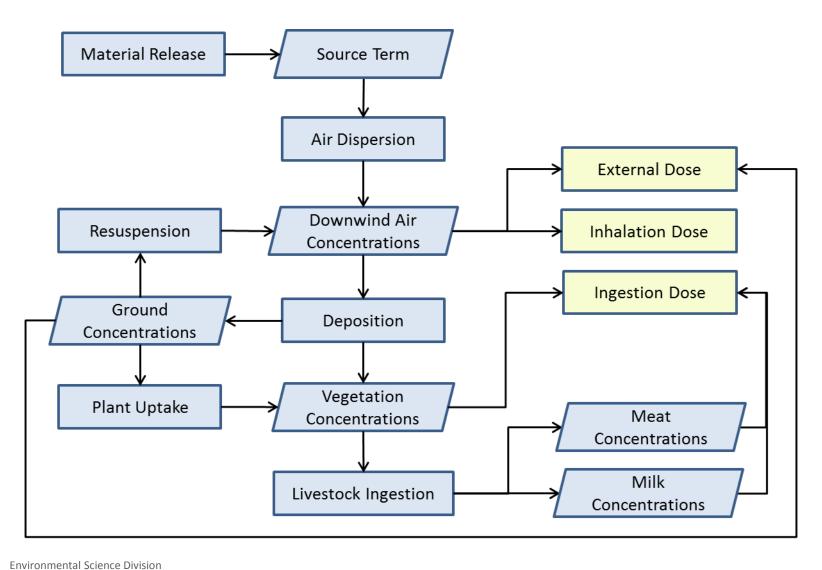


### **Program Scope**

- Impact estimation from radioactive emissions from uranium milling facilities (traditional ore and in-situ recovery)
  - Dose commitments to individuals and regional population
  - Air, ground, and food concentrations
  - Different processes occur at different times in the facility's operational lifetime
    - For example: well drilling, operations, storage, restoration
- Only radioactive emissions from airborne release
  - Uses sector averaged plume model
  - Includes deposition, resuspension, accumulation, weathering, decay & ingrowth
  - No release to surface water or groundwater
- Exposure pathways include
  - External from groundshine and cloudshine
  - Inhalation
  - Ingestion of meat, milk, and vegetables



### **Exposure Pathways**

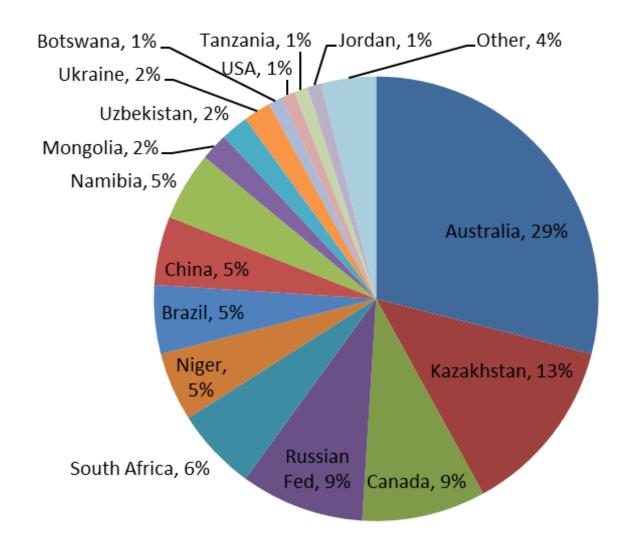


### Major U.S. Uranium Reserves



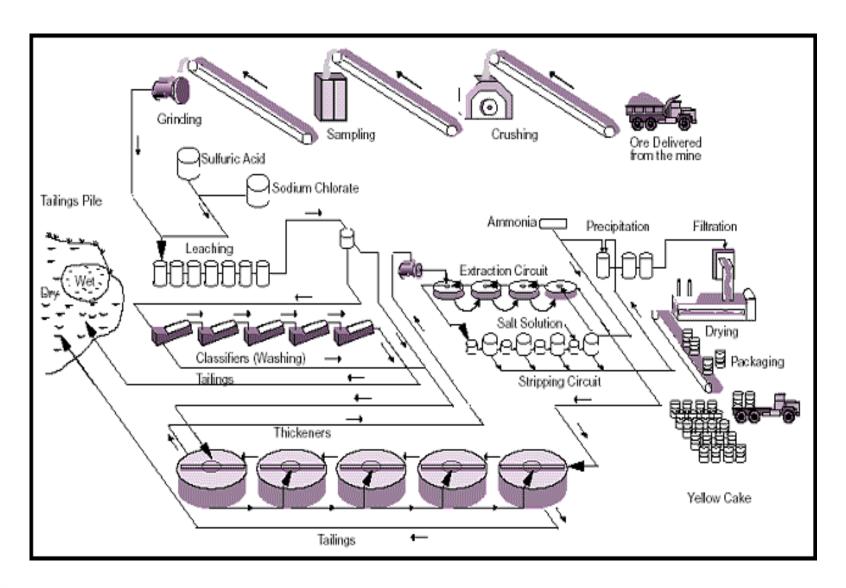
Sources: Based on U.S. Department of Energy, Grand Junction Project Office (GJPO), National Uranium Resources Evaluation, Interim Report (June 1979) Figure 3.2; and GJPO data files.

### Known Recoverable Sources of Uranium, 2015





# **Conventional Uranium Ore Milling Process**





### **U.S. Uranium Mills**

# Table 4. U.S. uranium mills and heap leach facilities by owner, location, capacity, and operating status at end of the year, 2011-16

	Mill and Heap	County, State	Capacity	Operating Status at End of the Year							
Owner	Leach <sup>1</sup> Facility Name	(existing and planned locations)	(short tons of ore per day)	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016		
	Shootaring Canyon Uranium										
Anfield Resources	Mill	Garfield, Utah	750	Standby	Standby	Standby	Standby	Standby	Standby		
						Operating-	Operating-	Operating-	Operating-		
						Processing	Processing	Processing	Processing		
EFR White Mesa LLC	White Mesa Mill	San Juan, Utah	2,000	Operating	Operating	Alternate Feed	Alternate Feed	Alternate Feed	Alternate Feed		
Energy Fuels Wyoming											
Inc	Sheep Mountain	Fremont, Wyoming	725	_	_	Undeveloped	Undeveloped	Undeveloped	Undeveloped		
Kennecott Uranium Company/Wyoming Coal Resource	Sweetwater	Sweetwater,									
Company	<b>Uranium Project</b>	Wyoming	3,000	Standby	Standby	Standby	Standby	Standby	Standby		
					Partially						
Pinon Ridge Resources				Permitted And	Permitted And	Permitted And	Permitted And	Permitted And	Permitted And		
Corporation	Pinon Ridge Mill	Montrose, Colorado	500	Licensed	Licensed	Licensed	Licensed	Licensed	Licensed		

#### - = No data reported.

Total Capacity:

Notes: Capacity for 2015. An operating status of "Operating" indicates the mill usually was producing uranium concentrate at the end of the period.

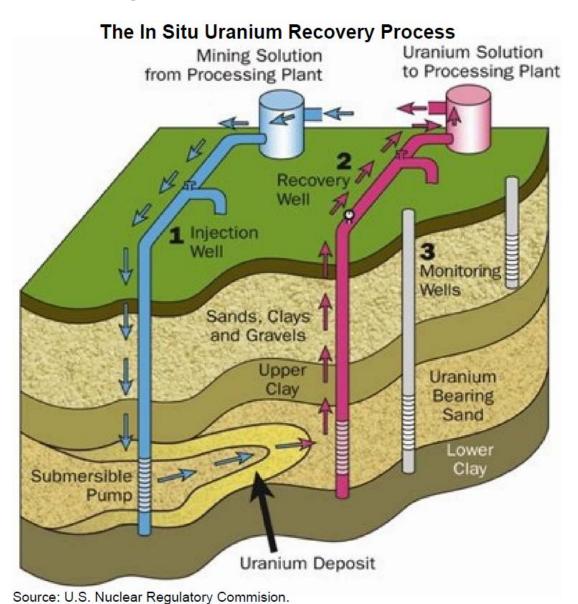
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Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration: Form EIA-851A, "Domestic Uranium Production Report" (2011-16).



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Heap leach solutions: The separation, or dissolving-out from mined rock, of the soluble uranium constituents by the natural action of percolating a prepared chemical solution through mounded (heaped) rock material. The mounded material usually contains low grade mineralized material and/or waste rock produced from open pit or underground mines. The solutions are collected after percolation is completed and processed to recover the valued components.

# In Situ Recovery

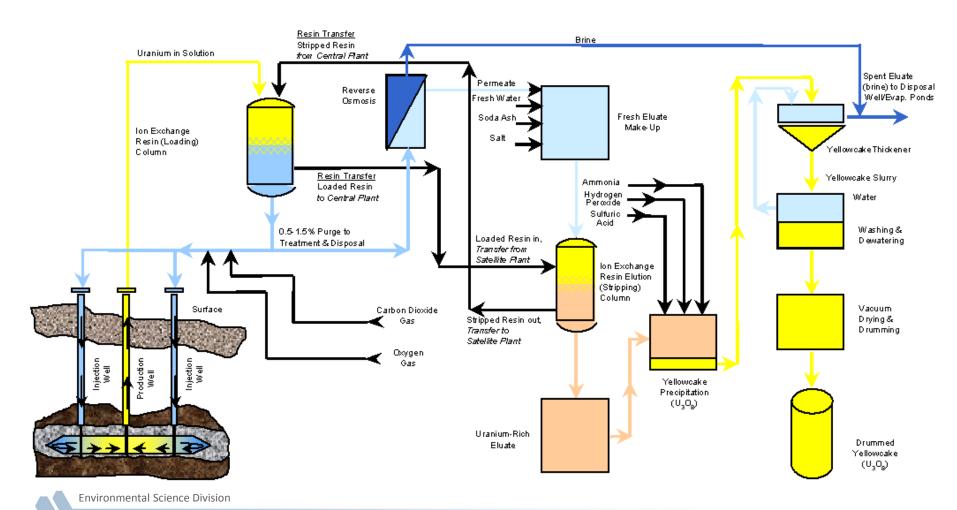


# In Situ Recovery (cont.)

#### URANIUM EXTRACTION

#### YELLOWCAKE RECOVERY

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# In Situ Recovery



**New Well Field Development** 



Drying and Packaging of Yellow Cake



Restoration Well Fields and Land Application



**Production Well Fields** 



### U.S. Uranium In Situ Leach Plants

Table 5. U.S. uranium in-situ-leach plants by owner, location, capacity, and operating status at end of the year, 2011-16

	In-Situ-Leach Plant	County, State (existing and	Production Capacity (pounds U <sub>3</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	Operating Status at End of the Year						
In-Situ-Leach Plant Owner	Name	planned locations)	per year)	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
								Partially	Partially	
								<b>Permitted and</b>	Permitted and	
AUC LLC	Reno Creek	Campbell, Wyoming	2,000,000	_	_	Developing	Developing	Licensed	Licensed	
		Fall River and					Partially	Partially	Partially	
		Custer, South					Permitted And	Permitted And	Permitted And	
Azarga Uranium Corp	Dewey Burdock Project	Dakota	1,000,000	Undeveloped	Developing	Developing	Licensed	Licensed	Licensed	
Cameco	Crow Butte Operation	Dawes, Nebraska	1,000,000	Operating	Operating	Operating	Operating	Operating	Operating	
				Partially	Partially	Partially	Partially	Partially	Partially	
		McKinley, New		Permitted And	Permitted And	Permitted And	Permitted And	Permitted And	Permitted And	
Hydro Resources, Inc.	Church Rock	Mexico	1,000,000	Licensed	Licensed	Licensed	Licensed	Licensed	Licensed	
				Partially	Partially	Partially	Partially	Partially	Partially	
		McKinley, New		Permitted And	Permitted And	Permitted And	Permitted And	Permitted And	Permitted And	
Hydro Resources, Inc.	Crownpoint	Mexico	1,000,000	Licensed	Licensed	Licensed	Licensed	Licensed	Licensed	
				Partially						
		Sweetwater,		Permitted And	Under					
Lost Creek ISR LLC	Lost Creek Project	Wyoming	2,000,000	Licensed	Construction	Operating	Operating	Operating	Operating	
Mestena Uranium LLC	Alta Mesa Project	Brooks, Texas	1,500,000	Producing	Producing	Producing	Producing	Standby	Standby	
Power Resources Inc., dba	Smith Ranch-Highland									
Cameco Resources	Operation	Converse, Wyoming	5,500,000	Operating	Operating	Operating	Operating	Operating	Operating	
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South Texas Mining Venture	Hobson ISR Plant	Karnes, Texas	1,000,000	Operating	Operating	Operating	Operating	Operating	Standby	
	1100301113N FIGHT	Ruilles, lexus	1,000,000	Operating	Operating	Operating	Operating	Operating	Standby	
South Texas Mining	La Balangana	Duval Toyas	1 000 000	Operating	Operation	Operating	Operating	Operating	Ctondb	
Venture	La Palangana	Duval, Texas	1,000,000	Operating	Operating	Operating	Operating	Operating	Standby	



### U.S. Uranium In Situ Leach Plants (cont.)

					Partially	Partially		Changing	
					Permitted And	Permitted And	Under	License to	
Strata Energy Inc	Ross CPP	Crook, Wyoming	375,000	Developing	Licensed	Licensed	Construction	Operational	Operating
URI, Inc.	Kingsville Dome	Kleberg, Texas	1,000,000	Standby	Standby	Restoration	Restoration	Restoration	Restoration
URI, Inc.	Rosita .	Duval, Texas	1,000,000	Standby	Standby	Restoration	Restoration	Reclamation	Reclamation
URI, Inc.	Vasquez	Duval, Texas	800,000	Restoration	Restoration	Restoration	Restoration	Restoration	Restoration
Uranerz Energy	Nichols Ranch ISR	Johnson and		Under	Under	Under			
Corporation	Project	Campbell, Wyoming	2,000,000	Construction	Construction	Construction	Producing	Operating	Operating
				Partially					
	Goliad ISR Uranium			Permitted And					
Uranium Energy Corp.	Project	Goliad, Texas	1,000,000	Licensed	Licensed	Licensed	Licensed	Licensed	Standby
Uranium One Americas,		Sweetwater,							
Inc.	Jab and Antelope	Wyoming	2,000,000	Developing	Developing	Developing	Developing	Developing	Developing
Uranium One Americas,				Permitted And					
Inc.	Moore Ranch	Campbell, Wyoming	500,000	Licensed	Licensed	Licensed	Licensed	Licensed	Licensed
	Willow Creek Project								
	(Christensen Ranch	Campbell and							
Uranium One USA, Inc.	and Irigaray)	Johnson, Wyoming	1,300,000	Producing	Producing	Producing	Operating	Operating	Operating

#### **Total Production Capacity:**

26,975,000

Notes: Production capacity for 2016. An operating status of "Operating" indicates the in-situ-leach plant usually was producing uranium concentrate at the end of the period. Hobson ISR Plant processes uranium concentrate that came from La Palangana. Hobson and La Palangana are part of the same project. ISR stands for in-situ recovery. Christensen Ranch and Irigaray are part of the Willow Creek Project. Uranerz Energy has a tolling arrangement with Cameco Resources. Uranium is first processed at the Nichols Ranch plant and then transported to the Smith Ranch-Highland Operation plant for final processing into Uranerz's uranium concentrate. CPP stands for central processing plant.

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration: Form EIA-851A, "Domestic Uranium Production Report" (2011-16).

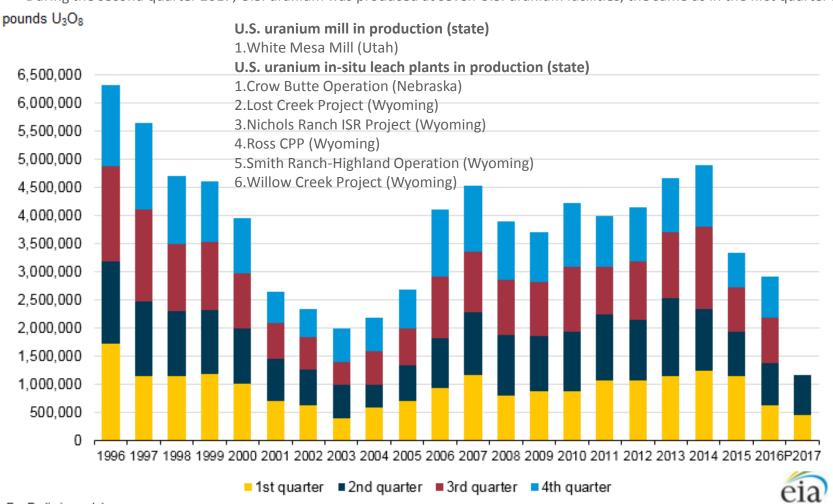


<sup>-=</sup> No data reported.

### **U.S. Uranium Production**

Figure 1. Uranium concentrate production in the United States, 1996 - 2nd quarter 2017

During the second quarter 2017, U.S. uranium was produced at seven U.S. uranium facilities, the same as in the first quarter 2017.



P = Preliminary data.

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration: Form EIA-851A and Form EIA-851Q, "Domestic Uranium Production Report."

### **MILDOS-AREA Development**

- 1979: UDAD (Uranium Dispersion and Dosimetry)
- 1981: MILDOS
- 1989: MILDOS-AREA to include large-area sources and changes in dosimetry methodologies
- 1997/8: MILDOS-AREA 3.0X to include ISL specific sources, update interface to Windows, and update results for regulations
- 2012: MILDOS-AREA 3.10 refinement of interface, bug fixes, update interface to work with new Windows operating systems
- 2016: MILDOS-AREA 4.0 Windows 7 to 10, rewrite of code with integration of conventional and ISR mining/milling, Th-232 series nuclides added
- 2016 (September): MILDOS-AREA 4.01 Maintenance release: GUI upgrades, GIS module update, runtime speed improvements, bug fixes

### **NRC Reference Materials**

#### Regulatory Guides

- 3.46 Standard Format and Content of License Applications, including Environmental Reports, for In Situ Uranium Solution Mining (1982)
- 3.51 Calculational Models for Estimating Radiation Doses to Man from Airborne Radioactive Materials Resulting from Uranium Milling Operations (1982)
- 3.59 Methods for Estimating Radioactive and Toxic Airborne Source Terms for Uranium Milling Operations (1987)
- 4.14 Radiological Effluent and Environmental Monitoring at Uranium Mills (1980)

#### Interim Staff Guidance

 FSME-ISG-001, Evaluations of Uranium Recovery Facility Surveys of Radon and Radon Progeny in Air and Demonstrations of Compliance with 10 CFR 20.1301 (2014)



### NRC Reference Materials (cont.)

#### Reports

- Final Generic Environmental Impact Statement on Uranium Milling [NUREG-0706 (1980)]
- Standard Review Plan for In Situ Leach Uranium Extraction License Applications [NUREG-1569 (2003)]
- Compliance Determination Procedures for Environmental Radiation Protection Standards for Uranium Recovery Facilities 40 CFR Part 190 [NUREG-0859 (1982)]
- Consolidated Guidance: 10 CFR Part 20 Standards for Protection Against Radiation [NUREG-1736 (2001)]

### Regulatory Guide 3.59

Methods for Estimating Radioactive and Toxic Airborne Source Terms for Uranium Milling Operations (1987)

### Particle process emissions

- Ore handling and storage
- Grinding and crushing
- Yellowcake drying and packaging

#### Particle wind blown emissions

Dusting (erosion) rate calculation

#### Radon emissions

- Ore storage
- Crushing and grinding
- Tailings
- In situ leaching



### Regulatory Guide 3.51

Calculational Models for Estimating Radiation Doses to Man from Airborne Radioactive Materials Resulting from Uranium Milling Operations (1982)

#### Recommended Dose Models

- Individual / Population
- Inhalation, External (Ground / Air), Ingestion (Vegetables, Meat, Milk)

### 10 CFR 20 compliance (Standards for Protection Against Radiation)

- 10 CFR 20.1101(b): concept of as low as reasonably achievable (ALARA)
- 10 CFR 20 1101(d): annual maximum of 10 mrem to member of the public from airborne releases (excluding Rn-222 and its daughters)
- 10 CFR 20 1301(a)(1): annual maximum of 100 mrem to member of the public
- 10 CFR 20 1302(b)(2)(i): compliance with above can be shown if effluent air and ground releases do not exceed the values specified in Table 2 of Appendix B to part 20 at the boundary of the unrestricted area and the external dose rate is less than 2 mrem per hour



# Regulatory Guide 3.51(cont.)

- 40 CFR 190 compliance (Environmental Radiation Protection Standards for Nuclear Power Operations)
  - Annual dose equivalent of 25 mrem to whole body, 75 mrem to thyroid, 25 mrem to any other organ
  - Excludes emission of radon and daughters

### **Documentation**

- 1979 *Uranium Dispersion and Dosimetry (UDAD) Code* [NUREG/CR-0553]
- 1981 MILDOS A Computer Program for Calculating Environmental Radiation Doses From Uranium Recovery Operations [NUREG/CR-2011]
- 1984 Methods for Estimating Radioactive and Toxic Airborne Source Terms for Uranium Milling Operations [NUREG/CR-4088]
- 1989 MILDOS-AREA: An Enhanced Version of MILDOS for Large-Area Sources [ANL/ES-161]
- 1997 MILDOS-AREA: An Update with Incorporation of In Situ Leach
   Uranium Recovery Technology [NRC letter report; App. D in NUREG-1569]
- 2016 Technical Manual and User's Guide for MILDOS-AREA Version 4 [NUREG/CR-7212]
- 2016 MILDOS-AREA Version 4 Computational Verification Report [NUREG/CR-7213]

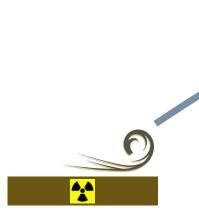


### What's New (Version 4)

- Code re-write
  - Integrate conventional ore and ISR analyses
  - Run natively as a Windows 7 application
  - Improved user interface
- More user accessible model parameters
- Support for ores containing thorium-232 and its daughters
- Updated area source model
- Sensitivity analysis for specific input parameters
- Meteorological data input processor
- Upgraded map graphics



# **Input Components**





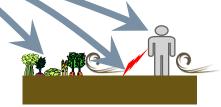


#### Weather

- Direction, speed, stability
- Frequency
- Deposition

#### Receptor

- Location
- Previously assumed
  - eats locally
  - 100% occupancy



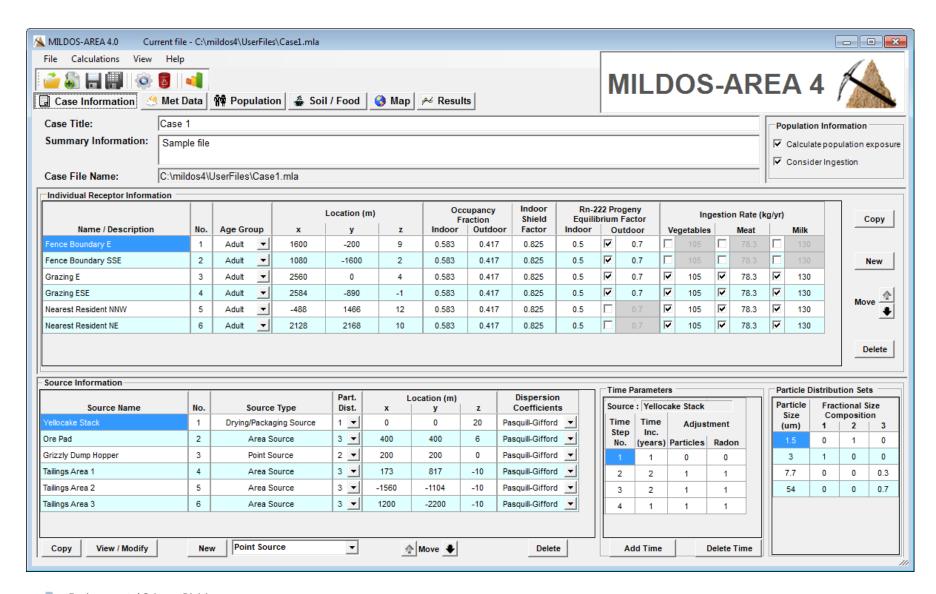
#### Source release

- Types
- Radon / Particulates Releases
- Particulate characterization
- Source time dependence

#### Land

- Food yield
- Weathering
- Resuspension

### **MILDOS-AREA Demo**





# Map Interface

Cartesian coordinate system (x,y) with distance units in meters

#### Local coordinates

1<sup>st</sup> emission source located at origin (0,0)

#### Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) coordinates

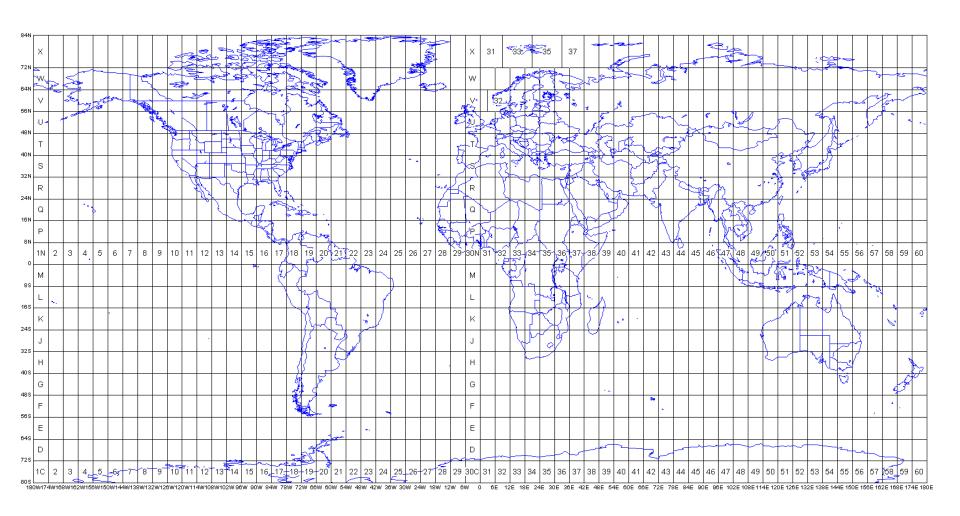
- Projection with 60 northern zones and 60 southern zones
- Zones widths are 6° in longitude
- Zones are numbered 1 through 60 starting at 180°W longitude
- Continental United States lies in northern zones 10 through 19 (10N through 19N)
- Easting east-west direction (x) coordinate
- Northing north-south direction (y) coordinate

Datum – mathematical model that describes the shape of the earth (WGS84 and NAD83 are the most recent) WGS84 is a global representation

*Projection* – representation of a curved surface on a flat plan (datum is integral to projection)



# Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) Projection



http://www.dmap.co.uk/utmworld.htm



# **UTM Zones in the Contiguous United States**



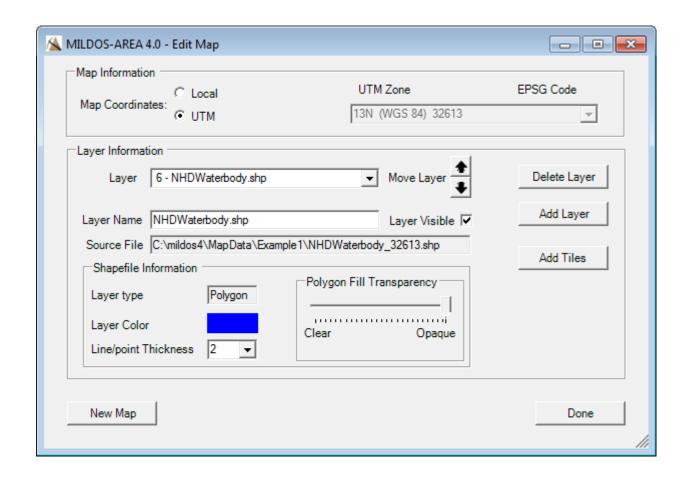


### Map Data

- Geographic Information System (GIS) module [MapWinGIS]
  - Limited subset of capabilities
- Data is geo-referenced
  - Vector: stored as points, lines, or polygons (collection of coordinated points)
  - Raster: image stored as matrix of cells (e.g., digital pictures or a scanned map)
- Managed as layers one vector or image file per layer
  - May be re-ordered, displayed in order (highest index drawn on top)
  - May be set to invisible
- All layers must be in the same projection to display properly
  - Image layers must have the same projection as used by the map control
  - Capability exists to re-project shapefiles (vector) into the proper UTM format
    - Many shapefiles use the decimal degree format



# Map Management



# **Supported Raster Data**

File Type	File Extension
Bitmap	.bmp
Graphics Interchange Format (GIF)	.gif
Joint Photographic Experts Group (JPEG) & JPEG2000	.jpg, jp2
Portable Network Graphics (PNG)	.png
Multiresolution Seamless Image Database (MrSID)	.sid
Tagged Image File Format (TIFF)	.tif
Geodata Data Abstraction Library (GDAL) Virtual TIFF	.vrt



### Sources of Free Map Data

#### The National Map

- nationalmap.gov
- http://viewer.nationalmap.gov/basic/
   (jpeg2000 image files now in WGS 1984 Web Mercator Auxiliary Sphere projection; needs re-projection before use in MILDOS 4)

### State / County / Local GIS Portal Examples

- New Mexico (http://rgis.unm.edu/getdata)
- Utah (http://gis.utah.gov/)

#### U.S. Census Bureau

- Comprehensive shapefile collection (Tiger/Line data)
- http://www.census.gov/geo/maps-data/data/tiger.html

#### **National Map Themes**

**US Topo** 

**Historical Topo Maps** 

**Structures** 

Transportation

**Boundaries** 

**Geographic Names** 

**USGS Map Indicies** 

Hydrography

Contours

Land Cover

Elevation

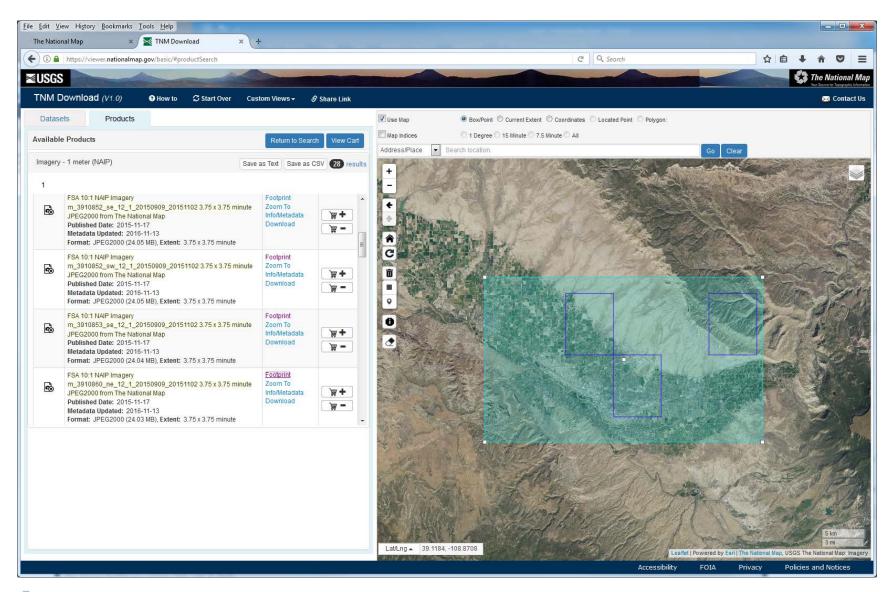
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### U.S. Department of Transportation

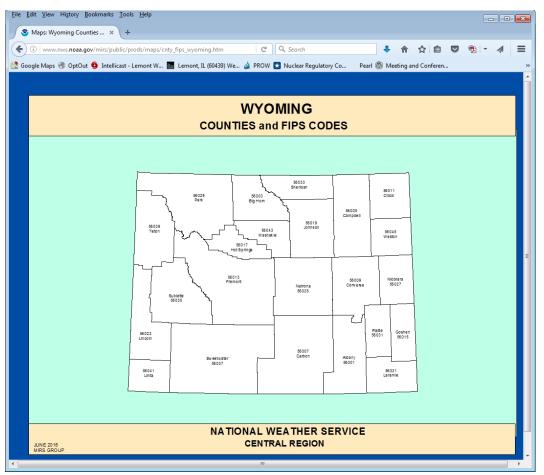
- National Transportation Atlas DB
- http://www.rita.dot.gov/bts/sites/rita.dot.gov.bts/files/publications/national\_transportation
   n atlas database/index.html



# The National Map (provided through the USGS)



# Tiger File Downloads - File Names Based on County FIPS Codes

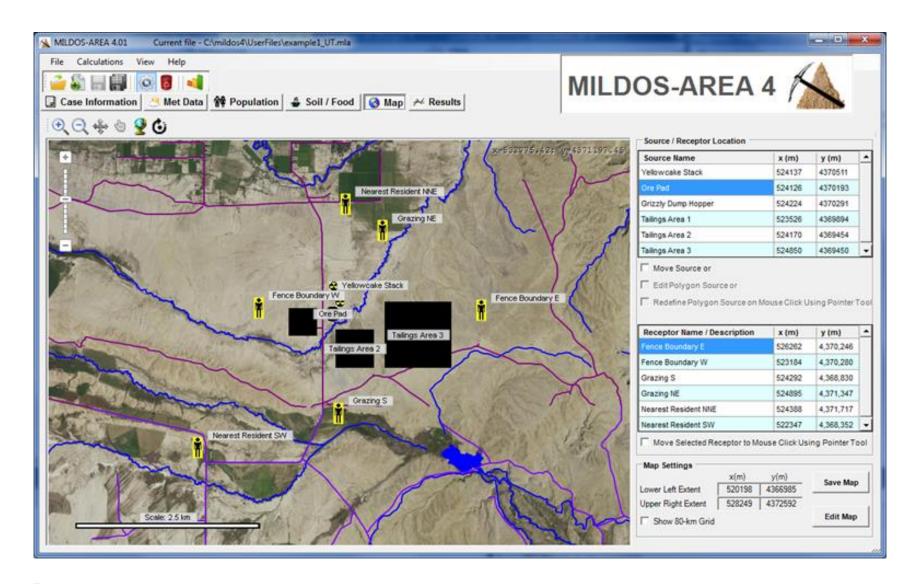


http://nws.noaa.gov/mirs/public/prods/maps/cnty\_fips\_list.htm

https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/home/?cid=nrcs143\_013697 https://www.census.gov/geo/reference/codes/cou.html



# **Example Case - Setup Location in New Input File**



### **Receptor Options**

#### Individual receptors

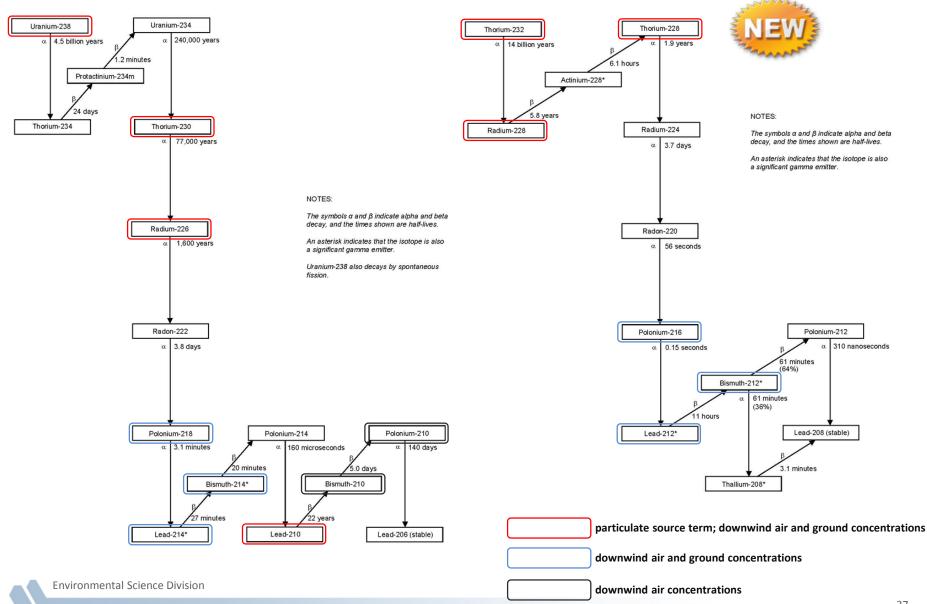
- Number of receptors not limited (constrained by available computer memory)
- Age group (infant, child, teenager, adult)
- Indoor and outdoor occupancy fractions (previously fixed)
- Vegetable, meat, and milk ingestion rates (previously fixed)

### Local Population (optional)

- 80-km grid / 16 directions / centered on 1<sup>st</sup> emission source
- 12 segments each direction between 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70,
   and 80 km
- Fraction of population in each age group (for ingestion) no longer fixed

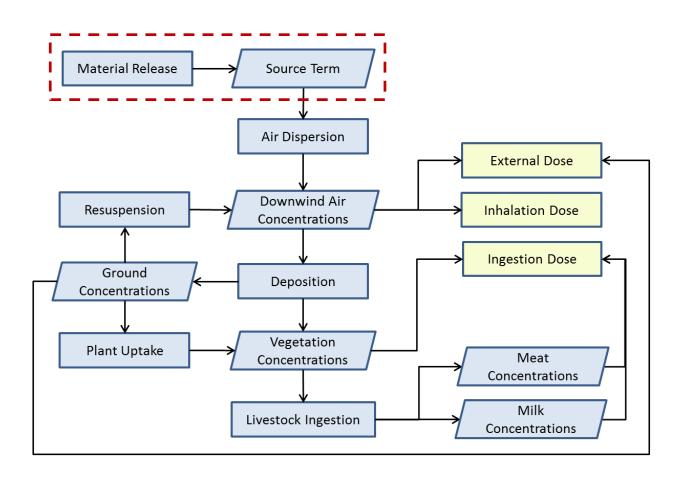


## Radionuclides





## Sources





## 7 Named Source Types

#### Point source (1)

Plume rise (momentum driven or buoyancy-induced)

#### Area source (2)

- Erosion model or user-specified release rates
- Circle, rectangle, and polygon shape options

#### Drying and packaging source (3)

 Plume rise (momentum driven or buoyancy-induced)

#### ■ In situ recovery (4 – 7)

- New well field source
- Production well field source
- Restoration well field source
- Land application source

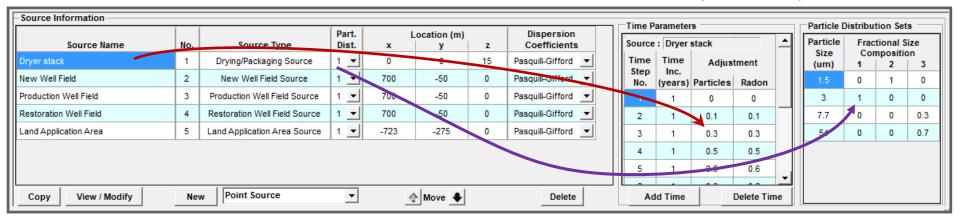


## Source Characteristics - All Sources

(Main Program Window)

Type, location, particulate size

Only 0.3 micron particles in Set 1

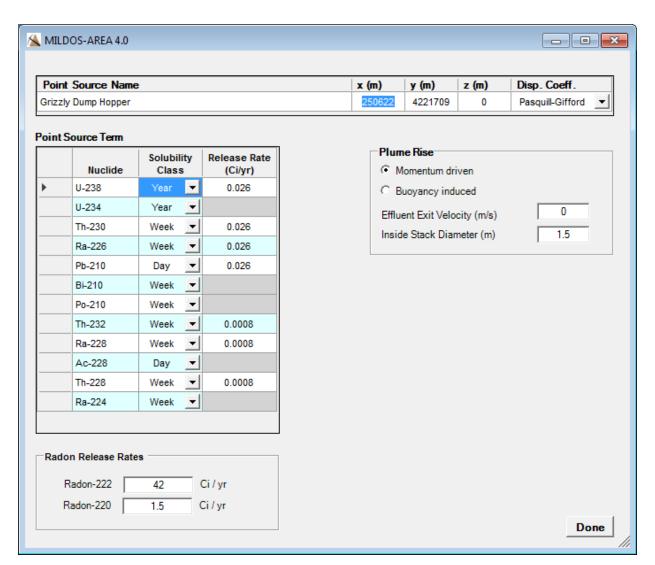


#### And time dependence

Time	2		5			10			15
Dryer Stack									
New Well Field									
Production Well Field									
Restoration Well Field									
Land Application Area									

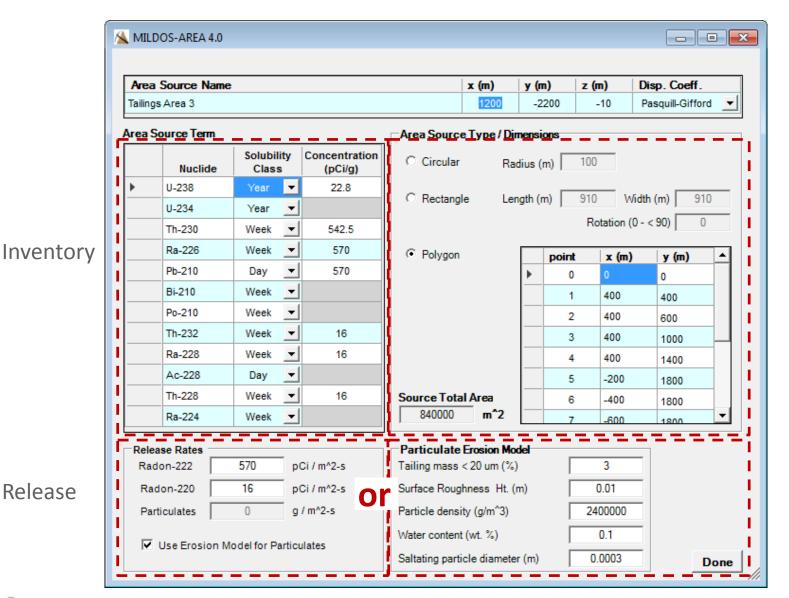
#### **Point Source**

- Release rates
- Lung clearance classes
- Plume rise model
  - Momentum-driven
  - Buoyancy-induced





## **Area Source**



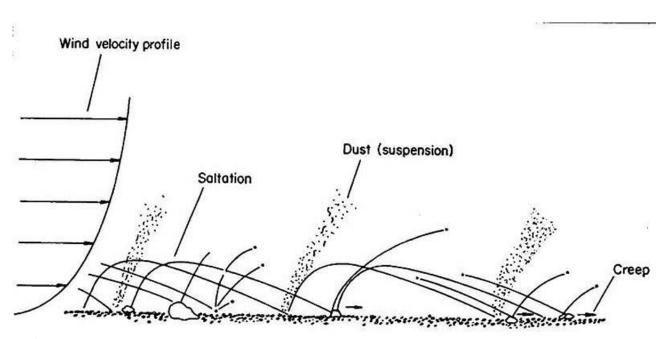
Shape & Size

Release

**Environmental Science Division** 

## **Erosion Model -- Particulate Release Rate**

- Available for area sources only
- Based on saltation process
- Empirical (derivation in NUREG-0706, App. G)





## **Erosion Model -- Particulate Release Rate (cont.)**

#### Calculates vertical flux (release)

$$q_{v} = q_{h} \left(\frac{c_{v}}{c_{h}}\right) \frac{1}{u_{*_{t}}^{3}} \left[\left(\frac{u_{*}}{u_{*_{t}}}\right)^{\left(\frac{p_{tm}}{3}\right)} - 1\right]$$

 $q_h$  = horizontal flux of particulate material (g/m-s),

 $c_v = \text{coefficient of proportionality for vertical flux } (2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ g/m}^2\text{-s}),$ 

 $c_h$  = empirical constant to relate shear velocity to horizontal flux (1 × 10<sup>2</sup> g-s<sup>2</sup>/m<sup>4</sup>),

 $u_*$  = shear velocity (m/s),

 $u_{\star t}$  = threshold shear velocity (m/s), and

 $p_{tm}$  = percent of tailing mass that has a diameter smaller than 20  $\mu$ m (unitless)

#### Shear velocity (friction velocity)

$$u_* = \frac{u_z}{2.5 \ln \left(\frac{z}{z_o}\right)}$$

 $u_z$  = wind velocity at height z (m/s),

z = wind measurement height (m), and

 $z_0$  = characteristic surface roughness height (m)



## **Erosion Model -- Particulate Release Rate (cont.)**

Threshold shear velocity

$$u_{*_t} = c_t \sqrt{\frac{\rho_p - \rho_a}{\rho_a} g \ d} \left( 1.8 + 0.6 \log_{10} W \right)$$

 $c_t$  = dimensionless coefficient equal to 0.1,

 $\rho_p$  = particle density (g/m<sup>3</sup>),

 $\rho_a$  = density of air (g/m<sup>3</sup>),

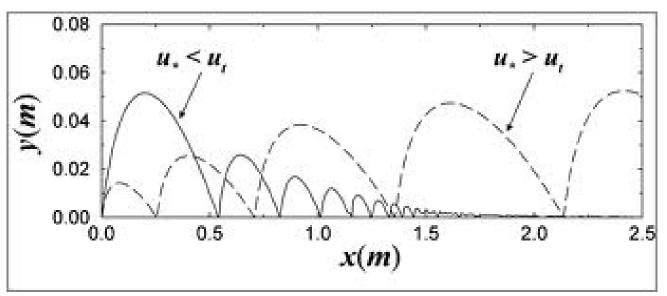
 $g = \text{gravitational acceleration (m/s}^2),$ 

d = average diameter of saltating particle (m), and

W = water content expressed in weight percent

Shear velocity vs. threshold shear velocity to get horizontal flux

$$q_h = c_h u_*^2 (u_* - u_{*_t})$$
  $q_h = 0$  when  $u_* < u_t$ 



## In Situ Recovery



**New Well Field Development** 



Drying and Packaging of Yellowcake



Restoration Well Fields and Land Application



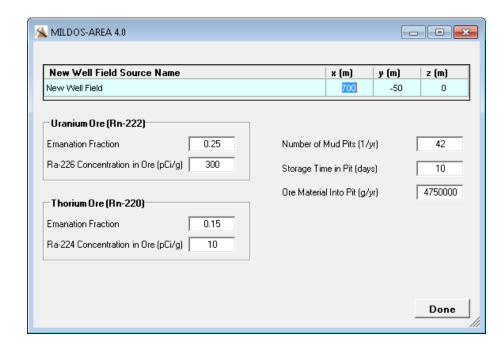
**Production Well Fields** 

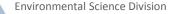


## **New Well Field - Conceptualization**

- Particulates: No release
  - During drilling, a bentonite
     slurry flows out of the drill
     head and through the borehole
- Radon: released from the cuttings that are temporarily stored in the "mud" pits
  - average mass of cutting that are temporarily stored in the slurry pits
    - Number of mud pits generated per year
    - Average mass of cutting in a mud pit
    - Storage time of cuttings in mud pit







#### **New Well Field**

#### Annual radon emission

$$Rn - 222_{nw} = 10^{-12} E_{Rn222} \lambda_{Rn222} [Ra - 226] t_{pit} M_{ore} N_{pit}$$

$$Rn - 220_{nw} = 10^{-12} E_{Rn220} \lambda_{Rn220} [Ra - 224] t_{pit} M_{ore} N_{pit},$$

 $Rn-222_{nw}$  = Rn-222 release rate from a new well field (Ci/yr),

 $Rn-220_{nw}$  = Rn-220 release rate from a new well field (Ci/yr),

10<sup>-12</sup> = unit conversion factor (Ci/pCi),

 $E_{Rn222}$ ,  $E_{Rn220}$  = emanating power for Rn-222 or Rn-220 (unitless).

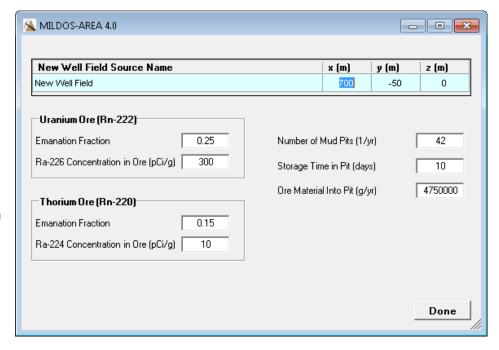
 $\lambda_{Rn222}$ ,  $\lambda_{Rn220}$  = Rn-222 or Rn-220 decay constant (1/d),

[Ra-226], [Ra-224] = concentration of Ra-226 or Ra-224 in the ore (pCi/g),

 $t_{pit}$  = storage time in a mud pit (d),

 $M_{ore}$  = average mass of ore material in a mud pit (q), and

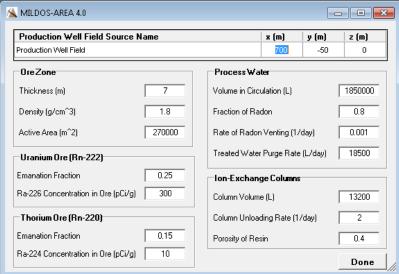
 $N_{pit}$  = number of mud pits generated per year.



## **Production Well Field - Conceptualization**

- Particulates: No release
  - Closed loop from the production well through the ion exchange column to the injection well
- Radon: Released from the ore body into the process water
  - Radon circulates and builds up in the process water – released in 3 ways:
    - Purge: From process water that is purged
      - » Production well extracts more fluid than is pumped in through the injection well to maintain a cone of depression to prevent migration of mining solutions out of the ore in the production area
    - Resin Unloading: From the process water that is discharged during resin unloading from the ion exchange columns
    - Venting: From pipes and valves





## **Production Well Field**

#### Change in Rn-222 and Rn-220 concentrations over time

$$V \frac{dC_{Rn222}}{dt} = f_{Rn}S_{Rn222} - (\lambda_{Rn222} + v_{Rn})VC_{Rn222} - (F_p + F_{ix})C_{Rn222}$$

$$V \frac{dC_{Rn220}}{dt} = f_{Rn}S_{Rn220} - (\lambda_{Rn220} + v_{Rn})VC_{Rn220} - (F_p + F_{ix})C_{Rn220},$$

V = volume of water in circulation (L),

 $C_{Rn222}$ ,  $C_{Rn220}$  = Rn-222 or Rn-220 concentration in process water (pCi/L),

 $f_{Rn}$  = fraction of radon source carried by circulating water (unitless),

 $S_{Rn222}$ ,  $S_{Rn220}$  = Rn-222 or Rn-220 source (pCi/d),

 $\lambda_{Rn222}$ ,  $\lambda_{Rn220}$  = Rn-222 or Rn-220 decay constant (1/d),

 $v_{Rn}$  = rate of radon venting from piping and valves during circulation (1/d),

 $F_p$  = "purge" rate of treated water (L/d), and

 $F_{ix}$  = water discharge rate from resin unloading of IX columns (L/d).



## Production Well Field (cont.)

#### Radon source terms

$$\begin{split} S_{Rn222} &= 10^6 \, E_{Rn222} \,\, \lambda_{\rm Rn222} \,\, [{\rm Ra-226}] \, AD\rho \\ S_{Rn220} &= 10^6 \, E_{Rn220} \,\, \lambda_{\rm Rn220} \,\, [{\rm Ra-224}] \,\, AD\rho \\ 10^6 &= {\rm unit \, conversion \, factor \, (cm^3/m^3)}, \\ E_{Rn222}, E_{Rn220} &= {\rm emanating \, power \, for \, Rn-222 \, or \, Rn-220 \, (unitless)}, \\ [{\rm Ra-226}], [{\rm Ra-224}] &= {\rm concentration \, of \, Ra-226 \, or \, Ra-224 \, in \, the \, ore \, (pCi/g)}, \\ A &= {\rm active \, area \, of \, the \, ore \, zone \, (m^2)}, \\ D &= {\rm average \, thickness \, of \, the \, ore \, zone \, (m)}, \, {\rm and} \end{split}$$

#### Radon discharge from resin unloading

$$F_{ix} = N_{ix} V_{ix} P_{ix}$$

 $\rho$  = bulk density of the ore material (g/cm<sup>3</sup>).

 $N_{ix}$  = number of IX unloadings per day,

 $V_{ix}$  = volume content of the IX column (L), and

 $P_{ix}$  = porosity of the IX resin (unitless).



## Production Well Field (cont.)

Radon steady-state process water concentrations

$$C_{Rn222} = \frac{f_{Rn} 10^6 E_{Rn222} \lambda_{Rn222} [Ra - 226] AD\rho}{(\lambda_{Rn222} + v_{Rn}) V + F_p + F_{ix}}$$

$$C_{Rn220} = \frac{f_{Rn} 10^6 E_{Rn220} \lambda_{Rn220} [Ra - 224] AD\rho}{(\lambda_{Rn220} + v_{Rn})V + F_p + F_{ix}}$$

Radon from purge water

$$Rn222_{w} = 3.65 \times 10^{-10} C_{Rn222} F_{p}$$

$$Rn220_w = 3.65 \times 10^{-10} C_{Rn220} F_p$$

Radon from venting

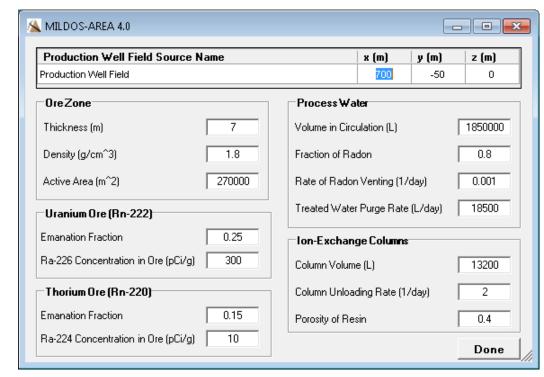
$$Rn222_v = 3.65 \times 10^{-10} v_{Rn} C_{Rn222} V$$

$$Rn220_{v} = 3.65 \times 10^{-10} v_{Rn} C_{Rn220} V$$

Radon IX resin unloading

$$Rn222_{ix} = 3.65 \times 10^{-10} C_{Rn222} F_{ix}$$

$$Rn220_{ix} = 3.65 \times 10^{-10} C_{Rn220} F_{ix}$$



## **Drying and Packaging - Conceptualization**

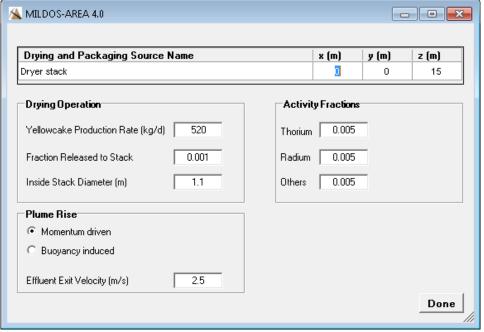
#### Particulates:

- Stack release from thermal dryers
  - Use a fraction of the production based on information from facilities that are operational
  - Progeny releases are a fraction of the uranium releases
- No release from vacuum dryers under normal operating conditions

#### U-238 series only

Purified yellowcake (no Rn or Th-series)





# Yellowcake Drying and Packaging

#### U-238 release rate

$$U238_{dp} = 3.0973 \times 10^5 R_{yc} f_s U238_{sa},$$

 $U238_{dp} = U-238$  release rate from the facility stack (Ci/yr),

 $R_{yc}$  = daily production rate of yellowcake at the facility (kg U<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>/d),

 $f_s$  = fraction of production released through the facility stack (unitless),

 $U238_{sa}$  = specific activity of U-238 (3.3 × 10<sup>-7</sup> Ci/g), and

 $3.097 \times 10^5 = \text{conversion factor}, 0.8480 \text{ g of U/g of } U_3O_8 \times 1,000 \text{ g/kg} \times 365.25 \text{ d/yr (g-d/kg-yr)}$ 

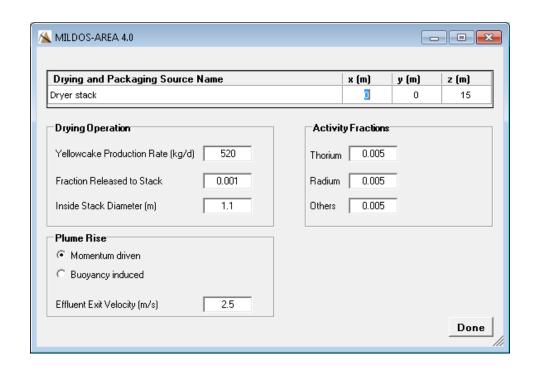
#### U-238 progeny release rates

$$TH 230_{dp} = f_{Th} U 238_{dp}$$

$$RA226_{dp} = f_{Ra}U238_{dp}$$

$$PB210_{dp} = f_{others}U238_{dp}$$

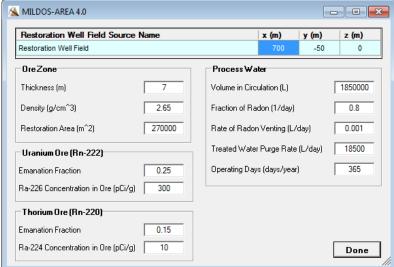
$$f_{Th}$$
,  $f_{Ra}$ ,  $f_{others}$  = Th-230, Ra-226, and Pb-210 release fractions relative to the release amount for U-238 (unitless)



## Restoration Well Field - Conceptualization

- Pump and treat with fresh water injection. Similar to production well.
- Particulates: No release
  - There is a closed loop from the well through to the injection well
- Radon: Released from the ore body into the process water
  - Radon circulates and builds up in the process water – released in 2 ways:
    - Purge: From process water that is purged
      - » Well extracts more fluid than is pumped in through the injection well to maintain a cone of depression to prevent migration of mining solutions out of the ore in the production area
    - Venting: From pipes and valves





## Restoration Well Field

- Similar to production well calculation, but no loss of radon from the IX resin
- Radon steady-state process water concentrations

$$C_{Rn222} = \frac{f_{Rn}10^6 E_{Rn222} \lambda_{Rn222} [Ra - 226] AD\rho}{(\lambda_{Rn222} + v_{Rn})V + F_p}$$

$$C_{Rn222} = \frac{f_{Rn}10^{6} E_{Rn222} \lambda_{Rn222} \left[ \text{Ra} - 226 \right] AD\rho}{\left( \lambda_{Rn222} + v_{Rn} \right) V + F_{p}} \qquad C_{Rn220} = \frac{f_{Rn}10^{6} E_{Rn220} \lambda_{Rn220} \left[ \text{Ra} - 224 \right] AD\rho}{\left( \lambda_{Rn220} + v_{Rn} \right) V + F_{p}}$$

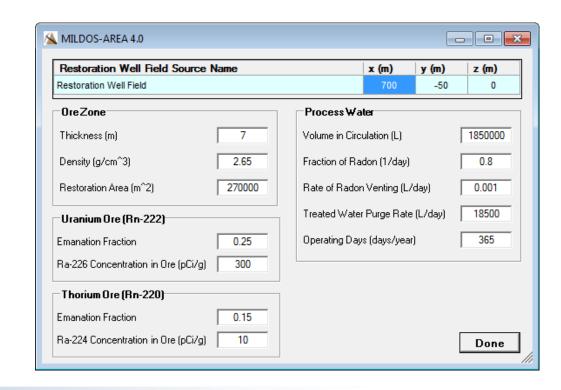
Radon from purge water

$$Rn222_{w} = 1 \times 10^{-12} C_{Rn222} F_{p} D_{op}$$

$$Rn220_{w} = 1 \times 10^{-12} C_{Rn220} F_{p} D_{op}$$

Radon from venting

$$Rn222_{v} = 1 \times 10^{-12} v_{Rn} C_{Rn222} D_{op} V$$
  
 $Rn220_{v} = 1 \times 10^{-12} v_{Rn} C_{Rn220} D_{op} V$ 

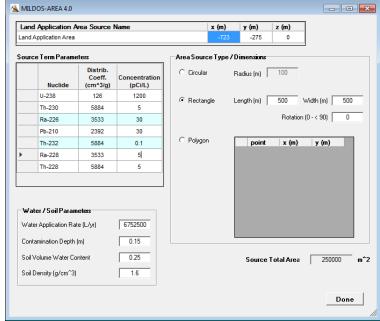


## Land Application Area - Conceptualization

#### Release of particulates

- Surface soil is contaminated
  - Purge water from production wells and waste water from well field restoration are treated to unrestricted release levels and disposed of by irrigating the land
- Uniform contamination over a specified depth
- Equilibrium adsorption of nuclide between soil and the applied irrigation
- Release from the area source





## **Land Application Area**

#### **Determine surface soil contamination**

$$C_{sw}(i,t_1) = \int_{0}^{t_1} \frac{C_{iw}(i,t_1)R_w F_s}{A_s D_s \rho_s 10^6} \exp(-(\lambda_i + \lambda_e)t) dt$$

 $C_{sw}(i,t_1)$  = soil concentration of radionuclide *i* after water irrigation for time  $t_1$  (pCi/g),

 $10^6$  = unit conversion factor (cm<sup>3</sup>/m<sup>3</sup>),

 $C_{iv}(i,t_1)$  = concentration of radionuclide i in irrigation water during time  $t_1$  (pCi/L),

 $R_w$  = water application rate (L/yr),

t = time (yr),

 $F_s$  = fraction of radionuclides retained in the soil (unitless),

 $A_s$  = area of land application (m<sup>2</sup>),

 $D_{\rm s}$  = depth of soil penetration (m),

 $\rho_s$  = soil bulk density (g/cm<sup>3</sup>),

 $\lambda_i$  = radioactive decay constant for radionuclide i (1/yr), and

 $\lambda_e$  = decay constant to account for environmental loss from soil (1/yr).

#### Fraction retained in soil

$$F_s = 1 - \frac{1}{R_d}$$

$$F_s = 1 - \frac{1}{R_d} \qquad R_d = 1 + \frac{\rho_s K_d}{w}$$

 $R_{d}$ = retardation factor (unitless),

 $K_d$  = radionuclide distribution coefficient (cm<sup>3</sup>/g) and

w = soil volume water content (unitless)



# Land Application Area (cont.)

Surface soil contamination after a given time and time step n

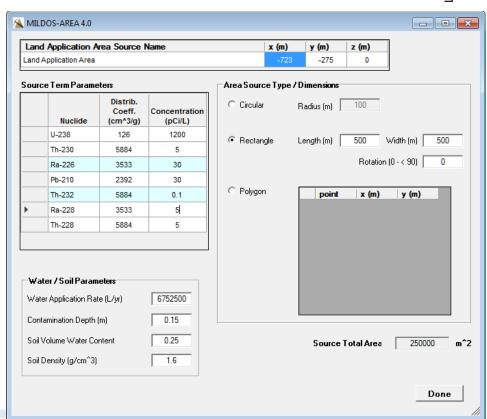
$$C_{sw}(i, t_1) = \frac{C_{iw}(i, t_1) R_w t_1 F_s}{A_s D_s \rho_s 10^6} \left( \frac{1 - \exp(-(\lambda_i + \lambda_e)t_1)}{\lambda_i + \lambda_e} \right)$$

$$C_{sw}(i,t_{s_n}) = \left(\frac{C_{iw}(i)R_wF_s}{A_sD_s\rho_s10^6}\right)\left[\sum_{j=1}^{n-1}P_{Aj}t_{s_j}\exp\left(-\left(\lambda_i+\lambda_e\right)\left(t_n-t_j\right)\right) + P_{An}t_{s_n}\left(\frac{1-\exp\left(-\left(\lambda_i+\lambda_e\right)t_n\right)}{\lambda_i+\lambda_e}\right)\right]$$

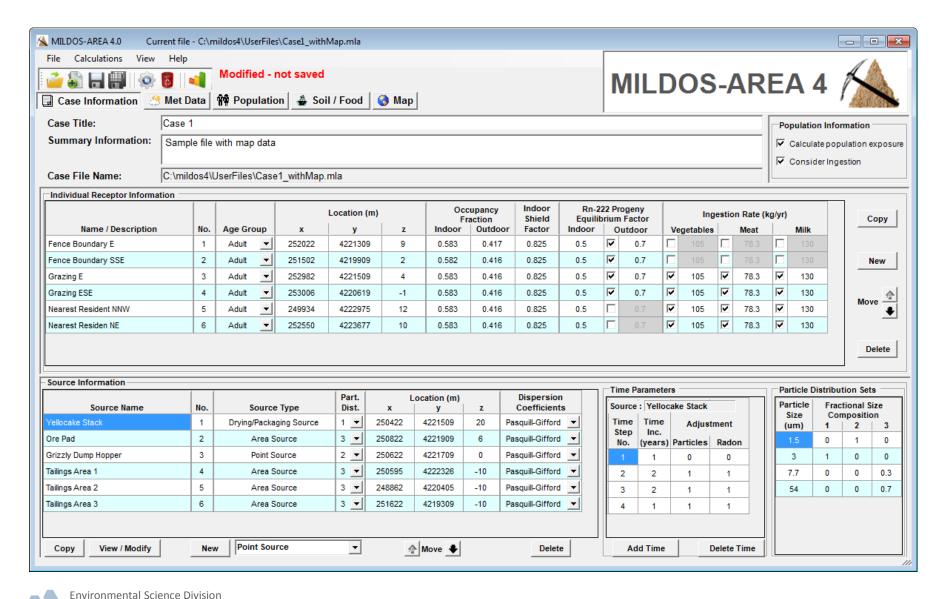
Nuclide water concentration during time step j

$$C_{iw}(i,t_{S_i}) = P_{Aj}C_{iw}(i)$$

- Particulate emission rate
  - $-3.1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ g/m}^2\text{-s}$
- $C_{sw}(i,t_{Sn})$  = soil concentration of radionuclide *i* from water irrigation at the end of time step n (pCi/g),
  - $C_{iw}(i)$  = concentration of radionuclide i in irrigation water as input by the user (pCi/L),
    - $P_{Aj}$  = particulate adjustment factor for the source for time step j (unitless).
    - $t_j$  = length of time from the start of the evaluation period to the end of time step j (yr).
    - $t_{si}$  = length of time assigned to time step j (yr)

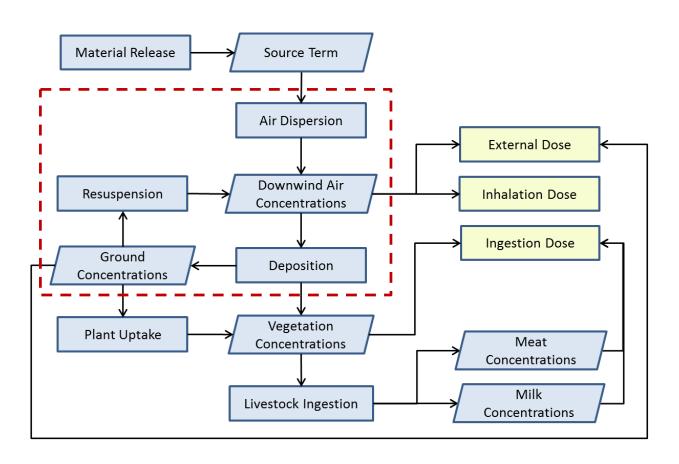


## **Example Case - Receptors and Source Terms**





## **Downwind Air and Ground Concentrations**





## **Air Dispersion Model**

#### Chronic Gaussian plume area source

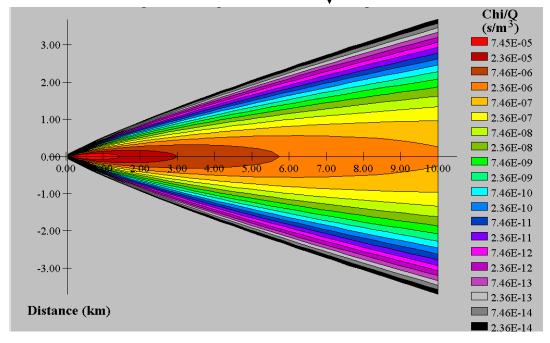
- Based on discrete puff point source
- Sector average time-integrated air concentrations
- Plume reflection
- Integrate over source area

#### Effective release height

- Physical release height
- Thermal and momentum plume rise
- Vertical settling
- Terrain height adjustment
- Wind speed correction

#### Plume depletion

- Conservation of mass
- Dry and wet deposition



## Buoyancy induced dispersion



# Gaussian Puff Time-Dependent Dispersion

$$C_{a}(i, x, y, z, t) = \frac{Q_{x_{i}}}{(2\pi)^{3/2} \sigma_{y}^{2} \sigma_{z}} \exp\left(\frac{-r^{2}}{2\sigma_{y}^{2}}\right) \left[ \exp\left(\frac{-(z-H)^{2}}{2\sigma_{z}^{2}}\right) + \exp\left(\frac{-(z+H)^{2}}{2\sigma_{z}^{2}}\right) \right]$$

 $C_a(i,x,y,z,t)$  = air concentration of radionuclide i at x,y,z from a release at 0,0,H at time t after release (Ci/m<sup>3</sup>)

 $Q_{xi}$  = depleted source strength of nuclide *i* at distance *x* (Ci)

 $\sigma_v$  = horizontal dispersion coefficient (m)

 $\sigma_{7}$  = vertical dispersion coefficient (m)

 $r^2 = (x - u_H t)^2 + y^2$ , assumes Gaussian symmetry, that is,  $\sigma_x = \sigma_y$  (m<sup>2</sup>)

x = downwind receptor distance from the release point (m)

y = crosswind distance from the plume centerline (m)

 $u_H$  = average wind speed at the effective release height (m/s)

t = time following release (s)

H = effective release height (m)



#### **Continuous Point Source**

Ground-level air concentrations (z = 0)

$$C_{a}(i, x, y, 0, t) = \frac{2Q_{x_{i}}}{(2\pi)^{3/2}\sigma_{y}^{2}\sigma_{z}} \left\{ exp - \left(\frac{r^{2}}{2\sigma_{y}^{2}} + \frac{H^{2}}{2\sigma_{z}^{2}}\right) \right\}$$

Time-integrated form (integrate over t [0 to ∞])

$$\overline{C}_a(i, x, y) = \frac{Q_{x_i}}{\pi \sigma_y \sigma_z u_H} \exp \left[ -\left( \frac{y^2}{2\sigma_y^2} + \frac{H^2}{2\sigma_z^2} \right) \right]$$

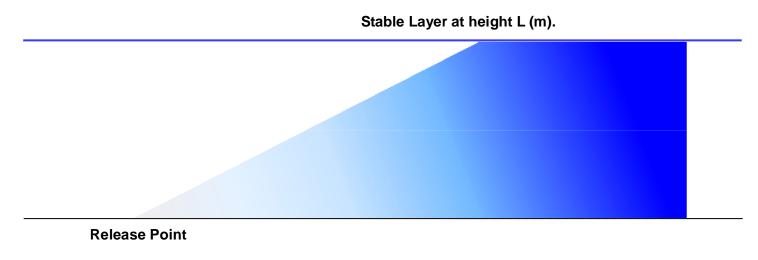


#### Plume Reflection

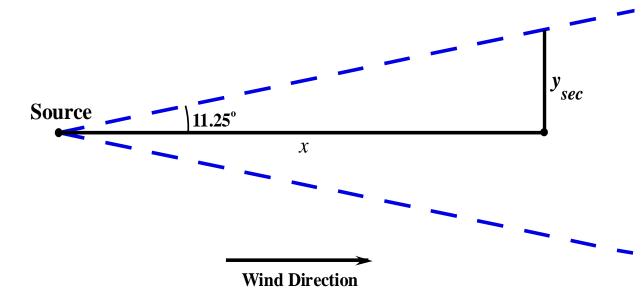
Plume may become confined by a stable layer
 (lid height; mixing layer height) (integrate over z [0 to L])

$$\overline{C}_a(i, x, y) = \frac{Q_{x_i}}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_y u_H L} \exp\left[-\left(\frac{y^2}{2\sigma_y^2}\right)\right]$$

 Transition between non-mixing and total mixing equations taken from NUREG/CR-0523 (MESODIF-II)



# Chronic Point Source Air Concentrations (Integration over y)

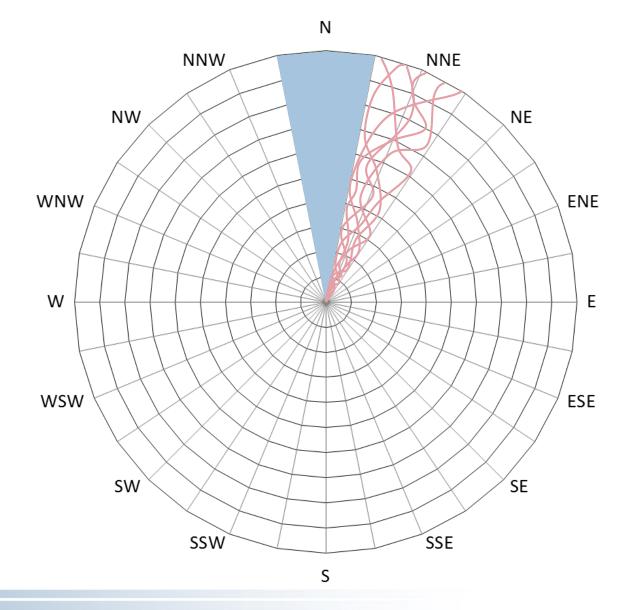


$$\overline{C_{\text{sec}}}(i,x) = \frac{Q_{x_i}}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma_z u_H y_{\text{sec}}} exp\left(\frac{-H^2}{2\sigma_z^2}\right) \quad \text{Non-mixing}$$

$$\overline{C_{\text{sec}}}(i,x) = \frac{Q_{x_i}}{2y_{\text{sec}}u_H L}.$$
 Mixing

# Meteorological Data Grid

- 16 directions
- 22.5° sectors

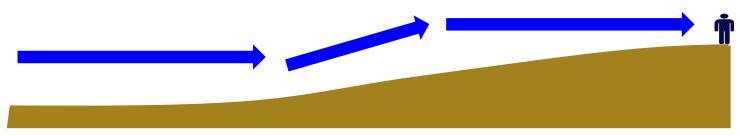


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## **Effective Release Height**

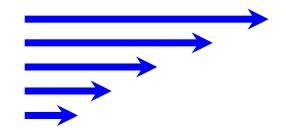
$$H = \max(h + \Delta h - h_v, 0) - (1 - P_c) [\min(\max(h + \Delta h - h_v, 0), \max(E_r - E_p, 0))]$$

- Physical release height (h)
- Plume rise  $(\Delta h)$ 
  - Momentum driven: dependent on stack diameter, emission velocity, and wind speed
  - Buoyant: dependent on stability class, downwind distance, wind speed, heat flux (cal/s), ambient temperature
- Vertical Settling (h<sub>v</sub>)
  - Dependent on settling velocity, downwind distance, and wind speed
- Terrain height adjustment
  - E<sub>p</sub>, reference point for the release height
  - E<sub>r</sub>, receptor elevation
  - P<sub>c</sub>, 0.5 for PG stability categories A,B,C,D; 0.3 for E and F; 1 for non-terrain lifted plume



## Wind Speed Adjustment

$$\frac{u_H}{u_a} = \left(\frac{H}{z_a}\right)^p$$



 $u_a$  = wind speed at measurement height (m/s)

 $z_a$  = height of anemometer for wind speed measurement (m)

p = power for height ratio (unitless) :

	Stability Class						
Population Zone	A	В	C	D	E	F	
Rural	0.07	0.07	0.10	0.15	0.35	0.55	
Suburban/urban	0.15	0.15	0.20	0.25	0.40	0.60	

# **Pasquill Stability Classes**

#### **Meteorological Conditions Defining Pasquill Stability Classes**

	Dayt	ime insola	ation	Night-time conditions					
Surface wind speed (m/s)	Strong	Moderate	Slight	Thin overcas 4/8 low clo	Z= 4/X CIQUAINASS				
< 2	Α	A - B	В	M E	F				
2 - 3	A - B	В	С	E	F				
3 - 5	В	B - C	С	D	E				
5 - 6	С	C - D	D (	D	D				
> 6	С	D	D	D	D				

A: Extremely unstable conditions

B: Moderately unstable conditions

C: Slightly unstable conditions

D: Neutral conditions

E: Slightly stable conditions

F: Moderately stable conditions

G: Extremely stable – folded into F

#### Notes:

- 1. Strong insolation corresponds to sunny midday in midsummer in England; slight insolation to similar conditions in midwinter.
- 2. Night refers to the period from 1 hour before sunset to 1 hour after sunrise.
- 3. The neutral category D should also be used, regardless of wind speed, for overcast conditions during day or night and for any sky conditions during the hour preceding or following night as defined above.



# Plume Depletion and Deposition

- **Conservation of mass (activity)**
- Dry deposition

Dry deposition 
$$F(x) = \frac{\exp\left(\frac{-H^2}{2\sigma_z^2}\right)}{\sigma_z}$$
 Non-mixing 
$$Q_{x_i} = Q_{0_i} \exp\left[-\frac{V_{d_i}}{\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}}u_H} \int_0^x F(x) dx\right]$$
 
$$F(x) = \frac{1}{I}$$
 Mixing

$$F(x) = \frac{\exp\left(\frac{-H^2}{2\sigma_z^2}\right)}{\sigma_z}$$
 Non-mixi

$$F(x) = \frac{1}{L}$$

depleted source strength of nuclide *i* at distance *x* (Ci/s)

initial amount of radionuclide *i* released (Ci/s)

deposition velocity for radionuclide *i* (m/s)



## Plume Depletion and Deposition (cont.)

#### Wet Deposition

Washout coefficient, V<sub>w</sub> (1/s)

$$V_w = -\frac{1}{C_a} \frac{dC_a}{dt}$$
,  $V_w = W_C R$ ,  $Q_{WET_{x_i}} = Q_{0_i} \exp\left(-\frac{V_w X}{U_H}\right)$ .

 $W_C = 1 \times 10^{-3} (1/s) (mm/h)^{-1}$  for stability classes A to D and  $1.0 \times 10^{-4} 1/s) (mm/h)^{-1}$  for stability classes E and F, and

R = rainfall rate (mm/h)

#### Dry and Wet Deposition

$$Q_{x_i} = Q_{0_i} \exp \left\{ -\left[ \frac{V_w x}{u_H} + \frac{V_{d_i}}{\sqrt{\frac{\pi}{2}} u_H} \int_0^x F(x) dx \right] \right\}.$$

### **Dispersion Coefficients**

- Pasquill-Gifford stability classes (A through F)
- Pasquill coefficients (ground-level release)

$$\sigma_z' = ax^b + c$$

Briggs coefficients (rural or urban)

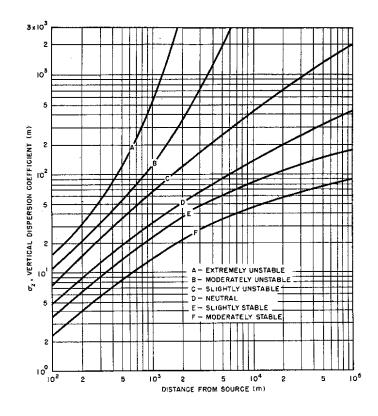
$$\sigma_z' = ax(1+bx)^c$$

Buoyancy induced dispersion

$$\sigma_{zb} = \frac{\Delta h}{3.5}$$

Final form

$$\sigma_z = \left(\sigma_{zb}^2 + \sigma_z^{'2}\right)^{1/2}$$



Meteorology and Atomic Energy 1968
Air Resources Laboratories
U.S. Dept. of Commerce, 1968



### **Account for Variation in Weather**

Chronic (long-term) model



#### Variations in:

- Wind direction
- Wind speed
- Atmospheric stability class





#### Estimated air concentrations

- Weighted average based on frequency of occurrence
- For a given source / receptor pair (fixed direction):
   6 (wind speeds) x 6 (stability classes) = 36 calculations

$$C_{air,avg} = \left(\sum_{i=1 \text{ to } 6}^{wind} \sum_{j=1 \text{ to } 6}^{stability} C_{air,i,j}\right) \div 36$$

### Meteorological Data

#### Joint-frequency data

- Fraction (frequency) of time wind is blowing:
  - Under conditions for a given stability class (A through F)
  - In a given direction (16 directions)
  - At a given wind speed (6 wind speed bins/ranges)
- Fractions sum to 1

#### STability ARray (STAR) format

- Used in previous U.S. EPA regulatory models
- Well-suited to chronic releases

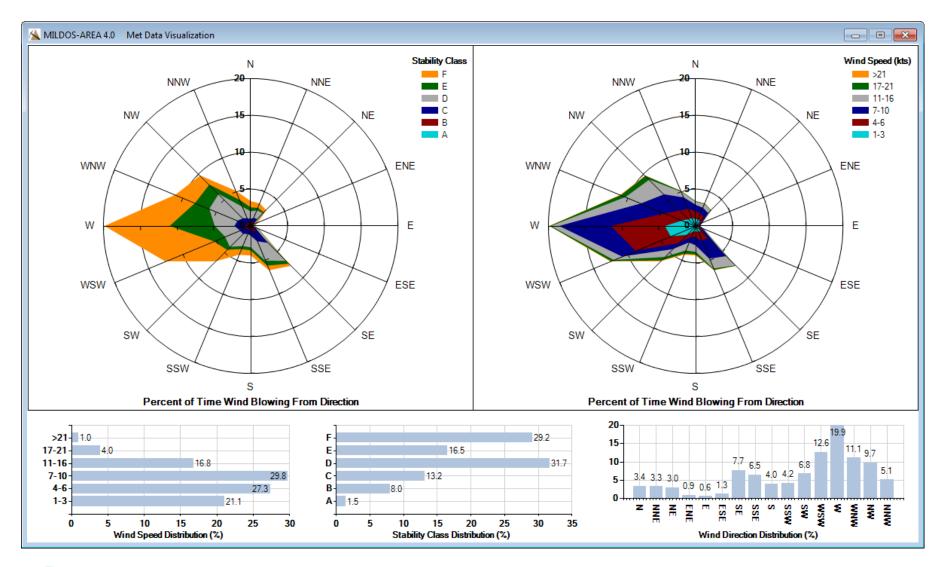
Column	Value
1	Blank
2-4	Wind Direction (N, NNE, NE, ENE, E, etc.)
5	Blank
6	Stability Category (A, B, C, D, E, or F)
7	Blank
8-14	Wind speeds $1-3$ knots (0.67 m/s)
15-21	Wind speeds $4 - 6$ knots (2.46 m/s)
22-28	Wind speeds $7 - 10$ knots (4.47 m/s)
29-35	Wind speeds $11 - 16$ knots (6.93 m/s)
36-42	Wind speeds $17 - 21$ knots (9.61 m/s)
43-49	Wind speeds > 21 knots (12.5 m/s)

### Partial STAR File Example

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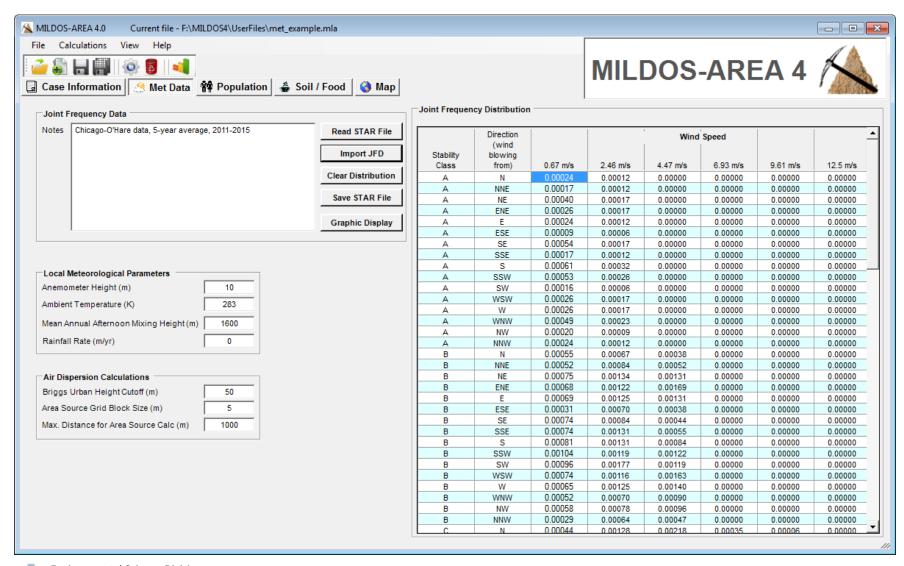


### Meteorological Data Visualization





# **Meteorological Data Options**



### Meteorological Data Import Options

#### Standard formats

- Integrated surface hourly (ISH) data (DS-3505 format)
  - Available from the National Centers for Environmental Information
     (> 1,000 stations in U.S.) <a href="ftp://ftp.ncdc.noaa.gov/pub/data/noaa/">ftp://ftp.ncdc.noaa.gov/pub/data/noaa/</a>
- AERMET surface file (SFC)
  - Input for current U.S. EPA regulatory model (AERMOD)
  - Often available from state air quality agencies

#### Non-standard formats

- Vertical temperature difference (delta-T) data (NRC-administered facilities)
- Solar radiation (day) and delta-T (night) data (SRDT)
- Standard deviation of wind elevation angle ( $\sigma_{\rm E}$ )
- Standard deviation of wind azimuth angle  $(\sigma_A)$



# Meteorological Data Import Options (cont.)

#### Obtaining ISH data example

- From 'isd-history.csv' file at NCEI ftp web site (text file also available)
- Find station number

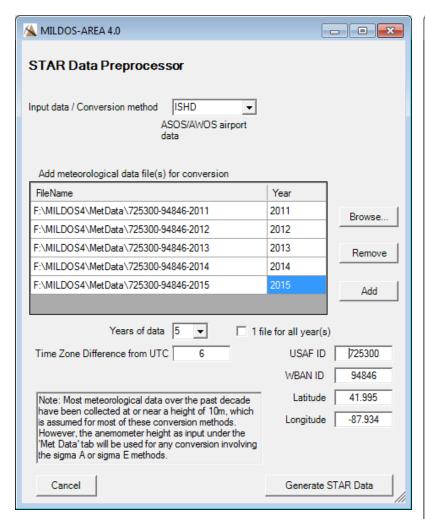
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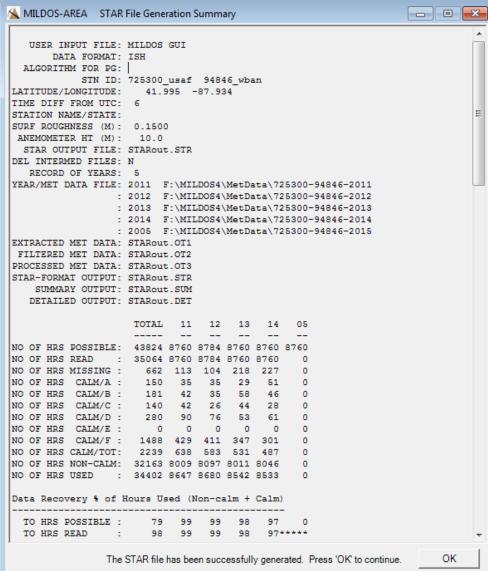
# Meteorological Data Import Options (cont.)

- From 'isd-inventory.csv' file at NCEI ftp web site
  - Determine what annual data is available
  - Try for minimum of 5 years, if possible
- Go to desired annual folder and download file(s) of interest
  - e.g., <a href="ftp://ftp.ncdc.noaa.gov/pub/data/noaa/2015/725300-94846-2015.gz">ftp://ftp.ncdc.noaa.gov/pub/data/noaa/2015/725300-94846-2015.gz</a>
  - \*.gz compressed file type on Windows requires a utility program such as WinZip or 7-Zip to open

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# Import Meteorological Data





# **ISH Data Input**

UTC time zone offset

#### **Time Zones in the United States**

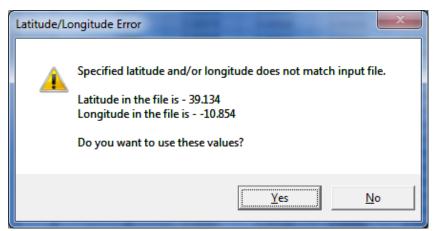
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Mountain	7h
Pacific	8h

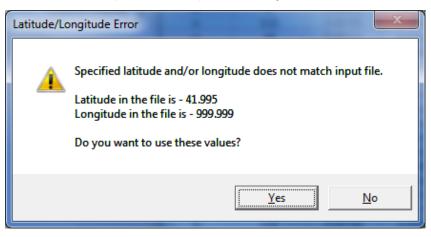
Can view the USAF ID, WBAN ID, latitude, and longitude in the data file



### Meteorological Data Issues

Sometimes ISH data from NCEI has a few characters (or more) out of place





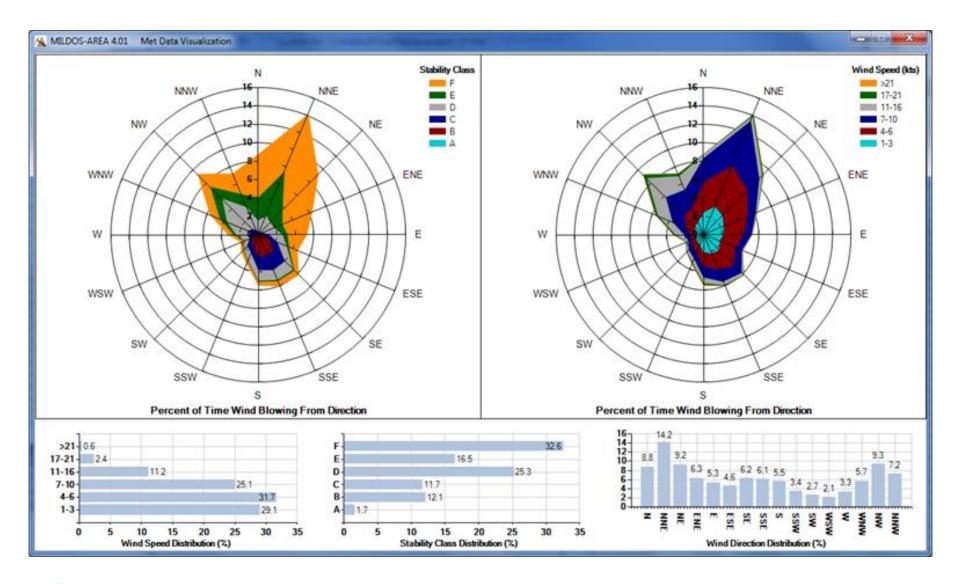
 Found problems by importing into Excel using fixed width columns and sorting on the longitude column (could then search original file and 'fix')

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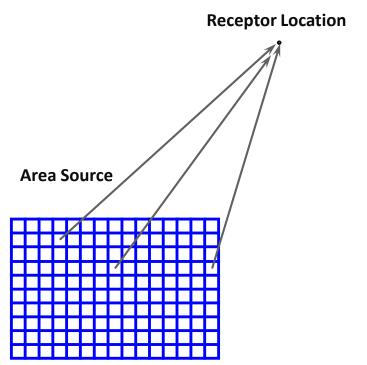
# **Example Case - Imported Meteorological Data**





#### **Area Source Model**

- Source areas segmented into uniform grids
- Point-to-point dispersion estimates
- Normalized air concentration at receptor is average from all source grid points
- Air concentration at receptor is calculated from normalized air concentration and release from all source grid points



### **Ground Concentrations**

$$C_g(i, p, x, t) = V_{d_p} \overline{C_{\text{sec}}}(i, p, x, t) \frac{1 - \exp[-(\lambda_i + \lambda_e)t]}{\lambda_i + \lambda_e}$$

 $C_g(i,p,x,t)$  = ground concentration of radionuclide i associated with particle size p at a distance x (in m) after time t (Ci/m²),

 $V_{d_p}$  = deposition velocity for particle size p (m/s),

 $\overline{C_{\rm sec}}(i,p,x,t) = {\rm sector}{-}{\rm averaged}$  air concentration of radionuclide i at a distance x (in m) from the source (Ci/m³) during time t (here the dependence on particle size is being explicitly pointed out),

 $\lambda_i$  = radioactive decay constant for radionuclide i (1/s), and

 $\lambda_e$  = decay constant to account for environmental loss from soil (1/s)

$$C_{g}(i, p, x, t_{j}) = V_{d_{p}} \overline{C_{\text{sec}}}(i, p, x, t_{s_{j}}) \frac{1 - \exp\left[-\left(\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e}\right)t_{s_{j}}\right]}{\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e}} + \sum_{k=1}^{j-1} \left(C_{g}(i, p, x, t_{k}) \exp\left[-\left(\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e}\right)t_{j-k}\right]\right)$$

 $C_g(i,p,x,t_j)$  = ground concentration of radionuclide i on particle size p at a distance x (in m) after time step j (Ci/m<sup>2</sup>),

 $C_g(i,p,x,t_{j-1})$  = ground concentration of radionuclide i on particle size p at a distance x (in m) after time step j-1 (Ci/m²), and

 $t_{sj}$  = length of time assigned to time step j (s)



### Resuspension

$$R(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{V_{d_r}}{V_{d_p}} R_I \exp(-\lambda_r t), & \text{for } t \leq t_R \\ \frac{V_{d_r}}{V_{d_p}} R_F, & \text{for } t > t_R \end{cases},$$

R(t) = ratio of resuspended air concentration to ground concentration for a ground concentration at time t after deposition (1/m),

 $V_{dr}$  = deposition velocity for the reference particle size that corresponds to the values of  $R_I$  and  $R_F$  (m/s),

 $V_{dp}$  = deposition velocity for particle size p (m/s),

 $R_{l}$  = initial value of the resuspension factor for fresh deposits (1/m),

 $\lambda_r$  = resuspension factor decay constant (1/yr) [(ln 2)/resuspension half-life],

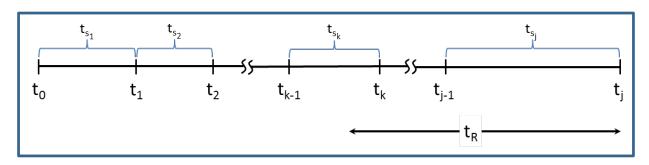
 $R_F$  = final value of the resuspension factor after time (1/m), and

 $t_R$  = time required for the resuspension factor to decrease from its initial to final value (yr),  $t = t_R$ , when



### Resuspended Air Concentration

$$C_{air_R}(i, p, x, t_j) = R(t)C_g(i, p, x, t_j)$$



$$\begin{split} C_{air_{R}}(i,p,x,t_{j}) &= \sum_{m=1}^{k-1} \overline{C_{\text{sec}}}(i,p,x,t_{s_{m}}) V_{d_{r}} R_{F} \frac{\exp\left[-\left(\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e}\right)\left(t_{j} - t_{m}\right)\right] - \exp\left[-\left(\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e}\right)\left(t_{j} - t_{m} + t_{s_{m}}\right)\right]}{\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e}} + \\ &\sum_{m=k+1}^{j} \overline{C_{\text{sec}}}(i,p,x,t_{s_{m}}) V_{d_{r}} R_{I} \frac{\exp\left[-\left(\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e} + \lambda_{r}\right)\left(t_{j} - t_{m}\right)\right] - \exp\left[-\left(\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e} + \lambda_{r}\right)\left(t_{j} - t_{m} + t_{s_{m}}\right)\right]}{\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e} + \lambda_{r}} + \\ &\frac{\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e} + \lambda_{r}}{\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e} + \lambda_{r}} \left[-\left(\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e} + \lambda_{r}\right)\left(t_{j} - t_{m} + t_{s_{m}}\right)\right] - \exp\left[-\left(\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e} + \lambda_{r}\right)\left(t_{j} - t_{m} + t_{s_{m}}\right)\right]}{\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e} + \lambda_{r}} + \\ &\frac{\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e} + \lambda_{r}}{\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e} + \lambda_{r}} \left[-\left(\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e} + \lambda_{r}\right)\left(t_{j} - t_{m} + t_{s_{m}}\right)\right] - \exp\left[-\left(\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e} + \lambda_{r}\right)\left(t_{j} - t_{m} + t_{s_{m}}\right)\right]}{\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e} + \lambda_{r}} + \\ &\frac{\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e} + \lambda_{r}}{\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e} + \lambda_{r}} \left[-\left(\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e} + \lambda_{r}\right)\left(t_{j} - t_{m} + t_{s_{m}}\right)\right] - \exp\left[-\left(\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e} + \lambda_{r}\right)\left(t_{j} - t_{m} + t_{s_{m}}\right)\right]}{\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e} + \lambda_{r}} + \\ &\frac{\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e} + \lambda_{r}}{\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e} + \lambda_{r}} \left[-\left(\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e} + \lambda_{r}\right)\left(t_{j} - t_{m} + t_{s_{m}}\right)\right] - \exp\left[-\left(\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e} + \lambda_{r}\right)\left(t_{j} - t_{m} + t_{s_{m}}\right)\right]}{\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e} + \lambda_{r}} + \\ &\frac{\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e} + \lambda_{r}}{\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e} + \lambda_{r}} \left[-\left(\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e} + \lambda_{r}\right)\left(t_{j} - t_{m} + t_{s_{m}}\right)\right] - \exp\left[-\left(\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e} + \lambda_{r}\right)\left(t_{j} - t_{m} + t_{s_{m}}\right)\right]}{\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e} + \lambda_{r}} + \\ &\frac{\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e} + \lambda_{r}}{\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e} + \lambda_{r}} \left[-\left(\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e} + \lambda_{r}\right)\left(t_{j} - t_{m} + t_{s_{m}}\right)\right] + \\ &\frac{\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e} + \lambda_{r}}{\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e} + \lambda_{r}} + \\ &\frac{\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e} + \lambda_{r}}{\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e} + \lambda_{r}} + \\ &\frac{\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e} + \lambda_{r}}{\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e} + \lambda_{r}} + \\ &\frac{\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e} + \lambda_{r}}{\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e} + \lambda_{r}} + \\ &\frac{\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e} + \lambda_{r}}{\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e} + \lambda_{r}} + \\ &\frac{\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e} + \lambda_{r}}{\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e} + \lambda_{r}} + \\ &\frac{\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e} + \lambda_{r}}{\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e} + \lambda_{r}} + \\ &\frac{\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e} + \lambda_{r}}{\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e} + \lambda_{r}} + \\ &\frac{\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e} + \lambda_{r}}{\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e}} + \\ &\frac{\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e} + \lambda_{r}}{\lambda_{i} + \lambda_{e}} + \\ &\frac{\lambda$$

$$\frac{1}{C_{\text{sec}}(i, p, x, t_{s_k}) V_{d_r}} R_F \left( \frac{\exp[-(\lambda_i + \lambda_e)t_R] - \exp[-(\lambda_i + \lambda_e)(t_j - t_{k-1})]}{\lambda_i + \lambda_e} \right) + R_I \left( \frac{\exp[-(\lambda_i + \lambda_e)t_R] - \exp[-(\lambda_i + \lambda_e)(t_j - t_k)] - \exp[-(\lambda_i + \lambda_e + \lambda_r)t_R]}{\lambda_i + \lambda_e + \lambda_r} \right)$$

$$t_j = \sum_{m=1}^j t_{s_m}$$

k = time step of the transition interval where both initial and final resuspension factor contributions occur when  $t_i$  is  $>t_R$ 

### **Total Air Concentrations**

#### Particulates (for a given radionuclide)

- Sum of direct and resuspended air concentrations
- Summed over all particulate sizes

#### Radon

Shorter half-lives, need to account for decay

$$Q_{x_{-}Rn} = (3.17 \times 10^{-8} \text{ yr/s})Q_{0_{-}Rn} \exp(-\lambda_{Rn}\tau)$$
 downwind source strength

$$\overline{C_{\text{sec}}}(Rn, x, t_j) = \left(\frac{\chi}{Q}\right)_{gas} Q_{x_Rn} \quad \text{radon air concentration}$$

 $Q_{x_{Rn}}$  = depleted downwind source strength of Rn at distance x downwind (Ci/s),

 $Q_{0\_Rn}$  = source strength of Rn at the release point (Ci/yr),

 $\lambda_{Rn}$  = radon decay constant (1/s) [(ln 2)/(Rn decay half-life)],

 $\tau$  = transit time between source and receptor, calculated as the downwind distance divided by the average wind speed ( $x/u_H$ ) (s),

 $\overline{C_{\rm sec}}(Rn,x,t_j)$  = sector-averaged air concentration of radon at a distance x (in m) from the source during time step j (Ci/m³) and  $(\chi/Q)_{\rm gas}$  = normalized air concentration for a gas (i.e., a nondepositing molecule) (s/m³)



### **Total Air Concentrations (cont.)**

#### Radon Daughter Radionuclides

$$\overline{C_{\text{sec}}}(i_n, x, t_j) = \overline{C_{\text{sec}}}(Rn, x, t_0) \left( \prod_{i=2}^n \lambda_i \right) \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \frac{\exp(-\lambda_i \tau)}{\prod_{\substack{m=1 \\ m \neq i}}^n (\lambda_m - \lambda_i)} \right] \right\}$$

for n = 2,...,4 for Rn-220 and n = 2,...,7 for Rn-222, where

 $\overline{C_{\text{sec}}}(i_n, x, t_j)$  = sector-averaged air concentration of radon daughter  $i_n$  at a distance x (in m) from the source during time step j (Ci/m<sup>3</sup>),

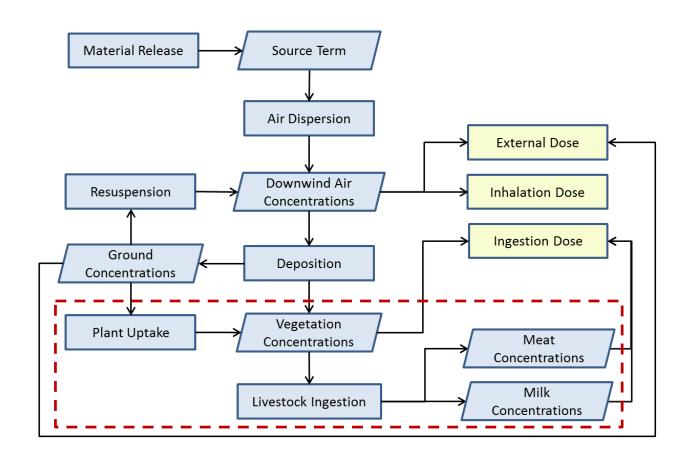
 $\lambda_{i}$  and  $\lambda_{m}$  = radioactive decay constants for radon daughters (1/s), and

 $\overline{C_{\rm sec}}(Rn,x,t_0)$  = what would be the sector-averaged air concentration of radon at a distance x (in m) from the source (Ci/m³) without accounting for radioactive decay





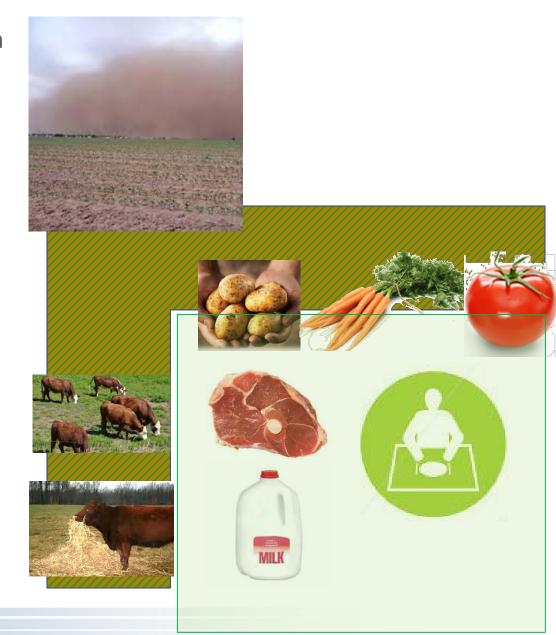
# **Concentrations in Food**





# **Ingestion Pathway**

- Radionuclide concentration in plants from air and ground concentrations
  - edible above-ground vegetables
  - potatoes
  - other edible below-ground vegetables
  - pasture grass
  - hay
- Pasture grass and hay for the meat and milk ingestion pathways
- The plants become contaminated from root uptake and foliar deposition



#### Plant concentrations

$$C_{v}(i, p, x, t_{j}) = 10^{12} \frac{C_{g}(i, p, x, t_{j})B_{v}(i)}{\rho} + 8.64 \times 10^{16} C_{air}(i, p, x, t_{j})V_{d_{p}}F_{r}E_{v} \frac{1 - \exp(-\lambda_{w}t_{v})}{Y_{v}\lambda_{w}}$$

 $C_v(i, p, x, t_i)$  = concentration of radionuclide *i* from particle size *p* in vegetation type *v* during time step *j* (pCi/kg) (wet weight),

10<sup>12</sup> = unit conversion factor (pCi/Ci),

 $8.64 \times 10^{16}$  = unit conversion factor (pCi-s/Ci-d),

 $B_{\nu}(i)$  = soil-to-plant transfer coefficient for radionuclide *i* and vegetation type  $\nu$  (pCi/kg [wet] plant per pCi/kg [dry] soil),

 $\rho$  = soil areal density for surface mixing (kg/m<sup>2</sup>) (dry weight),

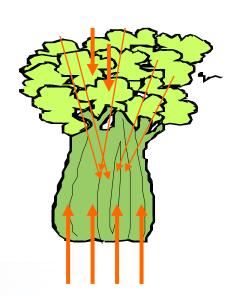
 $F_r$  = fraction of the total deposition retained on plant surfaces,

 $E_{v}$  = fraction of the foliar deposition reaching edible portions of vegetation v,

 $\lambda_w$  = decay constant accounting for weathering losses [ln 2/plant weathering decay half-life] (1/d),

 $t_v$  = duration of exposure while vegetation v is growing (d), and

 $Y_v = \text{ yield density of vegetation } v \text{ (kg/m}^2\text{) (wet weight)}$ 



### Meat and Milk concentrations

$$C_b(i, x, t_j) = QF_b(i) \left( F_{pg} C_{v_{pg}}(i, x, t_j) + F_h C_{v_h}(i, x, t_j) \right)$$
 meat





$$C_m(i, x, t_j) = QF_m(i) \left( F_{pg} C_{v_{pg}}(i, x, t_j) + F_h C_{v_h}(i, x, t_j) \right)$$
 milk

 $C_b(i, x, t_j)$  = average meat concentration for radionuclide *i* during time step *j* (pCi/kg),

 $C_m(i,x,t_i)$  = average milk concentration for radionuclide i during time step j (pCi/L),

Q = feed ingestion rate (kg/d) (wet weight),

Fm(i) = feed-to-milk transfer coefficient for radionuclide i (pCi/L per pCi/d),

 $F_b(i)$  = feed-to-meat transfer coefficient for radionuclide i (pCi/kg per pCi/d),

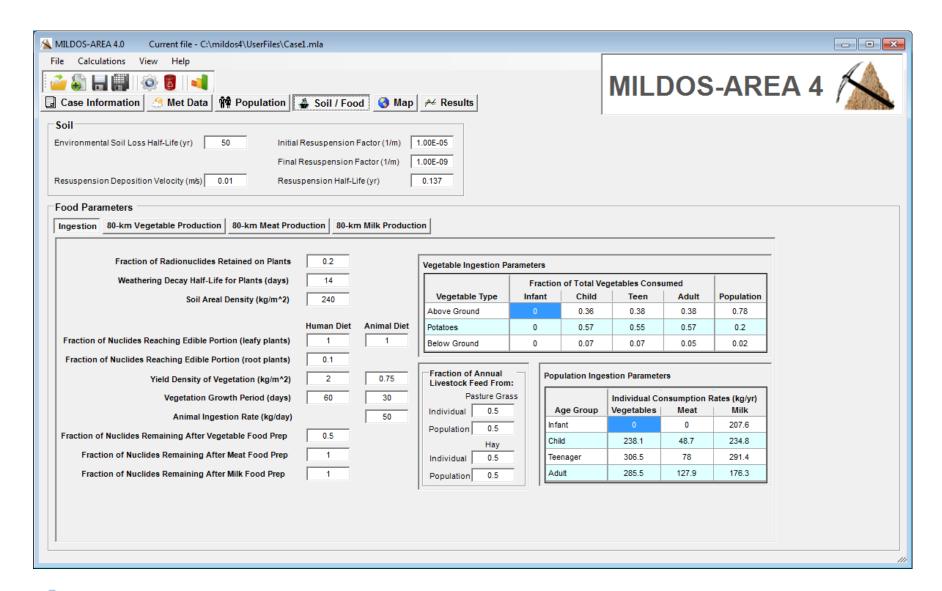
 $F_{pg}$ ,  $F_h$  = fraction of the total annual feed requirement that is assumed to be satisfied by pasture grass or locally grown feed (hay), respectively,

 $C_{v_{pg}}(i, x, t_j)$  = concentration of radionuclide *i* in pasture grass (pCi/kg) (wet weight),

 $C_{v_h}(i, x, t_j)$  = concentration of radionuclide *i* in hay or other stored feed (pCi/kg) (wet weight)



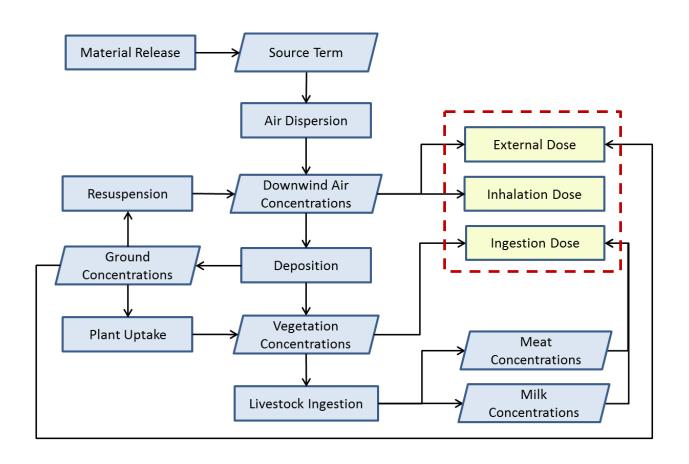
# **Example Case - Setup Soil and Ingestion Parameters**







# **Exposure Calculations**





# Pathway Doses

#### • External:

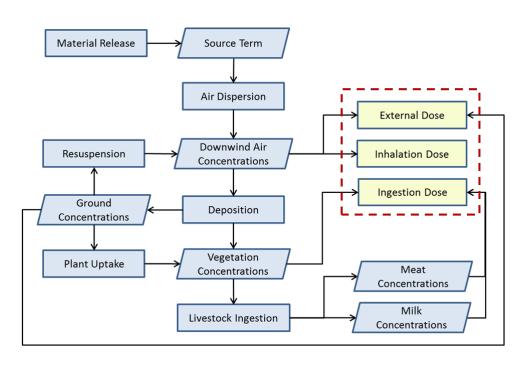
- immersion in air particulates
- groundshine

#### • Inhalation:

- plume passage (direct)
- resuspension
- radon

#### Ingestion

- Plants, meat and milk
- Originally fixed at 50% removed from plants by processing
- Accounts for age, organ, location of receptor
- Population ingestion dose considers yields



# **External (Cloudshine and Groundshinte)**

$$D_{ext,o}(x,t_{j}) = 10^{12} \left( F_{in} S_{in} + F_{out} \right) \left( \sum_{i} \left[ DC_{cld,io} \overline{C_{air}}(i,x,t_{j}) + DC_{gnd,io} C_{g}(i,x,t_{j}) \right] \right)$$

#### External dose by:

- Nuclide (i)
- Organ (o)
- Location (x)
- Time (t)

 $D_{ext,o}(x,t_j)$  = external dose rate to organ o in individual from outside airborne and deposited activity at distance x and time step j (mrem/yr),

10<sup>12</sup> = unit conversion factor (pCi/Ci),

 $F_{in}$ ,  $F_{out}$  = indoor and outdoor occupancy fractions, respectively (unitless),

 $S_{in}$  = indoor shielding factor (unitless),

 $\overline{C_{air}}(i, x, t_j)$  = total air concentration of radionuclide *i* during time step  $t_j$  at distance x (Ci/m<sup>3</sup>),

 $C_g(i,x,t_j)$  = ground concentration of radionuclide *i* from a given source after time step *j* (Ci/m<sup>2</sup>),

 $DC_{cld,io}$  = external air immersion dose coefficient for radionuclide i in organ o (mrem/yr per pCi/m<sup>3</sup>), and

 $DC_{gnd,io}$  = external groundshine dose coefficient for radionuclide i in organ o (mrem/yr per pCi/m<sup>2</sup>)



# Inhalation (Particulates)

#### Inhalation dose by:

- Nuclide (i) [for selected lung clearance class]
- Particle size (p)

$$D_{inh,kop}(x,t_j) = 10^{12} \sum_{p} \sum_{i} \overline{C_{air}}(i, p, x, t_j) DC_{inh,ikop} IR$$

- Organ (o)
- Age group (k)
- Location (x)
- Time (t)

 $D_{inh,kop}(x,t_j)$  = inhalation dose rate to organ o in an individual in age group k from particulates from time step  $t_j$  (mrem/yr),

10<sup>12</sup> = unit conversion factor (pCi/Ci),

 $\overline{C_{air}}(i, p, x, t_j)$  = total air concentration of radionuclide i on particle size p during time step  $t_j$  at distance x (Ci/m³),

 $DC_{inh,ikop}$  = inhalation dose coefficient for radionuclide i, age group k, organ o, and particle size p (mrem/pCi), and

 $IR = \text{inhalation rate } (7,300 \text{ m}^3/\text{yr})$ 



### Inhalation (Rn-222)

Uses Rn-222 air concentration and includes contribution from daughters

$$\begin{split} D_{inh,Rn222}(x,t_{j}) = & 10^{12} \overline{C_{air}} \big( Rn222, x, t_{j} \big) IR \times \\ & \left[ DC_{inh,Rn222} \big( F_{in} + F_{out} \big) + DC_{inh,Rn222\_D} \big( F_{in} E_{in\_eq} + F_{out} E_{out\_eq} \big) \right] \end{split}$$

- Option to estimate outdoor equilibrium fraction
  - Divides the working level (WL) at receptor location by WL if Rn-222 and daughters were in equilibrium

$$E_{out\_eq} = \frac{1.03 \times 10^{-6} A + 5.07 \times 10^{-6} B + 3.73 \times 10^{-6} C}{1.03 \times 10^{-6} + 5.07 \times 10^{-6} + 3.73 \times 10^{-6}}$$

 $D_{inh,Rn222}(x,t_j)$  = inhalation dose rate to an individual from Rn-222 from time step  $t_j$  (mrem/yr),

 $10^{12}$  = unit conversion factor (pCi/Ci),

 $C_{air}(Rn222, x, t_j)$  = air concentration of Rn-222 during time step  $t_j$  at distance x (Ci/m<sup>3</sup>),

 $F_{in}$ ,  $F_{out}$  = indoor and outdoor occupancy fractions, respectively (unitless),

 $E_{in\_eq}$ ,  $E_{out\_eq}$  = equilibrium fraction of radon daughters with radon in indoor and outdoor air, respectively (unitless),

DC<sub>inh,Rn222</sub> = inhalation dose coefficient for Rn-222 (mrem/pCi), and

 $DC_{inh,Rn222\_D}$  = inhalation dose coefficient for all Rn-222 daughters (mrem/pCi)

A, B, and C are the air concentrations of Po-218, Pb-214, and Bi-214, respectively, relative to the Rn-222 air concentration



### Inhalation (Rn-220)

- No equilibrium with daughters
- Uses the working level

$$D_{inh,Rn220}(x,t_j) = (F_{in} + F_{out})WL_{Rn220}(x,t_j)DC_{inh,Rn220}$$

$$WL_{Rn220} = 9.48 \times 10^{-10} A' + 1.23 \times 10^{-4} B' + 1.17 \times 10^{-5} C'$$

 $D_{inh,Rn220}(x,t_j)$  = inhalation dose rate to an individual from Rn-220 from time step  $t_j$  (mrem/yr),

 $WL_{Rn220}(x,t_j)$  = WL of Rn-220 during time step  $t_j$  at distance x (WL), and

 $DC_{inh,Rn220}$  = inhalation dose coefficient for Rn-220 (mrem/yr per WL)

A', B', and C' are the air concentrations (pCi/m³), respectively, of Po-216, Pb-212, and Bi-212 at the receptor location



### Ingestion

$$D_{ing,ko}(i,x,t_j) = I_k(i,x,t_j)DC_{ing,iko}$$

$$I_{k}(i, x, t_{j}) = U_{mk}C_{m}(i, x, t_{j}) + U_{bk}C_{b}(i, x, t_{j}) + F_{va}U_{vk}\sum_{v}F_{vck}C_{v}(i, x, t_{j})$$

#### Ingestion of milk, meat, and plant food

#### External dose by:

- Nuclide (i)
- Organ (o)
- Age group (k)
- Location (x)
- Time (t)

 $I_k(i,x,t_j)$  = ingestion rate of radionuclide i by an individual in age group k during time step  $t_i$  (pCi/yr),

 $U_{mk}$ ,  $U_{bk}$  = milk (L/yr) and meat (kg/yr) ingestion rates for age group k,

 $C_m(i,x,t_j)$  = average milk concentration for radionuclide i during time step j (pCi/L),

 $C_b(i, x, t_j)$  = average meat concentration for radionuclide *i* during time step *j* (pCi/kg),

 $F_{va}$  = fraction of radionuclide activity remaining in vegetables after food preparation (unitless),

 $U_{vk}$  = vegetable ingestion rate for age group k (kg/yr)(wet weight),

 $F_{vck}$  = fraction of vegetable category c consumed by age group k (unitless),

 $C_v(i, x, t_j)$  = concentration of radionuclide i in vegetation type v during time step j (pCi/kg) (wet weight),

 $D_{ing,ko}(i,x,t_j)$  = ingestion dose rate to organ o from radionuclide i of an individual in age group k from time step  $t_j$  (mrem/yr), and

 $DC_{ing,iko}$  = ingestion dose coefficient for radionuclide i in organ o of an individual in age group k (mrem/pCi ingested).

### **Population Dose**

#### Inhalation & External

Multiply individual dose by segment population and sum

$$PD_{ext,o}(t_j) = 10^{-3} \sum_{s} (n_s D_{ext,o}(s,t_j))$$

 $PD_{ext,o}(t_j)$  = total population external dose to organ o from time step j (person-rem/yr),

10<sup>-3</sup> = unit conversion factor (rem/mrem),

 $n_s$  = number of people residing in population segment s, and

 $D_{ext,o}(s,t_j) = ext{external dose rate to organ } o ext{ in an individual from a given source from time step } j ext{ (mrem/yr) where the midpoint of segment } s ext{ corresponds to distance } x. ext{ For population calculations, } 100 ext{ percent occupancy is assumed for all individuals, with an indoor occupancy of 14 h/day at a shielding factor of 0.7 (that is, <math>F_{in} = 14/24$ ,  $F_{out} = 10/24$ , and  $S_{in} = 0.7$ ).

$$PD_{inh,o}(t_j) = 10^{-3} \sum_{s} \sum_{k} n_{ks} D_{inh,ko}(s,t_j)$$

 $PD_{inh,o}(t_j)$  = total population inhalation dose rate to organ o from time step  $t_j$  (personrem/yr),

10<sup>-3</sup> = unit conversion factor (rem/mrem),

 $n_{ks}$  = number of people in age group k residing in population segment s, and

 $D_{inh,ko}(s,t_j)$  = inhalation dose rate to organ o in an individual in age group k from a given source from time step  $t_j$  (mrem/yr) wheree the midpoint of segment s corresponds to distance x].

### **Population Dose - Ingestion**

Calculate the average radionuclide concentration in vegetables

$$C_{v_{avg}}(i, s, t_{j}) = \sum_{v} W_{vs} C_{vs}(i, x, t_{j})$$

Find total activity in foodstuffs grown in the area

$$Q_f(i,t_j) = \sum_{s} \sum_{f} P_{fs} C_f(i,s,t_j)$$

 $C_{v\_avg}(i, s, t_j)$  = concentration of radionuclide i in vegetables averaged over all vegetable types in population segment s during time step j (pCi/kg) (wet weight),

 $C_{vs}(i, x, t_j) = \text{concentration of radionuclide } i \text{ in vegetation type } v \text{ during time step } j \text{ (pCi/kg) (wet weight),}$ 

 $W_{vs}$  = weighting factor for vegetable type v in population segment s (fraction of total production) (unitless),

 $Q_f(i,t_j)$  = total amount of radionuclide i in food type f (vegetables, meat, and milk) produced in the region during time step j (pCi/yr) (wet weight),

 $C_f(i, s, t_j)$  = concentration of radionuclide i in food type f in population segment s during time step j (pCi/kg) (wet weight), and

 $P_{fs}$  = annual production rate of food type f in population segment s (kg/yr).



# Population Dose - Ingestion (cont.)

Find the fraction eaten by each age group

$$F_{fk} = \frac{F_{pk}U_{fk}}{\sum_{k} F_{pk}U_{fk}}$$

Distribute all of the food grown and account for food processing loss

$$PD_{ing,ko}(i,t_j) = 10^{-3} \sum_{f} \sum_{i} \sum_{k} F_{fa} Q_f(i,t_j) F_{fk} DC_{ing,iko}$$

 $F_{fk}$  = fraction of food type f consumed by individuals in age group k (unitless),

 $F_{pk}$  = fraction of the population belonging to age group k (unitless),

 $U_{fk}$  = average consumption rate of food type f for an individual in age group k (kg/yr for vegetables and meat, L/yr for milk),

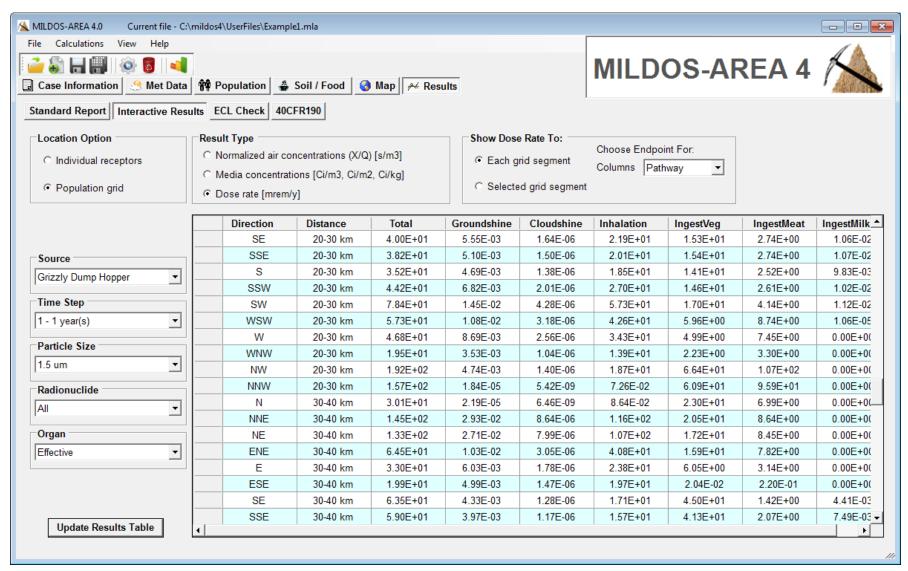
 $PD_{ing,ko}(i,tj) = population ingestion dose rate to organ o from radionuclide i of an individual in age group k from time step <math>t_i$  (person-rem/yr),

 $DC_{ing,iko}$  = ingestion dose coefficient for radionuclide i in organ o of an individual in age group k (mrem/pCi ingested), and

 $F_{fa}$  = fraction of radionuclide activity remaining in food type f after food preparation (unitless).



### Run Example Case and View Results



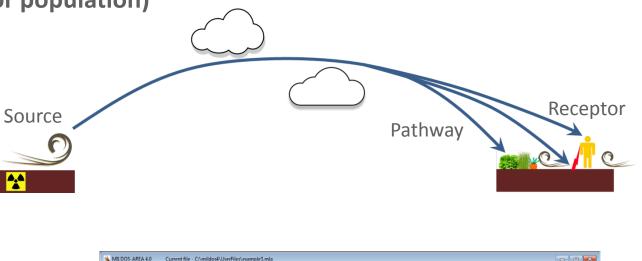
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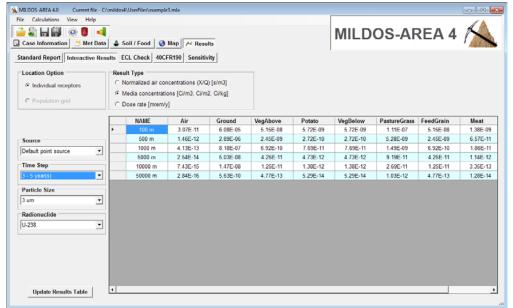
Receptor (individual or population)

- Location
- Age Group
- Organ (nuclide)
- Source
  - Nuclide
  - Particle size
  - Lung clearance class

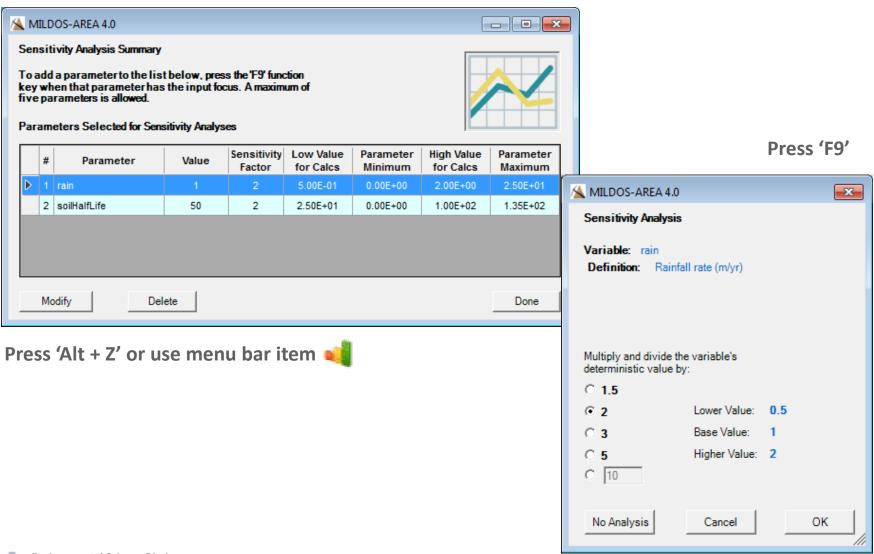
#### Pathway

- External
  - Groundshine
  - Cloudshine
- Inhalation
  - Particulate
  - Radon
- Ingestion
  - Meat, milk, vegetables
- Time





### **Sensitivity Analysis**



# **Sensitivity Implementation**

#### 3 runs of MILDOS 4 for the selected parameter

- Base value of the parameter (specified input value for the parameter)
- Lower value of the parameter determined by sensitivity factor
- Higher value of the parameter determined by sensitivity factor

#### Values of other parameters are fixed and do not change

#### If more than one parameter selected for sensitivity analysis

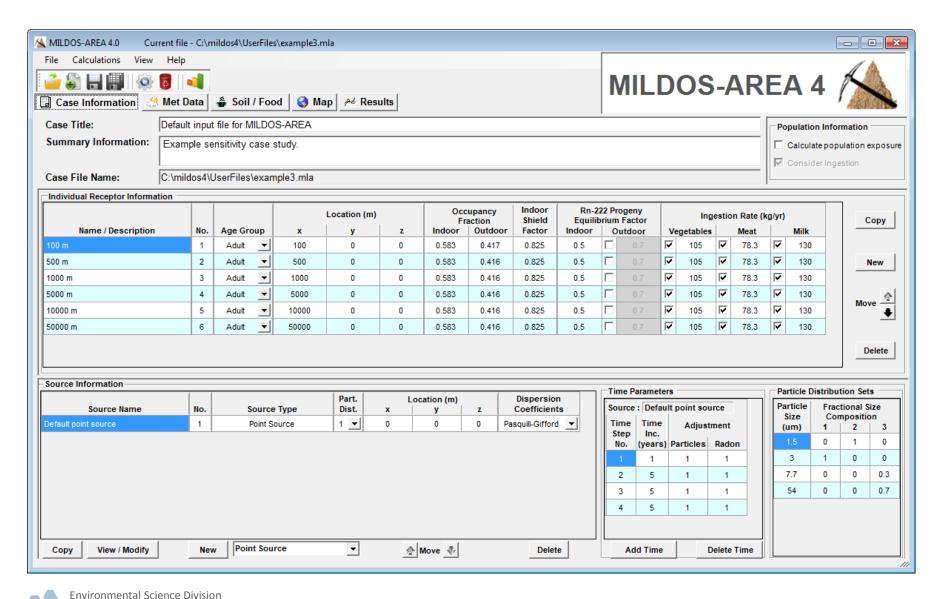
- First run is with all parameters at their base value
- Then 2 runs for each selected parameter (low and high values) using the base values for the other selected parameters

#### Not all input parameters are available for sensitivity analysis

 For example, parameters such as x, y, z location positions and meteorological joint frequency distribution fractions cannot be selected for sensitivity analysis



# **Sensitivity Example**



# **Sensitivity Results**

- Side-by-side comparison of end points under the Results/Sensitivity tabs
- End point value depends on all of the dimensions involved
  - Can have a broad range of results for same end point over same and/or different sites, for example:
    - Rain fall rate affects (increasing rate decreases) particulate nuclide air concentrations
      - Smaller or larger delta air concentrations will result depending on such other dimensions as distance and direction (i.e. wind speed and stability class combinations)
      - Which in turn affects other media concentrations and ultimately exposure
    - Soil half-life affects (shorter life decreases) particulate ground concentrations
      - In this case, larger delta ground concentrations with time (larger delta between low and high input results at later time steps)
      - Which in turn affects resuspended air concentrations, produce concentrations and ultimately exposure



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