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# **Abstract**

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# Introduction

This series of reports provides statistics on occupational radiation exposures of monitored workers in Canada. Previous issues of the report can be obtained from the authors<sup>(1-5)</sup>.

The information is based on the data in the National Dose Registry (NDR) maintained by the Radiation Protection Bureau of Health Canada<sup>(6)</sup>. The Registry is a centralized record-keeping system containing dose information on all monitored workers in Canada. It includes records from the National Dosimetry Services (NDS), as well as data submitted by nuclear power generating stations, Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd., uranium mines, and private dosimeter processing companies. About 80 percent of the records are from the NDS.

Information for input into the NDR is received in a number of different physical forms. Data from the NDS are fed directly from the dosimeter reading stations into a computer, where they are processed, reported and entered into the NDR files. Most other dose records are submitted to the Registry in computer readable form.

The report provides data on the two consecutive years prior to the year in which the data are extracted from the database. The data for the second (i.e. more recent) year will be close to stable at the time of data extraction. Some changes may still occur, for which the most frequent causes are: (1) a high dose to a dosimeter is judged to be non-personal after investigation; (2) a job category of a worker is updated; or, (3) dosimeters or data are returned late. The report therefore contains preliminary data on the second year, and more complete data on the first year.

For a description and a guide to interpretation of the data, the reader is referred to the next section "General comments". The section "Comments specific to this report" has been included to address situations that do not reoccur from year to year.

## General Comments

The statistics include doses as they exist in the database at the time they are extracted for analysis, which in the case of this report is 25 July 1998. All NDS doses are assigned to the year in which the dosimeter

was issued, even though some of the dosimeters may actually have been worn during part of the subsequent year. As the statistics are determined in the same manner each year, the annual dose figures are based on a 12-month period, though not necessarily the strict calendar year.

Dose records submitted by outside organizations such as nuclear power generating stations, uranium mines, and commercial processors, are included to the extent that they have been received. The doses are representative of the calendar year only if the fourth quarter records have been received by the time of analysis. When statistics are based on partial data, the fact is indicated in the section "Comments specific to this report".

All doses are in International System (SI) units and presented to the nearest hundredth of a millisievert (1 mSv = 100 mrem). For the external whole body doses recorded by the NDS there is a minimum reporting level of 0.2 mSv. Organizations submitting their own doses may have lower reporting levels.

The words "dose" and "exposure" are used interchangeably in this report. Doses of different types of radiation are expressed in mSv and added to give the dose stated in the report. The following dose types may be included:

- External whole body gamma.
- External whole body high energy beta.
- External whole body X-ray.
- External whole body neutron.
- Internal whole body tritium, as determined by urinalysis.
- Radon progeny exposures, converted from WLM values (see below).

All types of exposure are given in one total. In Tables 3 and 4, the percentage contribution of radon progeny and tritium components are indicated for occupations related to mining and nuclear power generation, respectively. Skin doses and extremity doses are not included in the report but are recorded in the database.

In the NDR database, radon progeny exposures are expressed in Working Level Months (WLM), which are in most cases calculated by the mines on the basis of area monitoring<sup>(7)</sup>. In the report the radon progeny exposures are converted to dose equivalents (in mSv). The value used in this report is given in the specific comments section.

Job category designations are based on a standard list provided by the Registry and are updated when the Registry is notified. The job category is selected by the organization from a standard list maintained by the NDR. The NDR keeps the most recent job category that an organization submits for a worker in a given year. However, a worker can have records under more than one job category for the same year, if he has been monitored by more than one organization. Some organizations have their own job classifications schemes, and translate them into the Registry's standardized list prior to submission of the records.

In this report, the data are tabulated as follows:

### **1997: Preliminary analysis**

#### **Table 1:**

Table 1 gives the annual doses distributions by job category.

### **1996: Final Analysis**

#### **Table 2:**

In Table 2, statistics are broken down by job category and province or territory.

#### **Table 3:**

Table 3 contains dose distributions broken down by age and sex. In these tables job categories have been grouped into "job sectors".

#### **Table 4:**

Table 4 contains various dose statistics broken down by job category. The table also shows the parameters of the lognormal or hybrid lognormal distribution for positive doses, as produced by maximum likelihood estimation. From that information, it is possible to calculate estimates and confidence intervals of statistics of the distribution. For a more detailed discussion the reader is referred to the Appendix.

Table 4 also includes an accumulated dose distribution over the 5 year period 1992-1996 for the workers under the given job category.

Finally, Table 4 contains a histogram that shows the trend in average annual doses over the period 1987-1996.

It should be noted that in the tables, a worker is counted more than once if he (she) works in more than one job category, in more than one province, or in more than one job sector in the same year. For this reason the totals in Tables 2-4 may slightly differ.

## **Comments specific to this report**

The conversion factor currently used to convert Radon progeny exposures is 10 mSv per WLM. This is based on the annual dose limits recommended by the ICRP<sup>(8)</sup> which are 50 mSv for external whole body doses and 4.8 WLM for Radon progeny exposures. A change to 5 mSv per WLM is planned for next year's report, which will be compatible with the new dose limits expected to be implemented at that time.

Job category information is no longer provided by all dosimetry companies. In a number of dose records the job category had to be inferred from earlier information on the same worker. This is expected to be a temporary problem, which will disappear when new regulatory requirements are enforced.

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## 1997 Preliminary Analysis

**Table 1**  
**Breakdown of annual doses by job category for all of Canada**

| Job Category                       | Distribution of workers over dose intervals |          |          |          |           |            |         | Number of Workers | Avg. Dose (mSv) | Avg. of Positive Doses |
|------------------------------------|---|----------|----------|----------|-----------|------------|---------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
|                                    | 0 mSv                                       | >0-1 mSv | >1-2 mSv | >2-5 mSv | >5-20 mSv | >20-50 mSv | >50 mSv |                   |                 |                        |
| <b>Administration:</b>             |   |          |          |          |           |            |         |                   |                 |                        |
| Administrator                      | 341   | 179      | 1        | 0        | 0         | 0          | 0       | 521               | 0.14            | 0.41                   |
| Office staff                       | 3052  | 439      | 10       | 7        | 0         | 0          | 0       | 3508              | 0.06            | 0.42                   |
| Safety officer                     | 65  | 22       | 1        | 1        | 0         | 0          | 0       | 89                | 0.17            | 0.63                   |
| <b>Industry and Research:</b>      |   |          |          |          |           |            |         |                   |                 |                        |
| Fuel processor                     | 39  | 56       | 22       | 32       | 28        | 0          | 0       | 177               | 2.27            | 2.92                   |
| Industrial radiographer            | 1018  | 321      | 151      | 261      | 401       | 76         | 2       | 2230              | 3.34            | 6.15                   |
| Instructor (non-medical)           | 149   | 12       | 1        | 0        | 0         | 0          | 0       | 162               | 0.04            | 0.47                   |
| Instrument technician              | 1424  | 310      | 34       | 17       | 6         | 0          | 0       | 1791              | 0.15            | 0.71                   |
| Laboratory technician (industrial) | 2914  | 765      | 59       | 48       | 12        | 0          | 0       | 3798              | 0.15            | 0.66                   |
| Scientist engineer (field)         | 728   | 635      | 46       | 25       | 6         | 1          | 0       | 1441              | 0.33            | 0.67                   |
| Scientist/engineer (laboratory)    | 4164  | 502      | 23       | 7        | 2         | 0          | 0       | 4698              | 0.05            | 0.42                   |
| Well logger                        | 601   | 216      | 53       | 53       | 7         | 0          | 0       | 930               | 0.43            | 1.23                   |
| <b>Medicine:</b>                   |   |          |          |          |           |            |         |                   |                 |                        |
| Chiropractor                       | 920   | 41       | 2        | 1        | 0         | 0          | 0       | 964               | 0.03            | 0.55                   |
| Dental assistant                   | 8115  | 109      | 0        | 4        | 3         | 0          | 0       | 8231              | 0.01            | 0.56                   |
| Dental hygienist                   | 6590  | 105      | 3        | 1        | 1         | 0          | 0       | 6700              | 0.01            | 0.46                   |
| Dental therapist/nurse             | 77  | 2        | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0          | 0       | 79                | 0.02            | 0.85                   |
| Dentist                            | 6537  | 138      | 3        | 3        | 1         | 0          | 0       | 6682              | 0.01            | 0.44                   |
| Gynaecologist                      | 21  | 8        | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0          | 0       | 29                | 0.14            | 0.51                   |
| Laboratory technician (medical)    | 2972  | 321      | 22       | 6        | 5         | 0          | 0       | 3326              | 0.06            | 0.54                   |
| Medical physicist                  | 219   | 47       | 3        | 1        | 0         | 0          | 0       | 270               | 0.08            | 0.43                   |
| Medical radiation technologist     | 9836  | 1773     | 116      | 42       | 6         | 1          | 0       | 11774             | 0.09            | 0.52                   |
| Nuclear medicine technologist      | 417   | 413      | 314      | 293      | 25        | 0          | 0       | 1462              | 1.22            | 1.70                   |
| Nurse                              | 3649  | 1041     | 38       | 6        | 4         | 0          | 0       | 4738              | 0.10            | 0.42                   |
| Physician                          | 1543  | 402      | 42       | 15       | 9         | 0          | 0       | 2011              | 0.16            | 0.67                   |
| Radiation therapist                | 726   | 277      | 9        | 6        | 4         | 1          | 1       | 1024              | 0.25            | 0.85                   |
| Radiologist (diagnostic)           | 1426  | 326      | 25       | 12       | 4         | 0          | 0       | 1793              | 0.13            | 0.63                   |
| Radiologist (therapeutic)          | 125   | 30       | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0          | 0       | 155               | 0.06            | 0.30                   |
| Veterinarian                       | 3804  | 235      | 18       | 5        | 0         | 0          | 0       | 4062              | 0.03            | 0.46                   |
| Veterinary technician              | 5   | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0         | 0          | 0       | 5                 | 0.00            | 0.00                   |
| Ward aide/orderly                  | 1489  | 171      | 12       | 6        | 0         | 0          | 0       | 1678              | 0.06            | 0.52                   |

**Table 1 (cont'd)**  
**Breakdown of annual doses by job category for all of Canada**

| Job Category                             | Distribution of workers over dose intervals |          |          |          |           |            |         | Number of Workers | Avg. Dose (mSv) | Avg. of Positive Doses |
|--|---|----------|----------|----------|-----------|------------|---------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
|  | 0 mSv                                       | >0-1 mSv | >1-2 mSv | >2-5 mSv | >5-20 mSv | >20-50 mSv | >50 mSv |                   |                 |                        |
| <b>Nuclear Power:</b>                    |   |          |          |          |           |            |         |                   |                 |                        |
| Reactor - administration                 | 3925  | 812      | 205      | 192      | 26        | 0          | 0       | 5160              | 0.25            | 1.03                   |
| Reactor - chemical and radiation control | 110   | 131      | 46       | 42       | 42        | 0          | 0       | 371               | 1.80            | 2.56                   |
| Reactor - construction                   | 648   | 292      | 100      | 171      | 139       | 5          | 0       | 1355              | 1.60            | 3.07                   |
| Reactor - control technician             | 48  | 35       | 6        | 15       | 7         | 0          | 0       | 111               | 1.32            | 2.33                   |
| Reactor - electrical maintenance         | 307   | 363      | 132      | 134      | 41        | 0          | 0       | 977               | 1.13            | 1.65                   |
| Reactor - fuel handling                  | 6   | 5        | 0        | 9        | 19        | 0          | 0       | 39                | 4.76            | 5.62                   |
| Reactor - general maintenance            | 748   | 288      | 83       | 106      | 60        | 1          | 0       | 1286              | 0.81            | 1.93                   |
| Reactor - health physics                 | 43  | 15       | 3        | 5        | 1         | 0          | 0       | 67                | 0.37            | 1.04                   |
| Reactor - industrial radiographer        | 3   | 3        | 3        | 1        | 1         | 0          | 0       | 11                | 1.30            | 1.78                   |
| Reactor - mechanical maintenance         | 365   | 331      | 118      | 238      | 259       | 0          | 0       | 1311              | 2.57            | 3.57                   |
| Reactor - operations                     | 493   | 639      | 298      | 271      | 163       | 1          | 0       | 1865              | 1.61            | 2.18                   |
| Reactor - scientific/professional        | 1148  | 211      | 48       | 77       | 81        | 2          | 0       | 1567              | 0.74            | 2.76                   |
| Reactor - training                       | 37  | 9        | 1        | 2        | 1         | 0          | 0       | 50                | 0.31            | 1.18                   |
| Reactor - visitor                        | 39  | 7        | 2        | 1        | 2         | 0          | 0       | 51                | 0.36            | 1.55                   |
| <b>Uranium Mining:</b>                   |   |          |          |          |           |            |         |                   |                 |                        |
| Uranium mine mill maintenance            | 4   | 22       | 34       | 68       | 32        | 0          | 0       | 160               | 3.84            | 3.94                   |
| Uranium mine mill worker                 | 5   | 34       | 40       | 93       | 56        | 0          | 0       | 228               | 3.89            | 3.97                   |
| Uranium mine nurse                       | 5   | 1        | 2        | 0        | 0         | 0          | 0       | 8                 | 0.40            | 1.07                   |
| Uranium mine office staff                | 29  | 43       | 19       | 2        | 0         | 0          | 0       | 93                | 0.53            | 0.77                   |
| Uranium mine support worker              | 6   | 26       | 11       | 27       | 43        | 6          | 0       | 119               | 6.18            | 6.51                   |
| Uranium mine surface maintenance         | 27  | 80       | 48       | 26       | 0         | 0          | 0       | 181               | 1.02            | 1.19                   |
| Uranium mine surface miner               | 42  | 98       | 59       | 41       | 2         | 0          | 0       | 242               | 1.16            | 1.41                   |
| Uranium mine surface personnel           | 20  | 27       | 11       | 7        | 0         | 0          | 0       | 65                | 0.80            | 1.16                   |
| Uranium mine surface support worker      | 63  | 102      | 70       | 25       | 8         | 0          | 0       | 268               | 1.15            | 1.50                   |
| Uranium mine underground maintenance     | 5   | 10       | 7        | 22       | 21        | 0          | 0       | 65                | 3.75            | 4.07                   |
| Uranium mine underground miner           | 16  | 35       | 31       | 38       | 144       | 30         | 0       | 294               | 9.11            | 9.63                   |
| Uranium mine underground personnel       | 265   | 116      | 34       | 25       | 26        | 1          | 0       | 467               | 0.96            | 2.23                   |
| Uranium mine visitor                     | 156   | 72       | 13       | 0        | 0         | 0          | 0       | 241               | 0.17            | 0.49                   |
| <b>Miscellaneous/Unknown</b>             |   |          |          |          |           |            |         |                   |                 |                        |
| Miscellaneous/unknown                    | 26847                                       | 5701     | 615      | 498      | 261       | 23         | 1       | 33946             | 0.22            | 1.06                   |

## 1996 Final Analysis

**Table 2**

**Number of workers (top) and average whole body dose in mSv (bottom) by job category and province/territory**

| Job Sector and Category               | Nfld.               | P.E.I.             | N.S.                | N.B.                | Que.                 | Ont.                 | Man.                | Sask.               | Alta.                | B.C.                 | N.W.T.             | Yukon             | Canada                |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Administration</b>                 |                     |                    |                     |                     |                      |                      |                     |                     |                      |                      |                    |                   |                       |
| Administrator                         | 2<br>0.10           | 0<br>0.00          | 6<br>0.07           | 4<br>0.00           | 44<br>0.02           | 257<br>0.14          | 22<br>0.01          | 2<br>0.00           | 19<br>5.25           | 20<br>0.03           | 0<br>0.00          | 0<br>0.00         | 376<br>0.37           |
| Office staff                          | 39<br>0.01          | 6<br>0.00          | 80<br>0.02          | 65<br>0.02          | 673<br>0.03          | 2133<br>0.11         | 234<br>0.03         | 67<br>0.01          | 181<br>0.04          | 284<br>0.03          | 10<br>0.04         | 2<br>0.04         | 3774<br>0.07          |
| Safety officer                        | 2<br>0.00           | 1<br>0.20          | 12<br>0.07          | 2<br>0.25           | 19<br>0.00           | 36<br>0.23           | 8<br>0.10           | 3<br>0.13           | 3<br>1.33            | 11<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00          | 0<br>0.00         | 97<br>0.15            |
| <b>OVERALL</b>                        | <b>43<br/>0.01</b>  | <b>7<br/>0.03</b>  | <b>98<br/>0.02</b>  | <b>71<br/>0.02</b>  | <b>736<br/>0.03</b>  | <b>2426<br/>0.11</b> | <b>264<br/>0.03</b> | <b>72<br/>0.02</b>  | <b>203<br/>0.54</b>  | <b>315<br/>0.03</b>  | <b>10<br/>0.04</b> | <b>2<br/>0.04</b> | <b>4247<br/>0.10</b>  |
| <b>Industry and Research</b>          |                     |                    |                     |                     |                      |                      |                     |                     |                      |                      |                    |                   |                       |
| Fuel processor                        | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00          | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00           | 1<br>0.30            | 178<br>2.89          | 1<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00           | 3<br>0.13            | 2<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00          | 0<br>0.00         | 185<br>2.79           |
| Industrial radiographer               | 49<br>0.69          | 0<br>0.00          | 80<br>1.66          | 102<br>1.73         | 344<br>2.22          | 596<br>1.97          | 42<br>0.59          | 148<br>2.62         | 726<br>5.89          | 214<br>2.78          | 0<br>0.00          | 3<br>0.00         | 2304<br>3.28          |
| Instructor (non-medical)              | 9<br>0.06           | 0<br>0.00          | 25<br>0.04          | 3<br>0.07           | 13<br>0.06           | 65<br>0.05           | 8<br>0.04           | 5<br>0.00           | 17<br>0.01           | 21<br>0.03           | 1<br>1.20          | 0<br>0.00         | 167<br>0.05           |
| Instrument technician                 | 105<br>0.04         | 1<br>0.20          | 73<br>0.16          | 53<br>0.12          | 415<br>0.09          | 779<br>0.35          | 55<br>0.05          | 25<br>0.05          | 177<br>0.06          | 160<br>0.22          | 0<br>0.00          | 0<br>0.00         | 1843<br>0.21          |
| Laboratory technician<br>(industrial) | 52<br>0.31          | 10<br>0.12         | 92<br>0.09          | 29<br>0.14          | 722<br>0.11          | 1727<br>0.19         | 235<br>0.04         | 225<br>0.06         | 600<br>0.06          | 301<br>0.39          | 0<br>0.00          | 0<br>0.00         | 3993<br>0.15          |
| Scientist engineer (field)            | 5<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00          | 45<br>0.22          | 34<br>0.30          | 99<br>0.39           | 915<br>0.43          | 18<br>0.32          | 90<br>0.09          | 149<br>0.48          | 107<br>0.21          | 0<br>0.00          | 0<br>0.00         | 1462<br>0.38          |
| Scientist/engineer (laboratory)       | 134<br>0.04         | 2<br>0.00          | 151<br>0.09         | 18<br>0.02          | 1536<br>0.03         | 1694<br>0.06         | 145<br>0.01         | 167<br>0.05         | 220<br>0.05          | 905<br>0.09          | 0<br>0.00          | 0<br>0.00         | 4972<br>0.06          |
| Well logger                           | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00          | 1<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00            | 4<br>0.05            | 1<br>0.00           | 23<br>0.07          | 992<br>0.58          | 15<br>0.25           | 0<br>0.00          | 0<br>0.00         | 1036<br>0.56          |
| <b>OVERALL</b>                        | <b>354<br/>0.17</b> | <b>13<br/>0.11</b> | <b>467<br/>0.38</b> | <b>239<br/>0.83</b> | <b>3130<br/>0.31</b> | <b>5958<br/>0.47</b> | <b>505<br/>0.09</b> | <b>683<br/>0.61</b> | <b>2884<br/>1.73</b> | <b>1725<br/>0.50</b> | <b>1<br/>1.20</b>  | <b>3<br/>0.00</b> | <b>15962<br/>0.66</b> |
| <b>Medicine</b>                       |                     |                    |                     |                     |                      |                      |                     |                     |                      |                      |                    |                   |                       |
| Chiropractor                          | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00          | 2<br>0.00           | 2<br>0.00           | 382<br>0.03          | 360<br>0.07          | 63<br>0.00          | 13<br>0.04          | 157<br>0.03          | 33<br>0.32           | 0<br>0.00          | 0<br>0.00         | 1012<br>0.05          |
| Dental assistant                      | 79<br>0.02          | 14<br>0.00         | 186<br>0.01         | 129<br>0.00         | 1545<br>0.02         | 3665<br>0.01         | 501<br>0.01         | 279<br>0.00         | 391<br>0.00          | 551<br>0.00          | 13<br>0.00         | 11<br>0.00        | 7364<br>0.01          |
| Dental hygienist                      | 46<br>0.01          | 27<br>0.00         | 185<br>0.00         | 85<br>0.00          | 2120<br>0.00         | 2918<br>0.01         | 454<br>0.00         | 187<br>0.00         | 220<br>0.02          | 365<br>0.01          | 11<br>0.02         | 7<br>0.00         | 6625<br>0.01          |
| Dental therapist/nurse                | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00          | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00           | 4<br>0.00            | 5<br>0.00            | 5<br>0.00           | 24<br>0.00          | 0<br>0.00            | 8<br>0.00            | 3<br>0.00          | 0<br>0.00         | 49<br>0.00            |
| Dentist                               | 97<br>0.01          | 11<br>0.00         | 148<br>0.01         | 88<br>0.00          | 2276<br>0.01         | 2884<br>0.01         | 534<br>0.00         | 125<br>0.01         | 171<br>0.01          | 293<br>0.00          | 10<br>0.00         | 8<br>0.00         | 6645<br>0.01          |
| Gynaecologist                         | 1<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00          | 3<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00           | 12<br>0.03           | 14<br>0.19           | 6<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00           | 1<br>0.00            | 2<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00          | 0<br>0.00         | 39<br>0.08            |
| Laboratory technician<br>(medical)    | 38<br>0.02          | 2<br>0.00          | 159<br>0.03         | 4<br>0.45           | 1106<br>0.05         | 1455<br>0.08         | 200<br>0.03         | 147<br>0.02         | 288<br>0.05          | 319<br>0.06          | 0<br>0.00          | 0<br>0.00         | 3718<br>0.06          |
| Medical physicist                     | 2<br>0.30           | 0<br>0.00          | 11<br>1.16          | 8<br>0.14           | 77<br>0.08           | 95<br>0.16           | 15<br>0.11          | 11<br>0.04          | 10<br>0.60           | 52<br>0.07           | 1<br>0.00          | 0<br>0.00         | 282<br>0.17           |
| Medical radiation technologist        | 310<br>0.05         | 72<br>0.03         | 331<br>0.12         | 360<br>0.08         | 2764<br>0.08         | 4482<br>0.12         | 678<br>0.04         | 665<br>0.14         | 1251<br>0.09         | 1332<br>0.09         | 20<br>0.13         | 8<br>0.29         | 12273<br>0.10         |
| Nuclear medicine technologist         | 19<br>2.26          | 4<br>0.63          | 45<br>1.13          | 30<br>1.26          | 506<br>1.60          | 577<br>1.16          | 62<br>0.96          | 30<br>1.27          | 102<br>0.93          | 153<br>0.62          | 0<br>0.00          | 0<br>0.00         | 1528<br>1.24          |

**Table 2 (cont'd)****Number of workers (top) and average whole body dose in mSv(bottom) by job category and province/territory**

| Job Sector and Category                  | Nfld.               | P.E.I.              | N.S.                 | N.B.                 | Que.                  | Ont.                  | Man.                 | Sask.                | Alta.                | B.C.                 | N.W.T.              | Yukon               | Canada                |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Medicine (cont'd)</b>                 |                     |                     |                      |                      |                       |                       |                      |                      |                      |                      |                     |                     |                       |
| Nurse                                    | 222<br>0.04         | 29<br>0.01          | 215<br>0.05          | 138<br>0.05          | 1120<br>0.08          | 2593<br>0.12          | 186<br>0.02          | 89<br>0.14           | 153<br>0.13          | 283<br>0.07          | 127<br>0.00         | 68<br>0.00          | 5223<br>0.09          |
| Physician                                | 43<br>0.09          | 5<br>0.00           | 82<br>0.05           | 31<br>0.40           | 685<br>0.13           | 864<br>0.24           | 51<br>0.10           | 47<br>0.46           | 156<br>0.25          | 198<br>0.12          | 9<br>0.02           | 3<br>0.07           | 2174<br>0.18          |
| Radiation therapist                      | 11<br>0.48          | 0<br>0.00           | 30<br>0.04           | 27<br>0.08           | 239<br>0.24           | 440<br>0.11           | 57<br>0.06           | 51<br>0.10           | 67<br>0.07           | 144<br>0.37          | 1<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00           | 1067<br>0.17          |
| Radiologist (diagnostic)                 | 46<br>0.09          | 7<br>0.00           | 61<br>0.35           | 52<br>0.08           | 534<br>0.14           | 683<br>0.16           | 60<br>0.08           | 47<br>0.07           | 130<br>0.11          | 221<br>0.11          | 2<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00           | 1843<br>0.14          |
| Radiologist (therapeutic)                | 2<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00           | 1<br>0.70            | 12<br>0.02           | 46<br>0.09            | 58<br>0.07            | 18<br>0.00           | 4<br>0.00            | 14<br>0.05           | 15<br>0.02           | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00           | 170<br>0.06           |
| Veterinarian                             | 32<br>0.06          | 51<br>0.09          | 154<br>0.04          | 65<br>0.12           | 629<br>0.03           | 1301<br>0.07          | 214<br>0.02          | 178<br>0.04          | 682<br>0.03          | 674<br>0.04          | 0<br>0.00           | 7<br>0.00           | 3987<br>0.05          |
| Veterinary technician                    | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00           | 2<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00             | 2<br>0.15             | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00            | 2<br>0.00            | 2<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00           | 8<br>0.04             |
| Ward aide/orderly                        | 33<br>0.06          | 14<br>0.05          | 26<br>0.02           | 52<br>0.09           | 1079<br>0.09          | 385<br>0.11           | 82<br>0.02           | 40<br>0.08           | 38<br>0.03           | 98<br>0.04           | 5<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00           | 1852<br>0.08          |
| <b>OVERALL</b>                           | <b>981<br/>0.09</b> | <b>236<br/>0.04</b> | <b>1641<br/>0.09</b> | <b>1083<br/>0.10</b> | <b>15124<br/>0.10</b> | <b>22781<br/>0.10</b> | <b>3186<br/>0.04</b> | <b>1937<br/>0.10</b> | <b>3833<br/>0.09</b> | <b>4743<br/>0.09</b> | <b>202<br/>0.09</b> | <b>112<br/>0.02</b> | <b>55859<br/>0.09</b> |
| <b>Nuclear Power</b>                     |                     |                     |                      |                      |                       |                       |                      |                      |                      |                      |                     |                     |                       |
| Reactor - administration                 | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00            | 125<br>0.07          | 327<br>0.17           | 3624<br>0.22          | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00           | 4076<br>0.21          |
| Reactor - chemical and radiation control | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00            | 27<br>0.68           | 45<br>1.66            | 315<br>2.06           | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00           | 387<br>1.91           |
| Reactor - construction                   | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00            | 13<br>0.00           | 59<br>0.03            | 1271<br>1.06          | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00           | 1343<br>1.00          |
| Reactor - control technician             | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00            | 103<br>1.41           | 9<br>1.08             | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00           | 112<br>1.38           |
| Reactor - electrical maintenance         | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00            | 68<br>0.88           | 42<br>1.49            | 904<br>1.20           | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00           | 1014<br>1.19          |
| Reactor - fuel handling                  | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00            | 30<br>4.03           | 11<br>4.25            | 3<br>0.39             | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00           | 44<br>3.84            |
| Reactor - general maintenance            | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00            | 152<br>0.83          | 80<br>2.81            | 1066<br>0.74          | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00           | 1298<br>0.88          |
| Reactor - health physics                 | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00            | 29<br>1.26           | 10<br>0.11            | 43<br>0.17            | 0<br>0.00            | 1<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00           | 83<br>0.54            |
| Reactor - industrial radiographer        | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00             | 25<br>2.20            | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00           | 25<br>2.20            |
| Reactor - mechanical maintenance         | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00            | 71<br>2.55           | 169<br>3.11           | 1188<br>2.19          | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00           | 1428<br>2.32          |
| Reactor - operations                     | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00            | 91<br>0.72           | 110<br>0.90           | 1667<br>1.68          | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00           | 1868<br>1.59          |
| Reactor - scientific/professional        | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00            | 365<br>0.68          | 141<br>0.53           | 881<br>1.62           | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00           | 1387<br>1.26          |
| Reactor - training                       | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00            | 24<br>0.16           | 20<br>0.85            | 11<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00           | 55<br>0.38            |
| Reactor - visitor                        | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00             | 35<br>0.64            | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00            | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00           | 35<br>0.64            |
| <b>OVERALL</b>                           | <b>0<br/>0.00</b>   | <b>0<br/>0.00</b>   | <b>0<br/>0.00</b>    | <b>995<br/>0.87</b>  | <b>1117<br/>1.19</b>  | <b>11042<br/>1.05</b> | <b>0<br/>0.00</b>    | <b>1<br/>0.00</b>    | <b>0<br/>0.00</b>    | <b>0<br/>0.00</b>    | <b>0<br/>0.00</b>   | <b>0<br/>0.00</b>   | <b>13155<br/>1.05</b> |

**Table 2 (cont'd)****Number of workers (top) and average whole body dose in mSv (bottom) by job category and province/territory**

| Job Sector and Category              | Nfld.             | P.E.I.            | N.S.              | N.B.              | Que.              | Ont.                | Man.              | Sask.                | Alta.             | B.C.              | N.W.T.            | Yukon             | Canada               |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Uranium Mining</b>                |                   |                   |                   |                   |                   |                     |                   |                      |                   |                   |                   |                   |                      |
| Uranium mine mill maintenance        | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 8<br>0.21           | 0<br>0.00         | 156<br>2.91          | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 164<br>2.78          |
| Uranium mine mill worker             | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 28<br>0.62          | 0<br>0.00         | 217<br>3.29          | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 245<br>2.99          |
| Uranium mine nurse                   | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00         | 6<br>0.15            | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 6<br>0.15            |
| Uranium mine office staff            | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 14<br>0.48          | 0<br>0.00         | 82<br>0.72           | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 96<br>0.69           |
| Uranium mine support worker          | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 65<br>4.56          | 0<br>0.00         | 70<br>4.54           | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 135<br>4.55          |
| Uranium mine surface maintenance     | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 90<br>2.13          | 0<br>0.00         | 157<br>0.87          | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 247<br>1.33          |
| Uranium mine surface miner           | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00         | 214<br>1.30          | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 214<br>1.30          |
| Uranium mine surface personnel       | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00         | 61<br>0.75           | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 61<br>0.75           |
| Uranium mine surface support worker  | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 63<br>0.27          | 0<br>0.00         | 233<br>1.17          | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 296<br>0.98          |
| Uranium mine underground maintenance | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 37<br>3.22          | 0<br>0.00         | 64<br>4.22           | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 101<br>3.85          |
| Uranium mine underground miner       | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 123<br>7.30         | 0<br>0.00         | 349<br>10.36         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 472<br>9.56          |
| Uranium mine underground personnel   | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 128<br>0.54         | 0<br>0.00         | 262<br>0.95          | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 390<br>0.82          |
| Uranium mine visitor                 | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00           | 0<br>0.00         | 232<br>0.21          | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 0<br>0.00         | 232<br>0.21          |
| <b>OVERALL</b>                       | <b>0<br/>0.00</b> | <b>0<br/>0.00</b> | <b>0<br/>0.00</b> | <b>0<br/>0.00</b> | <b>0<br/>0.00</b> | <b>556<br/>2.91</b> | <b>0<br/>0.00</b> | <b>2103<br/>3.07</b> | <b>0<br/>0.00</b> | <b>0<br/>0.00</b> | <b>0<br/>0.00</b> | <b>0<br/>0.00</b> | <b>2659<br/>3.04</b> |

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**Table 3**  
**Dose distribution broken down by job sector, age and sex**

| Job Sector                   | Age            | Statistic                 | Sex          |              |             | Overall      |
|------------------------------|----------------|---------------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|
|                              |                |                           | Male         | Female       | Unknown     |              |
| <b>Administration</b>        | Below 25       | Number of Workers         | 12           | 247          | 1           | 260          |
|                              |                | Average dose (mSv)        | 0.51         | 0.01         | 0.00        | 0.04         |
|                              | 25-34          | Number of Workers         | 83           | 1023         | 5           | 1111         |
|                              |                | Average dose (mSv)        | 0.29         | 0.04         | 0.00        | 0.06         |
|                              | 35-44          | Number of Workers         | 167          | 1274         | 6           | 1447         |
|                              |                | Average dose (mSv)        | 0.90         | 0.05         | 0.00        | 0.14         |
|                              | 45-54          | Number of Workers         | 220          | 820          | 2           | 1042         |
|                              |                | Average dose (mSv)        | 0.31         | 0.06         | 0.15        | 0.11         |
|                              | 55-up          | Number of Workers         | 63           | 250          | 6           | 319          |
|                              |                | Average dose (mSv)        | 0.22         | 0.04         | 0.00        | 0.07         |
|                              | Unknown        | Number of Workers         | 13           | 50           | 1           | 64           |
|                              |                | Average dose (mSv)        | 0.21         | 0.05         | 0.00        | 0.08         |
|                              | <b>Overall</b> | <b>Number of Workers</b>  | <b>558</b>   | <b>3664</b>  | <b>21</b>   | <b>4243</b>  |
|                              |                | <b>Average dose (mSv)</b> | <b>0.48</b>  | <b>0.04</b>  | <b>0.01</b> | <b>0.10</b>  |
| <b>Industry and Research</b> | Below 25       | Number of Workers         | 718          | 383          | 1           | 1102         |
|                              |                | Average dose (mSv)        | 1.93         | 0.06         | 0.00        | 1.28         |
|                              | 25-34          | Number of Workers         | 3481         | 1521         | 13          | 5015         |
|                              |                | Average dose (mSv)        | 1.11         | 0.10         | 0.98        | 0.81         |
|                              | 35-44          | Number of Workers         | 4319         | 1114         | 19          | 5452         |
|                              |                | Average dose (mSv)        | 0.74         | 0.10         | 0.30        | 0.61         |
|                              | 45-54          | Number of Workers         | 2558         | 470          | 9           | 3037         |
|                              |                | Average dose (mSv)        | 0.52         | 0.16         | 0.09        | 0.47         |
|                              | 55-up          | Number of Workers         | 883          | 108          | 16          | 1007         |
|                              |                | Average dose (mSv)        | 0.30         | 0.10         | 0.38        | 0.28         |
|                              | Unknown        | Number of Workers         | 163          | 24           | 0           | 187          |
|                              |                | Average dose (mSv)        | 0.38         | 0.05         | 0.00        | 0.33         |
|                              | <b>Overall</b> | <b>Number of Workers</b>  | <b>12122</b> | <b>3620</b>  | <b>58</b>   | <b>15800</b> |
|                              |                | <b>Average dose (mSv)</b> | <b>0.84</b>  | <b>0.10</b>  | <b>0.44</b> | <b>0.67</b>  |
| <b>Medicine</b>              | Below 25       | Number of Workers         | 331          | 3481         | 4           | 3816         |
|                              |                | Average dose (mSv)        | 0.15         | 0.06         | 0.00        | 0.07         |
|                              | 25-34          | Number of Workers         | 3549         | 14768        | 33          | 18350        |
|                              |                | Average dose (mSv)        | 0.15         | 0.08         | 0.05        | 0.10         |
|                              | 35-44          | Number of Workers         | 5347         | 12608        | 36          | 17991        |
|                              |                | Average dose (mSv)        | 0.13         | 0.09         | 0.03        | 0.10         |
|                              | 45-54          | Number of Workers         | 4356         | 6523         | 31          | 10910        |
|                              |                | Average dose (mSv)        | 0.09         | 0.09         | 0.05        | 0.09         |
|                              | 55-up          | Number of Workers         | 2378         | 1386         | 64          | 3828         |
|                              |                | Average dose (mSv)        | 0.10         | 0.08         | 0.03        | 0.09         |
|                              | Unknown        | Number of Workers         | 277          | 319          | 3           | 599          |
|                              |                | Average dose (mSv)        | 0.11         | 0.06         | 0.13        | 0.09         |
|                              | <b>Overall</b> | <b>Number of Workers</b>  | <b>16238</b> | <b>39085</b> | <b>171</b>  | <b>55494</b> |
|                              |                | <b>Average dose (mSv)</b> | <b>0.12</b>  | <b>0.08</b>  | <b>0.04</b> | <b>0.09</b>  |

**Table 3 (cont'd)**  
**Dose distribution broken down by job sector, age and sex**

| Job Sector           | Age            | Statistic                | Sex          |             |          | Overall      |
|----------------------|----------------|--------------------------|--------------|-------------|----------|--------------|
|                      |                |                          | Male         | Female      | Unknown  |              |
| <b>Nuclear Power</b> | Below 25       | Number of Workers        | 169          | 63          | 0        | 232          |
|                      |                | Average dose (mSv)       | 0.40         | 0.11        | 0.00     | 0.32         |
|                      |                | % tritium                | 20.8         | 32.7        | 0.0      | 22.0         |
|                      | 25-34          | Number of Workers        | 2163         | 491         | 0        | 2654         |
|                      |                | Average dose (mSv)       | 1.45         | 0.34        | 0.00     | 1.24         |
|                      |                | % tritium                | 25.9         | 25.6        | 0.0      | 25.8         |
|                      | 35-44          | Number of Workers        | 4664         | 656         | 1        | 5321         |
|                      |                | Average dose (mSv)       | 1.21         | 0.27        | 0.00     | 1.09         |
|                      |                | % tritium                | 21.3         | 21.7        | 0.0      | 21.3         |
|                      | 45-54          | Number of Workers        | 3560         | 297         | 1        | 3858         |
|                      |                | Average dose (mSv)       | 1.10         | 0.22        | 0.00     | 1.03         |
|                      |                | % tritium                | 39.5         | 26.2        | 0.0      | 39.3         |
|                      | 55-up          | Number of Workers        | 761          | 18          | 0        | 779          |
|                      |                | Average dose (mSv)       | 0.70         | 0.03        | 0.00     | 0.69         |
|                      |                | % tritium                | 15.8         | 33.3        | 0.0      | 15.8         |
|                      | Unknown        | Number of Workers        | 165          | 8           | 0        | 173          |
|                      |                | Average dose (mSv)       | 0.47         | 0.53        | 0.00     | 0.48         |
|                      |                | % tritium                | 18.6         | 0.0         | 0.0      | 17.7         |
|                      | <b>Overall</b> | <b>Number of Workers</b> | <b>11482</b> | <b>1533</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>13017</b> |
|                      |                | Average dose (mSv)       | 1.16         | 0.27        | 0.00     | 1.06         |
|                      |                | % tritium                | 27.4         | 23.9        | 0.0      | 27.3         |
| <b>Mining</b>        | Below 25       | Number of Workers        | 173          | 35          | 0        | 208          |
|                      |                | Average dose (mSv)       | 2.41         | 0.71        | 0.00     | 2.12         |
|                      |                | % radon progeny          | 60.8         | 77.5        | 0.0      | 61.7         |
|                      | 25-34          | Number of Workers        | 513          | 94          | 1        | 608          |
|                      |                | Average dose (mSv)       | 4.09         | 0.96        | 0.00     | 3.60         |
|                      |                | % radon progeny          | 57.2         | 58.0        | 0.0      | 57.2         |
|                      | 35-44          | Number of Workers        | 818          | 50          | 0        | 868          |
|                      |                | Average dose (mSv)       | 3.50         | 0.99        | 0.00     | 3.36         |
|                      |                | % radon progeny          | 59.9         | 59.2        | 0.0      | 59.8         |
|                      | 45-54          | Number of Workers        | 577          | 36          | 0        | 613          |
|                      |                | Average dose (mSv)       | 3.28         | 0.41        | 0.00     | 3.11         |
|                      |                | % radon progeny          | 59.6         | 57.1        | 0.0      | 59.6         |
|                      | 55-up          | Number of Workers        | 234          | 8           | 5        | 247          |
|                      |                | Average dose (mSv)       | 2.18         | 0.28        | 0.00     | 2.07         |
|                      |                | % radon progeny          | 61.4         | 45.5        | 0.0      | 61.3         |
|                      | Unknown        | Number of Workers        | 35           | 1           | 0        | 36           |
|                      |                | Average dose (mSv)       | 3.42         | 1.20        | 0.00     | 3.36         |
|                      |                | % radon progeny          | 66.6         | 58.3        | 0.0      | 66.5         |
|                      | <b>Overall</b> | <b>Number of Workers</b> | <b>2350</b>  | <b>224</b>  | <b>6</b> | <b>2580</b>  |
|                      |                | Average dose (mSv)       | 3.36         | 0.81        | 0.00     | 3.13         |
|                      |                | % radon progeny          | 59.3         | 60.8        | 0.0      | 59.4         |