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At your request, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) authorized Oak Ridge National Laboratory to perform a radiological survey of your property at 77 Sinninger Street in Maywood. A letter report regarding the radiological survey is enclosed for your information and use. A complete radiological survey report will be published in several months.

Direct radiation measurements range from 5 to 9 microRoentgens per hour. These levels are similar to background levels in the Maywood area. In addition, several soil samples were analyzed for thorium, which is the radioactive element of primary concern in Maywood. The analytical results show concentrations ranging from .73 to 1.07 picoCuries per gram and are similar to background levels in Northern New Jersey. No radiation levels or radionuclide concentrations above DOE guidelines were identified. Based on these results, the property will be eliminated from further consideration in the DOE's Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program.

I understand that the sale of this property is likely. DOE will send a copy of the final radiological survey report to the new owner, if either you or the purchaser will notify DOE of the correct name and address. Further, if a land survey is performed during the sale transaction, DOE would be glad to use the land survey drawing in the preparation of the radiological survey report. This would allow the sample locations to be shown in relation to the features of the property on the most recent site drawing. If this use would be helpful, please provide the land survey drawing to me or Ms. Lee Woods in the DOE Maywood Information Center.

I appreciate very much your assistance. If you have any questions, please contact me (301-903-8149) or Ms. Woods (843-7466).

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Dear Dr. Williams:

Vicinity Property at 77 Sinninger Street, Maywood, New Jersey

On December 17, 1992, at the request of your office, a radiological survey by the Measurement Applications and Development Group of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory was conducted on the property at 77 Sinninger Street, Maywood, New Jersey.

A gamma scan was conducted on the surface of the above property and eight soil samples were collected from four locations. A drawing of surface features was also generated. The gamma scan measurements ranged from 5 to 9 μ R/h over the entire property which is in the range of background which averages approximately 8 μ R/h in the Maywood vicinity.

The radionuclide of concern for the vicinity properties in Maywood and Lodi is Thorium-232 (232 Th). The concentration of 232 Th in the soil sampled at this property ranged from a low of 0.73 pCi/g to a high of 1.07 pCi/g. This compares to the background 232 Th concentration of 0.9 pCi/g.

A copy of part of a Maywood tax map showing the location of the property is included.

The owner and address of the property are:

77 Sinninger Street Maywood, New Jersey

A comprehensive report will be submitted at a later date.

If you have any questions please call me at 615-574-1777.

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Dear

At the request of **Margard Margara Sharks (1994)**, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) authorized Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) to perform a radiological survey of your property at 77 Sinninger Street in Maywood. The survey report, entitled <u>Results of the Radiological Survey at 77 Sinninger Street, Maywood, New Jersey</u> has been published by ORNL, and a copy is enclosed for your information and use. All radiation measurements are typical of background levels, and no levels in excess of the applicable limits were found.

Direct radiation measurements of soil range from four to nine microRoentgens per hour. Levels over paved areas are slightly lower, and slightly higher readings were found near the building foundation. Figure three on page five provides more details of the measurements. All of these levels are similar to background levels in the Maywood area. Several soil samples were analyzed for thorium, which is the radioactive element of primary concern in Maywood. The analytical results (from Table three on page eight) show concentrations ranging from .88 to 1.04 picoCuries per gram and are similar to background levels in Northern New Jersey. In summary, no radiation levels or radionuclide concentrations above DOE guidelines were identified, nor were any materials associated with the Maywood Chemical Works identified during the course of the survey.

Based on these results, the property will not be designated for remedial action as part of DOE's Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program. If you have any questions, please contact me (301-903-8149) or Ms. Lee Woods (843-7466) at the DOE Public Information Center.

Sincerely,

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RESULTS OF THE RADIOLOGICAL SURVEY AT 77 SINNINGER STREET, MAYWOOD, NEW JERSEY (MJ052)

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ABSTRACT

Maywood Chemical Works (MCW) of Maywood, New Jersey, generated process wastes and residues associated with the production and refining of thorium and thorium compounds from monazite ores from 1916 to 1956. MCW supplied rare earth metals and thorium compounds to the Atomic Energy Commission and various other government agencies from the late 1940s to the mid-1950s. Area residents used the sandlike waste from this thorium extraction process mixed with tea and cocoa leaves as mulch in their yards. Some of these contaminated wastes were also eroded from the site into Lodi Brook. At the request of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), a group from Oak Ridge National Laboratory conducts investigative radiological surveys of properties in the vicinity of MCW to determine whether a property is contaminated with radioactive residues, principally²³²Th, derived from the MCW site. The survey typically includes direct measurement of gamma radiation levels and soil sampling for radionuclide analyses. The survey of this site, 77 Sinninger Street, Maywood, New Jersey (MJ052), was conducted on December 17, 1992.

Results of the survey demonstrated no radionuclide concentrations in excess of the DOE Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program criteria. The radionuclide distributions were not significantly different from normal background levels in the northern New Jersey area.

RESULTS OF THE RADIOLOGICAL SURVEY AT 77 SINNINGER STREET, MAYWOOD, NEW JERSEY (MJ052)*

INTRODUCTION

From 1916 to 1956, process wastes and residues associated with the production and refining of thorium and thorium compounds from monazite ores were generated by the Maywood Chemical Works (MCW), Maywood, New Jersey. During the latter part of this period, MCW supplied rare earth metals and thorium compounds to various government agencies. In the 1940s and 1950s, MCW produced thorium and lithium, under contract, for the Atomic Energy Commission (AEC). These activities ceased in 1956, and, approximately three years later, the 30-acre real estate was purchased by the Stepan Company. The property is located at 100 Hunter Avenue in a highly developed area in Maywood and Rochelle Park, Bergen County, New Jersey.

During the early years of operation, MCW stored wastes and residues in low-lying areas west of the processing facilities. In the early 1930s, these areas were separated from the rest of the property by the construction of New Jersey State Highway 17. The Stepan property, the interim storage facility, and several vicinity properties have been designated for remedial action by the Department of Energy (DOE).

The waste produced by the thorium extraction process was a sandlike material containing residual amounts of thorium and its decay products, with smaller quantities of uranium and its decay products. During the years 1928 and 1944 to 1946, area residents used these process wastes mixed with tea and cocoa leaves as mulch in their lawns and gardens. In addition, some of the contaminated wastes were apparently eroded from the site into Lodi Brook and carried downstream.

Lodi Brook is a small stream flowing south from Maywood with its headwaters near the Stepan waste storage site. Approximately 150 ft after passing under State Route 17, the stream has been diverted underground through concrete or steel culverts until it merges with the Saddle River in Lodi, New Jersey. Only a small section near Interstate 80 remains uncovered. From the 1940s to the 1970s when the stream was being diverted underground, its course was altered several times. Some of these changes resulted in the movement of contaminated soil to the surface of a few properties, where it is still in evidence. In other instances, the contaminated soil was covered over or mixed with clean fill, leaving no immediate evidence on the surface. Therefore, properties in question may be drilled in search of former streambed material, even in the absence of surface contamination.

As a result of the Energy and Water Appropriations Act of Fiscal Year 1984, the property discussed in this report and properties in its vicinity contaminated with residues from

^{*}The survey was performed by members of the Measurement Applications and Development Group of the Health and Safety Research Division at Oak Ridge National Laboratory under DOE contract DE-AC05-84OR21400.

the former MCW were included as a decontamination research and development project under the DOE Formerly Utilized Sites Remedial Action Program. As part of this project, DOE is conducting radiological surveys in the vicinity of the site to identify properties contaminated with residues derived from the MCW. The principal radionuclide of concern is thorium-232. The radiological survey discussed in this report is part of that effort and was conducted, at the request of DOE and the property owner, by members of the Measurement Applications and Development Group of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

A radiological survey of the private, residential property at 77 Sinninger Street, Maywood, New Jersey, was conducted on December 17, 1992 and is summarized in this report.

SURVEY METHODS

The radiological survey of the property included: (1) a gamma scan of the entire property surface outdoors at the surface, and (2) collection of surface and subsurface soil samples. No indoor survey measurements were performed. The survey methods followed the basic plan outlined in a correspondence from W. D. Cottrell to A. J. Whitman.¹ A comprehensive description of the survey methods and instrumentation has been presented in another report.²

Using a portable gamma scintillation meter, ranges of gamma exposure rates were recorded for areas of the property surface. Systematic soil samples were then obtained at randomly selected locations irrespective of the gamma exposure rates. Measurements were usually made and soil samples collected from depths of 0 to 30 cm. The samples were analyzed for 226 Ra, 232 Th, and 238 U content.

SURVEY RESULTS

Applicable DOE guidelines are summarized in Table 1.³ The normal background radiation levels for the northern New Jersey area are presented in Table 2.^{4,5} These data are provided for comparison with survey results presented in this report. All direct measurement results presented in this report are gross readings; background radiation levels have not been subtracted. Similarly, background concentrations have not been subtracted from radionuclide concentrations measured in soil samples.

Current photographs of the site are shown in Figs. 1 and 2.

Surface Gamma Radiation Levels

Gamma radiation levels measured during a gamma scan of the property surface are given in Fig. 3. Gamma exposure rates over the major portion of the property ranged from 4 to 9 μ R/h. The highest gamma levels at the surface ranged from 7-11 μ R/h near the foundation of the house. This slight-elevation in gamma levels is typical of the naturally occurring radioactive substances present in bricks, concrete, granite, and other such materials used in paving and building construction. Otherwise, none of the measurements were elevated.

Systematic Soil Samples

Systematic soil samples were taken from various locations on the property for radionuclide analyses. Locations of the systematic samples (S) are shown in Fig. 3, with results of laboratory analyses provided in Table 3. Concentrations of ²²⁶Ra, ²³²Th, and ²³⁸U in these samples ranged from 0.72 to 0.94 pCi/g, 0.88 to 1.04 pCi/g, and 1.1 to 2.3 pCi/g, respectively. All samples were below DOE criteria (Table 1), and near or below the normal background level for ²³⁸U for the northern New Jersey area (Table 2).

SIGNIFICANCE OF FINDINGS

Measurements and results of soil sample analyses taken at 77 Sinninger Street indicate that the property contains no significant radioactive contamination above normal background levels for this area. The slight elevation in the gamma level near the foundation is typical of the naturally occurring radioactive substances present in bricks, granite, concrete cinder blocks and other such materials used in paving and building construction. Assessments of soil samples and direct measurements at the site demonstrate no radiological contamination in excess of DOE guidelines.

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Fig. 1. View looking northeast at 77 Sinninger Street, Maywood, New Jersey (MJ052).



Fig. 2. View looking southwest at 77 Sinninger Street, Maywood, New Jersey (MJ052).

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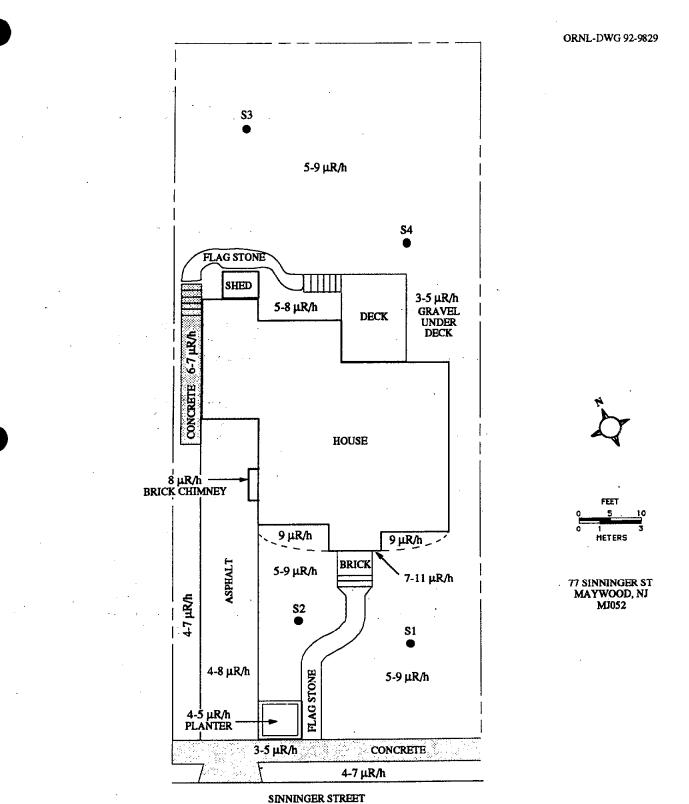


Fig. 3. Surface gamma radiation levels (μ R/h) and soil sampling locations at 77 Sinninger Street, Mayood, New Jersey (MJ052).

Mode of exposure	Exposure conditions	Guideline value
Total residual surface contamination ^a	²³⁸ U, ²³⁵ U, U-natural (alpha emitters)	
wind in the contract of the co	or	
	Beta-gamma emitters ^b	
	Maximum	15,000 dpm/100 cm ²
	Average	5,000 dpm/100 cm ²
	Removable	1,000 dpm/100 cm ²
	²³² Th, Th-natural (alpha emitters)	
	or	·
	⁹⁰ Sr (beta-gamma emitter)	
	Maximum	$3,000 \text{ dpm}/100 \text{ cm}^2$
	Average	$1,000 \text{ dpm}/100 \text{ cm}^2$
	Removable	200 dpm/100 cm ²
	²²⁶ Ra, ²³⁰ Th, transuranics	· ·
	Maximum	$300 \text{ dpm}/100 \text{ cm}^2$
	Average	$100 \text{ dpm}/100 \text{ cm}^2$
	Removable	20 dpm/100 cm ²
Beta-gamma dose rates	Surface dose rate averaged over not more than 1 m ²	0.20 mrad/h
	Maximum dose rate in any 100-cm ² area	1.0 mrad/h
Radionuclide con- centrations in soil	Maximum permissible con- centration of the following	5 pCi/g averaged over the first 15 cm of soil below
(generic)	radionuclides in soil above	the surface; 15 pCi/g
	background levels, averaged	when averaged over
	over a 100-m ² area	15-cm-thick soil layers
	²²⁶ Ra	more than 15 cm below
	²³² Th	the surface
	²³⁰ Th	

Table 1. Applicable guidelines for protection against radiation(Limits for uncontrolled areas)

Mode of Exposure	Exposure conditions	Guideline value
Derived concentrations	²³⁸ U	Site specific ^e
	Concentration limit in surface soil above background levels based on dose estimates from major exposure pathways	

^aDOE surface contamination guidelines are consistent with NRC Guidelines for Decontamination at Facilities and Equipment Prior to Release for Unrestricted Use or Termination of Licenses for By-Product, Source, or Special Nuclear Material, NUREG 1.86, May 1987.

^bBeta-gamma emitters (radionuclides with decay modes other than alpha emission or spontaneous fission) except ⁹⁰Sr, ²²⁸Ra, ²²³Ra, ²²⁷Ac, ¹³³I, ¹²⁹I, ¹²⁶I, ¹²⁵I.

DOE guidelines for uranium are derived on a site-specific basis. Guidelines of 35-40 pCi/g have been applied at other FUSRAP sites. Source: J. L. Marley and R. F. Carrier, Results of the Radiological Survey at 4 Elmhurst Avenue, Colonie, New York (AL219), ORNL/RASA-87/117, Martin Marietta Energy Systems, Inc., Oak Ridge Natl. Lab., February 1988; B. A. Berven et al., Radiological Survey of the Former Kellex Research Facility, Jersey City, New Jersey, DOE/EV-0005/29, ORNL-5734, Martin Marietta Energy Systems, Inc., Oak Ridge Natl. Lab., February 1982.

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Type of radiation measurement or sample	Radiation level or radionuclide concentration ^a
Gamma exposure at 1 m above ground surface (µR/h)	8 ^b
Concentration of radionuclides	
in soil (pCi/g) 226Ra	0.9°
232Th	0.9°
238U	0.9 ^c

Table 2. Background radiation levels for the northern New Jersey area

*These values represent an average of normal radionuclide concentrations in this part of the state. Actual values may fluctuate.

^bReference 4.

Reference 5.

		Radionuclide concentration (pCi/g)		
Sample*	Depth (cm)	²²⁶ Ra ^b	²³² Th ^b	238U°
		Systematic	samples ^d	
S1A	0-15	0.83±0.07	1.00±0.12	2.3±0.35
S1B	15-30	0.94±0.07	0.97±0.11	1.2±0.27
S2A	0-15	0.91±0.02	0.91±0.03	1.4±0.6
S2B	15-30	0.86±0.11	0.94±0.14	1.1±0.47
S3A	0-15	0.93±0.10	0.96±0.15	2.2±0.50
S3B	15-30	0.75±0.07	1.04 ± 0.13	1.3±0.29
S4A	0-15	0.87±0.02	0.88±0.04	1.7±0.55
S4B	15-30	0.72±0.06	0.88±0.09	1.2±0.41

Table 3. Concentrations of radionuclides in soil at 77 Sinninger Street, Maywood, New Jersey (MJ052)

*Locations of soil samples are shown on Fig. 3. bIndicated counting error is at the 95% confidence level $(\pm 2\sigma)$. Total analytical error of measurement results is less than $\pm 5\%$ (95%) confidence level).

^dSystematic samples are taken at locations irrespective of gamma. exposure rates.

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