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SWAB REPORT #754

SWAB DATE: 19 December 2014

R/V Atlantis



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Typical LSC instrument background values for ³H and ¹⁴C are 2 and 5 cpm, respectively. The LSC is a Tricarb 2910 TR with the low level counting option.

All samples are counted for 60 minutes, the instrument background is subtracted, and activities are reported in dpm/m². Bucket blank activities are not subtracted. Counting errors (2 standard deviations) are also reported in dpm/m². An error larger than the activity indicates that the activity is not significantly different from zero.

Criteria for SWAB Results

Category	3 H (dpm/m 2)	14 C (dpm m 2)	Recommendations
A	< 500	< 50	No action
B*	500-10,000	50-10,000	Needs cleaning before any natural tracer work. Decks in radiation vans with activities above 1000 dpm/m ² should be cleaned.
C**	10,000-100,000	10,000-50,000	Must be cleaned before any use.
D***	>100,000	>50,000	May be a health hazard. Notify local radiation safety official.

Note: ¹⁴C and ³⁵S have peak energies of 156 and 167 KeV, respectively; thus ³⁵S will be registered as ¹⁴C by our counting techniques. Categories A, B and C are not a health hazard.

<u>Recommended Cleaning Proceedure</u> Wearing ordinary household rubber gloves:

³H: Wash and scrub with radioactive cleanup detergent such as COUNT-OFF (50 ml COUNT-OFF to 4 liters of water), using sponges to distribute solution and reabsorb it.

¹⁴C: Wash with 1% sulfuric or 2% hydrochloric (muriatic) acid with good ventilation (will dissolve carbonates, releasing ¹⁴CO₂). Follow up with wash as if for ³H.

Disposal of Cleaning Materials (gloves, sponges, etc)

Categories A & B dispose as ordinary garbage, C & D contact your institution's radiation safety office.

Note: If category C or D is encountered, we try to notify the insitution promptly by phone or email.

REPORT FOR SWAB # 754

LOCATION: Puntarenas, Costa Rica

VESSEL/LAB: *R/V Atlantis*DATE: 19 December 2014

TECHNICIAN: Jim Happell

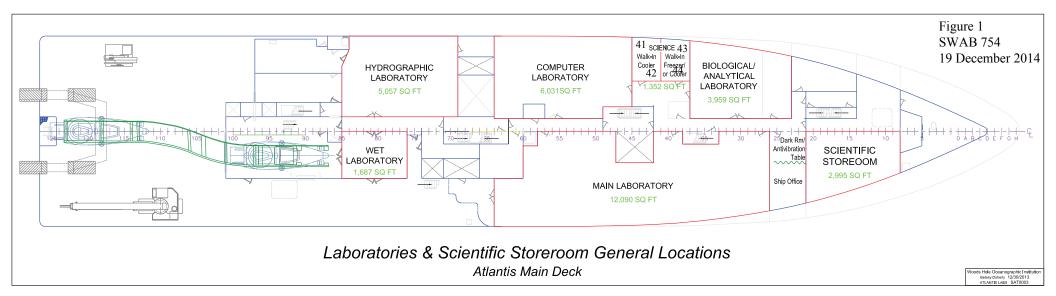
Sample #	mple # Sample Identification		³ H dpm/m ²			¹⁴ C dpm/m ²		
			activity	(error	activity		error
1	1st Vial background		0	±	0	0	±	0
2	Initial bucket blank		1	±	12	6	±	35
	Hydrographic Lab (Figure 3)							
3	Inside Cospolich freezer top		11	土	0	0	土	0
4	Inside Cospolich freezer bottom		0	土	0	0	土	0
5	Deck in front of Cospolich		0	±	0	0	±	0
6	Deck inside aft door		0	±	0	0	±	0
7	Port sink area		1	±	0	0	±	0
8	Starboard sink area		0	土	0	0	土	0
9	Deck inside starboard doors		1	±	30	1	±	33
	Inside fume hood		0	±	0	10	±	39
	Wet Lab (Figure 6)							
11	Inside fume hood		6	±	41	1	±	28
12	Forward sink area		11	土	104	0	土	0
13	Deck at port door		23	±	53	0	±	0
	Starboard benchtop		31	±	57	0	±	0
	Main Lab (Figure 4)							
15	Top of Revco freezer 1		3	±	0	0	±	0
	Top of Revco freezer 2		0	±	0	0	±	0
17	Inside starboard freezer top		0	土	0	0	土	0
	Inside starboard refrigerator bottom		30	土	47	1	土	14
	Deck in fron of freezers		19	±	72	0	±	0
20	Deck inside forward port entrance		6	±	46	0	±	3
	Port sink area		0	±	0	0	±	0
22	Starboard sink area		17	±	53	0	±	0
23	Center benchtop		16	±	144	0	±	0
	Inside fume hood		6	土	0	0	土	0
25	Deck inside aft doors		15	土	0	0	土	0
26	Deck inside mid port door		0	土	0	0	土	0
	Center benchtop		8	±	49	0	±	0
	Computer Lab (Figure 3)							
28	Deck at starboard entrance		0	±	0	0	土	0
29	Deck at forward entrance		9	±	0	0	±	0
30	Deck inside storeroom (see Figure 5)		0	\pm	0	7	土	38

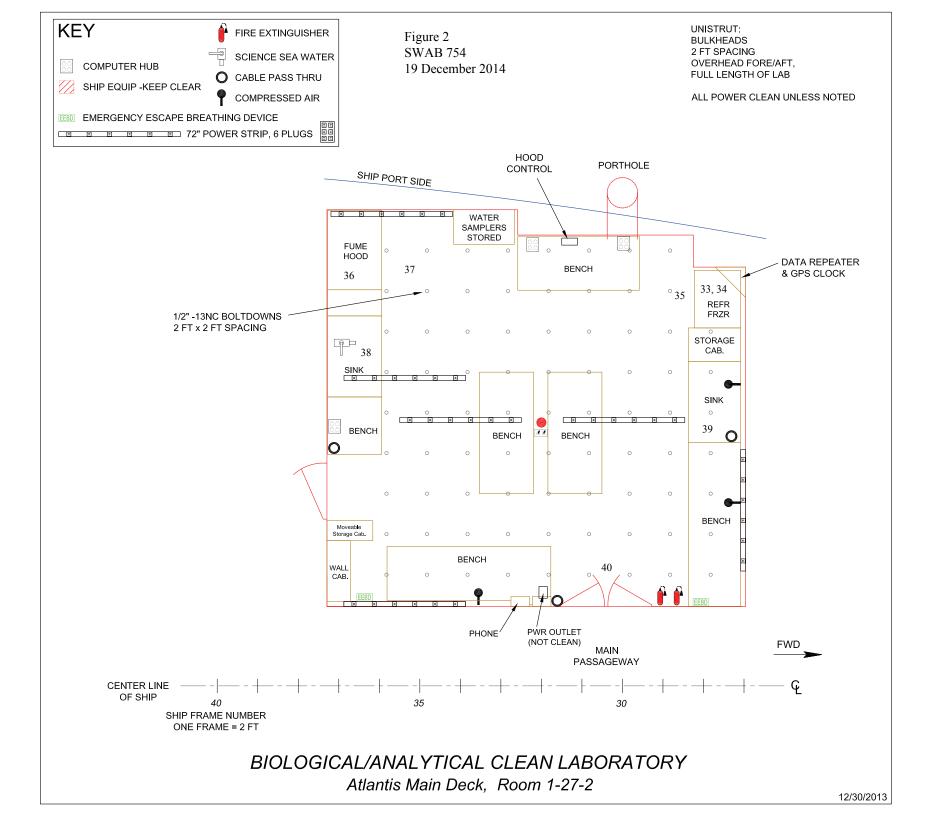
Sample #	Sample Identification		³ H dpm/m ²			¹⁴ C dpm/m ²		
			activity		error	activity		error
	Bioanalytical/Clean Lab (Figure 2)							
31	Forward center benchtop		10	\pm	0	0	\pm	0
32	Aft center benchtop		2	±	0	0	±	0
33	Inside Cospolich refrigerator top		0	\pm	0	17	±	39
34	Inside Cospolich refrigerator bottom		28	±	40	6	±	28
35	Deck in front of Cospolich		11	\pm	0	0	±	0
36	Inside fume hood		0	\pm	0	0	±	0
37	Deck in front of fume hood		0	\pm	0	0	±	0
38	Aft sink area		28	\pm	66	0	±	0
39	Forward sink area		19	±	110	0	±	0
40	Deck inside starboard door		8	±	79	0	±	0
	Walk-in Coolers (Figure 1)							
41	Benchtop in aft walk-in cooler		26	±	67	0	±	0
42	Deck in aft walk-in cooler		5	\pm	0	0	±	0
43	Benchtop in forward walk-in cooler		0	±	0	7	±	38
	Deck in forward walk-in cooler		0	±	0	0	±	0
45	Intermediate bucket blank		0	±	0	0	±	0
	WHOI Rad Van #2001400 (Figure 7)							
46	Benchtop across from fume hood		42	\pm	3	*2659	±	94
47	Inside fume hood		0	±	0	11	±	36
48	Benchtop under fume hood		0	\pm	0	*82	±	38
	Sink area		16	±	35	10	±	33
50	Inside refrigerator		31	\pm	17	*137	±	40
51	Inside freezer		13	\pm	3	*633	±	55
52	Benchtop across from sink		24	\pm	36	16	±	33
53	Benchtop across from refrigerator		27	\pm	28	39	±	35
54	Inside small Haier refrigerator		52	±	48	1	±	9
	Deck between freezer and fume hood		0	±	-4	*305	±	46
56	Benchtop over refrigeratoor		34	±	24	*81	±	37
	Deck between sink and entrance		16	±	15	*75	±	37
58	Deck outside van entrance		11	±	60	0	±	0
59	Final bucket blank		16	±	49	0	±	0

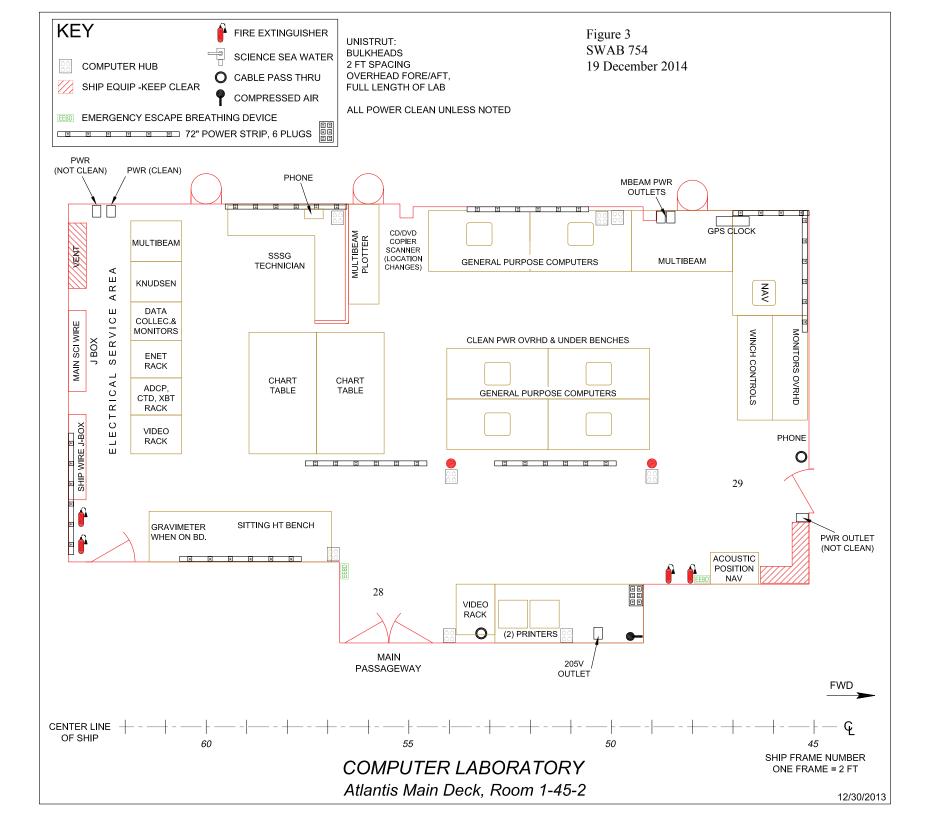
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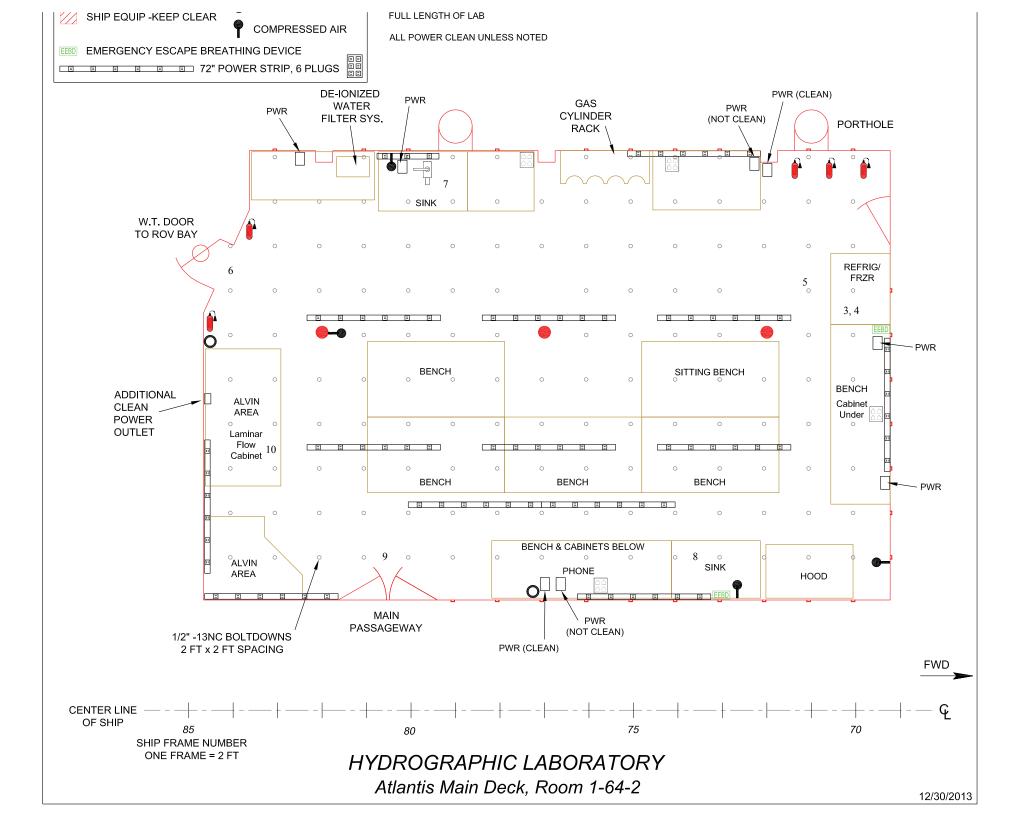
Please note that the error reported for each isotope is the two-standard deviation counting error.

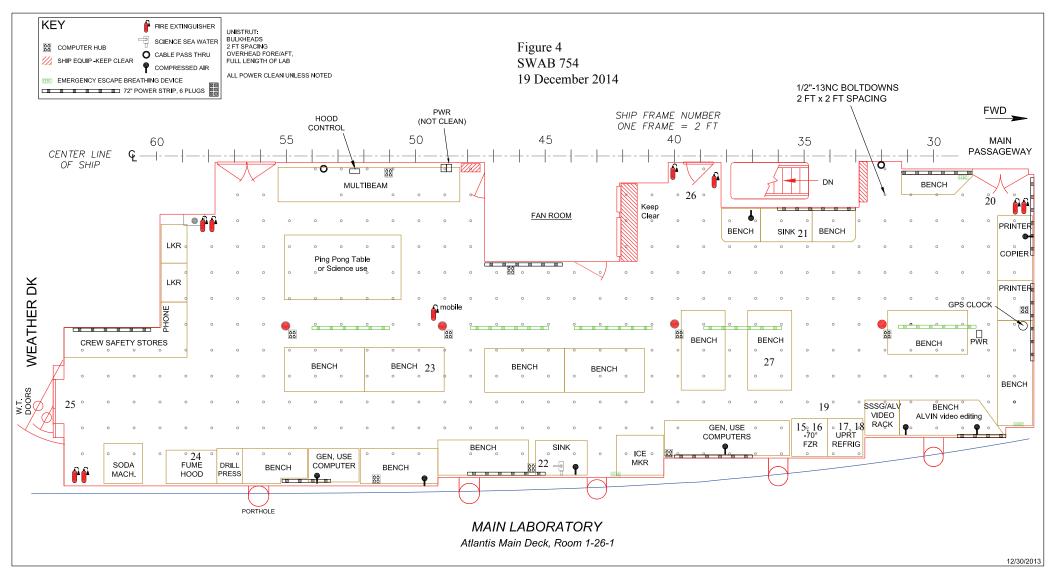
All areas on the ship tested were free from radioisotope activity that requires cleaning. Moderate ¹⁴C contamination was found in the Rad Van. It is recommended that the deck areas be cleaned.

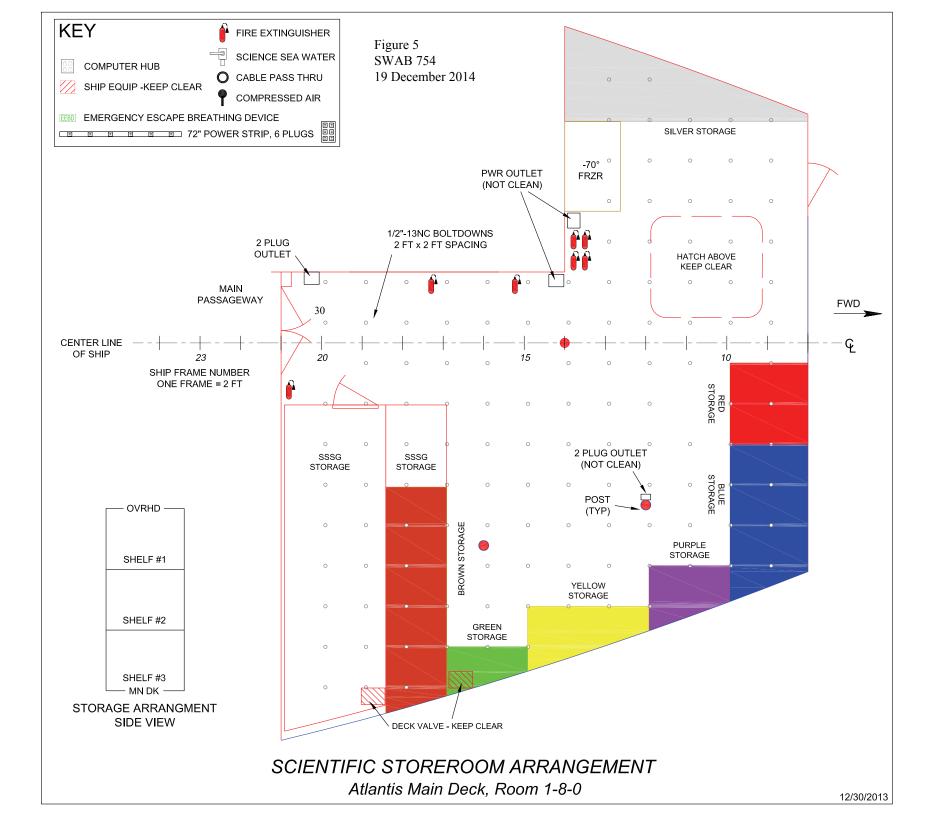


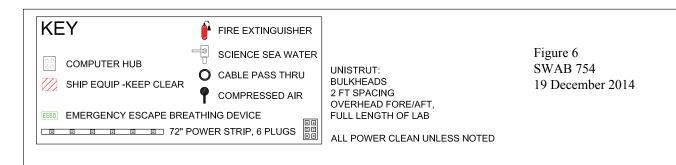


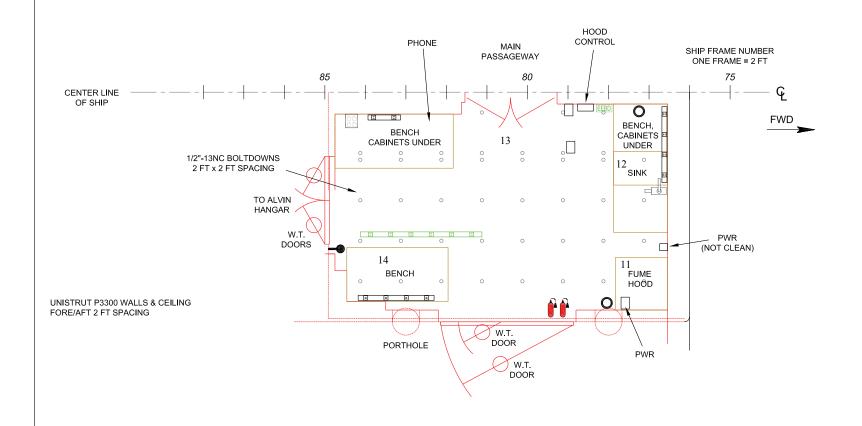












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