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SWAB REPORT # 760

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COMMENTS TO SWAB REPORTS

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/m^2 . Bucket blank activities are not subtracted. Counting errors (2 standard deviations) are also reported in dpm/m^2 . 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
А	<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.

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LOCATION: San Diego, CA VESSEL/LAB: *R/V Sproul* DATE: 10 February 2015 TECHNICIAN: Charlene Grall

Sample # Sample Identification	³ H dpm/m ² ¹⁴ C dpm/m ²	
	activity error activity err	or
1 1st Vial Bkgnd	$0 \pm 0 0 \pm$	0
2 Initial bucket blank	0 \pm 0 0 \pm	0
Dry Lab (Figure 1)		
30 Stbd sink area	0 \pm 0 0 \pm	0
31 Aft Benchtop	0 \pm 0 0 \pm	0
32 Deck in center of Lab	0 \pm 0 0 \pm	0
Wet Lab (Figure 1)	0 \pm 0 0 \pm	0
33 Aft benchtop	0 \pm 0 0 \pm	0
34 Top of aft freezer chest	0 \pm 0 0 \pm	0
35 Deck below sink area	0 \pm 0 28 \pm	40
36 Aftdeck Fantail below A-frame	0 \pm 0 21 \pm	36
37 Deck below port Hiac winch	$31 \pm 50 \qquad 0 \pm$	-2
	0 ± 0 $9 \pm$	42
Computer Van (Figure 2)	0 \pm 0 20 \pm	36
38 Port benchtop	7 \pm 234 0 \pm	0
39 Stbd benchtop	$14 \pm 484 \qquad 0 \pm$	0
40 Deck at aft entrance	0 \pm 0 14 \pm	42
41 Final bucket blank	0 \pm 0 0 \pm	0

Comments

Please note that the error reported for each isotope is the two-standard deviation counting error. All areas tested were free from radioisotope activity that requires cleaning.



