

Example on Radiation Protection: Dose Calculation

Calculate the gamma ray flux that yields an external dose of 0.1 rem in one year with continuous exposure. Suppose that the gamma rays have an energy of 1 Mev and that the ~~energy~~ effective attenuation coefficient (μ_{eff}) = 0.03074 cm^{-1} for a soft tissue of a density of 1.0 g/cm^3 . The quality factor for this photon is 1

Sln

$$\text{The dose } D = \frac{H}{\text{Quality factor}} = \frac{H}{QF}$$

since $QF = 1$, the numerical values of the absorbed dose D and the equivalent dose H are the same

$$\therefore D = (0.1 \text{ rad}) (1 \times 10^{-5} \text{ J/g} \cdot \text{rad}) = 1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ J/g}$$

Energy = 1 Mev = $1.6 \times 10^{-13} \text{ J}$. Note that for constant dose over time $D = \dot{D}t$

$$\dot{D} = FE/\mu_{\text{eff}}/\rho$$

Solve for F and note that $\dot{D} = \frac{D}{t}$

$$F = \frac{D \rho}{\mu_{\text{eff}} * \text{Energy} * t} = \frac{(1 \times 10^{-6} \frac{\text{J}}{\text{g}}) (1 \frac{\text{g}}{\text{cm}^3})}{(0.03074 \text{ cm}^{-1}) (1.6 \times 10^{-13} \text{ J}) (3.1558 \times 10^7 \text{ s})}$$

$$F = 6.43 \text{ cm}^{-2} \text{ s}^{-1}$$

of seconds
in a
year