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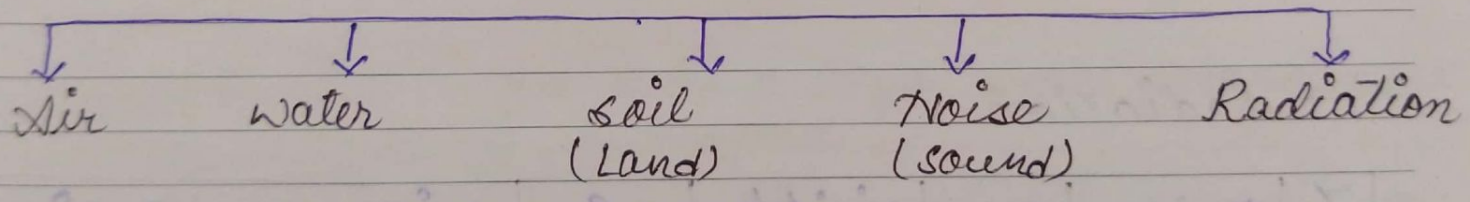
27<sup>th</sup> June 12. Radiation Pollution and Environmental Biotechnology.

→ Radiation Pollution

→ Pollution

According to Odum in 1971, pollution is undesirable change in the physical, chemical or biological characteristics of our land air, and  $H_2O$  that may or will harmfully affect human life or that of desirable species, our industrial process leaving cond<sup>n</sup> and an cultural asset.

→ Types of Pollution



Pollution

- Definition
- Source of pollution
- Effect of living organism
- Control of pollution
- Conclusion

## → RADIATION POLLUTION

It is defined as increase due in the natural background due to human activity, involving the use of naturally occurring or artificially produce radio-active materials such that it becomes harmful for living organism.

## → Radioactive

The elements which emits  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$  rays are called radioactive element and phenomenon is called radioactive

## → DISCOVERY OF RADIOACTIVE

Henry Becquerel in 1895

## → Radiation

$\gamma$	x-ray	U.V	visible ray	I.R	microwave	Radiowaves
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$< 1 \text{ nm}$  |  $100 \text{ nm}$

Red → wavelength more  
Energy less.

wavelength  $\propto \frac{1}{\text{Energy}}$

violet → less wavelength  
Energy more.

Radioactive materials has increased considerably in the form of nuclear testing power generation, medical application radioactive tracer, nuclear accident and radioactive waste disposal

→ Half life period

Radio active element has a definite rate of decay known as the half life period ( $T_{1/2}$ )

Half life period of any element =  $\frac{0.693}{\lambda}$

where

$\lambda$  = disintegrated const. or decay const.

→ Radioactive rays  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$ ,  $\gamma$  rays were pronounced their name by Rutherford

→ Properties of 3 rays.

Properties	$\alpha$	$\beta$	$\gamma$
(i) Charge.	+ve	-ve	neutral
mass	4 unit	$9.11 \times 10^{-28}$ mass	No mass
velocity	$\frac{1}{10}$ of vel. of light in vacuum	$1.6 \times 10^{10}$ cm/sec to $2.8 \times 10^{10}$ cm/sec.	Equal to velo. of light in vacuum.

Properties	$\alpha$	$\beta$	$\gamma$
Penetration Power	Less	More	Maximum
wavelength	Maximum	More	Less
Harmfull effect	Not harmful	Not more harmful	Most harmful
Energy	Less	More	Maximum

→ Types of radioactive elements

→ Two types of ,, ,,

(i) Natural radioactive elements

(ii) Artificial radioactive elements

→ Natural radioactive elements

Po (84) → Polonium

At (85) → Astatine

Rn (88) → Radon

Ac (89) → Actinium

Th (90) → Thorium

Pa (91) → Protactinium

U (92) → Uranium

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→ Artificial radioactive elements

Np(93) → Neptunium

Pu(94) → Plutonium

Ha(105) → Hahnium

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→ unit of radioactivity and measurement of toxic dose

unit of radioactivity measurement is the curie (ci). The amt. of radioactivity material in which  $3.7 \times 10^{10}$  disintegration occur/sec.

→ Different unit of measurement

(i) Millicurie (mci) =  $10^{-3}$  ci

(ii) Microcurie (uci) =  $10^{-6}$  ci

(iii) Picocurie (pci) =  $10^{-12}$  ci

(iv) Becquerel (Bq) =  $2.7 \times 10^{11}$  ci

→ Becquerel → is the S.I unit of radioactivity and it is defined as the amt. of radioactivity material that has 1 nuclear disintegration/sec.

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→ Radiation dose / Toxic dose

It is the am<sup>o</sup> of radiation received per unit time

→ Different scale of measurement of the dose rate

(i) Rad → Absorbed dose of 100 ergs of tissue

(ii) ~~Rodentgen~~ → unit of x Rays & γ ray rays intensity.

The am<sup>o</sup> of radiation that will produce 1 electrostatic unit of electricity in 1 cubic cm of dry air at NTP

(iii) Rem (Rodentgen equivalent mass)

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(iii) Rem (Rodentgen equivalent mass)

The am<sup>o</sup> of radiation that will produce an energy dissipation in man i.e. biologically equivalent 1 Rodentgen of radiation of x-rays.

Note - 1 Rodentgen = 10 rads. (1000 ergs/gm)

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(iv) gray → It is the S-I unit of radiation & equal to 100 rads.

1 gray = 100 rads.

→ Radiation energy is measured in e-volt (eV)

An e-volt. is defined as the energy acquired by an e<sup>-</sup> or a proton in moving through a potential difference of 1 volt and this is equivalent to  $1.6 \times 10^{12}$  ergs or  $1.6 \times 10^{-19}$  joule

1 eV =  $1.6 \times 10^{12}$  ergs or  $1.6 \times 10^{-19}$  Joule.

→ # Types of radiation

**Ionizing radiation**  
(X-rays, B rays, γ rays)

**Non-ionizing radiation**  
(U.V rays)

Source

Natural resource.

Artificial resource (Man made radiation)

- (i) Nuclear fission in nuclear reactor
- (ii) Fission fragment
- (iii) Nuclear fusion
- (iv) Radio nuclides
- (v) Nuclear weapon
- (vi) Radio isotopes

- (i) Radio frequency
  - (a) Radio & TV broadcast
  - (b) Induction heating
- (ii) Microwave
  - (a) Radar
  - (b) Industrial application
  - (c) Microwave oven
  - (d) Power transmission

→ Natural resource

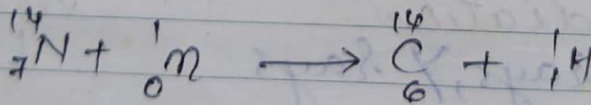
(i) cosmic rays

They are mixture of corpuscular and electromagnetic radiation. The intensity of cosmic rays is low in the biosphere but they are a measure hazard in the space travel.

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→ Natural radiation

cosmic rays continuously bombard into atmosphere to produce radioactive materials and natural radiation where nucleus in the atmo. is scrubed by a energy<sup>cosmic</sup> rays particles. It gains large amt. of energy & then disruption into a no. of small nucleides. Mostly protons & neutrons these particles lead the site of collision with high energy

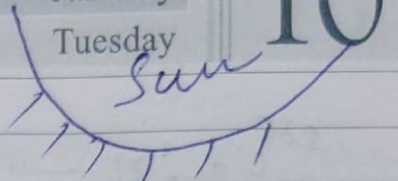




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$\alpha, \beta, \gamma$

x-ray

Habitat-tem

ozone sphere

(UV rays)

### Man-made radiations

→ Man-made radiation originates from different activities including radio ~~the~~ nucleotide, testing of nuclear weapon, power generations, medical application & other field.

(i) Nuclear fission in atom reactor  
The atomic ~~reactor~~ nucleus is broken into two lighter nuclei of abt. the same size along with the generation of heat & additional neutrons

ELISA → Enzyme Linked Immunosorbent assay

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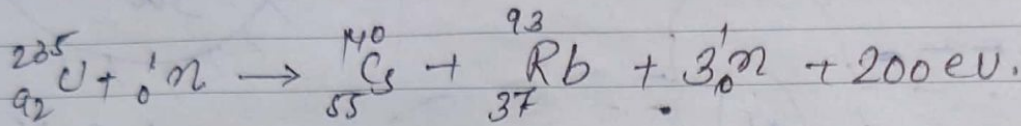
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RIA → Radioimmunoassay

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If there are enough radio-active metal than the neutrons produce by fission of one atom can shoot into the nucleus of another atom and continue the fission process

→ Fission fragments

The fission fragments produce always radioactive & creates a disposal problem. The fission fragments usually includes a

(i) Cesium 137 → which concentrate in muscles

(ii) Strontium 90 → which concentrate in bones

(iii) Iodine 131 → which concentrate in thyroid

NOTE.

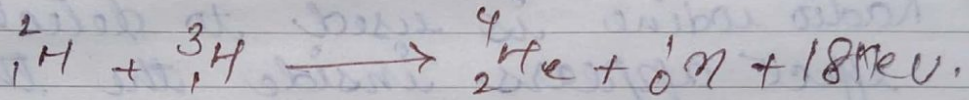
Direct ELISA → To detect antigen

Indirect ELISA To detect antibody

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(20) Nuclear fusion

Two nuclei are joined together to form just one nucleus. Typically it involves the fusion two atoms such as deuterium & Tritium (isotopes of H) to form a single helium atom along with the release energy.

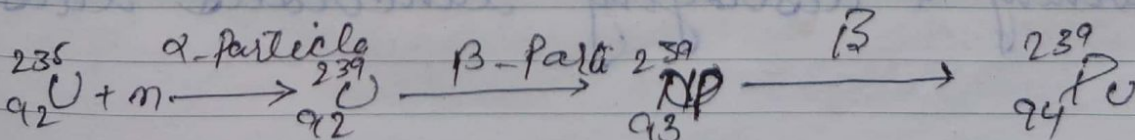
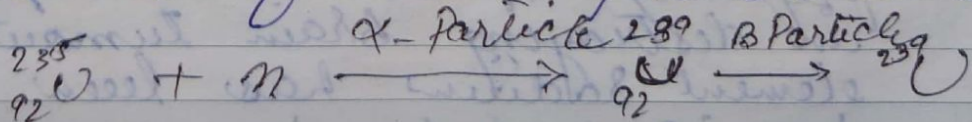


This rxn is used in hydrogen bomb and extensive research are being connected use of the rxn as an alternative energy resource

→ Radio nucleides.

Some atomic nuclei are unstable and gradually decay. During decay, spontaneous changes takes place with in the nucleus and various form of radiation are emitted

Ex. Uranium  ${}^{235}_{92}\text{U}$  receives a neutron and is transfer into plutonium



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This plutonium along with several colour long life radiation reflects make a dangerous radioactive nuclear waste.

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## Radio isotope - Application

- (i) Radio iodine is used to detect any side effect appears inside the thyroid gland.
- (ii) Radiophosphorus is used today incurin bone marrow disease.
- (iii) Radio sodium is used to measure the speed blood flow in human body.
- (iv) The radio iron is used to detect the disease anemia, tuberculosis & other man made nutrient.
- (v) The cancerous cell are destroyed completely by the use of radio isotope. Ex - Cobalt - 60 is today frequently used in therapy of cancer in destroying brain tumour. The element radium has been used for burning & destroying cancerous cells.

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→ Nuclear fission

Test explosion or explosion of nuclear weapon is another important source of ionising radio active isotope.

→ Non-ionising radiation

It is related to FM. The non-ionising radiation may of 2 types

- (i) Radio frequency
- (ii) Microwave.

Radio frequency

There are several sources of radio frequency

(a) Radio & TV Broadcasting →

There are a good no. of radio & TV broadcasting station including both AM & FM. The ERP (Effective radiated power) of AM station ranges

from 100 watt to 50 kWatt. The ERP of FM & T-V st. are even greater, due to growing population homes & business

houses are located in vicinity of the antenna in-station

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## (b) Induction heat

Radio frequency is used for induction heating which is applied in melting & soldering operation during the process of substantial amt of energy is radiated into the surrounding space.

## (c) Effect of R.F radiation

Person who have been periodically exposed to radio frequency radiation, radios blood pressure, slow heart beat & ECG changes it is postulated that these change in cardiovascular system are due to the direct electromagnetic energy on the surface receptors of the nervous regulatory system.

## (d) Microwaves.

It is the 2<sup>nd</sup> form of non ionising radiation

## (i) Radars

Radars are used in military operation for different purpose, in air port for air traffic control, also in ships to avoid collision with other ship.

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Radars are used & tested for automatic breaking of automobile to avoid collision. People are exposed to micro-wave radiation every day

### (ii) Industrial Application

It is used for drying paper, leather and pharmaceutical products.

### (iii) Microwave oven

The most notorious & potential source of harmful M.V radiation

### (iv) Power transmission

Substantial amt. of power may be transmitted by means of microwave, now a days synchrotrons & big satellites are used for MW power transmission. The satellite converts solar energy to d.c. (Direct Current)

## → EFFECT of Microwave radiations

(i) Most evident effect of microwaves has been recognised cataract.

(ii) M.w radiation are known to cause cardiovascular disturbance.

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Milroy & Michaelson in 1972 reported in-  
crease in size of thyroid gland  
with increase absorption of iodine  
in a worker exposed M.V. radiation

(22) U.V rays.  
whenever we exposed by U.V rays  
it leads to dimer formation & cause  
mutation

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→ Effect of ionising radiation.

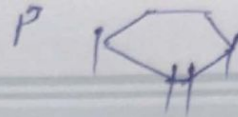
→ Mechanism

All forms of ionizing radiation are  
dangerous to living things. These radiat  
ion when enters to the tissue excite  
the  $e^-$  of the molecule and may remove  
them causing ionization. Thus, the  
molecules become unstable resulting in  
the # brokage of the chemical bonds  
and other molecule damage.

Low level exposure can  
cause somatic & genetic changes somatic  
damage increase the risk of cancer  
to organism having oncogenus. It causes  
higher risk of leukemia, sterility cataract



HYRIMIDINE = CFC.  
PYRINE = AET.



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and reduction in life span genetic damage brings abt mutation in the chromosomes.

→ EFFECT ON HUMAN BEINGS.

SOMATIC EFFECT

This effect leads to shorting of the span loss of hair and cancer

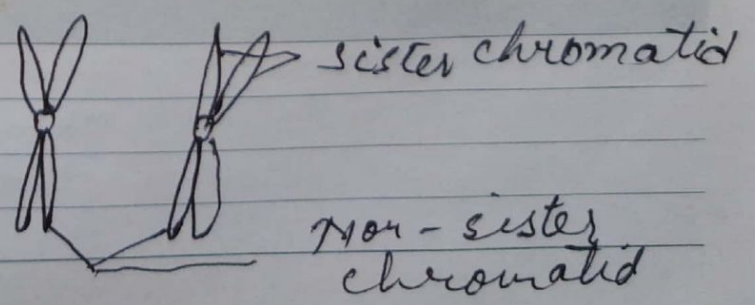
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Genetic effect

This genetic effect includes chromosomal aberration which are carried on the subsequent generation such effect may lead to the death of embryos neo-natal death or birth of offspring with abnormalities

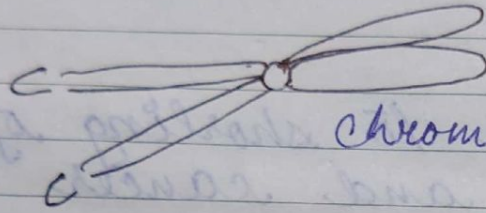
→ chromosomal aberration (deletion) chromosomal aberration of all kind in cells naturally but in small proportion irradiation

Aberration that involves both sister chromatid at any one position along the chromosome and those that involves only one sister chromatid is called chromatid abt aberration.

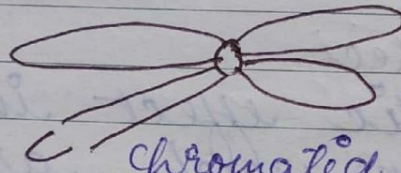


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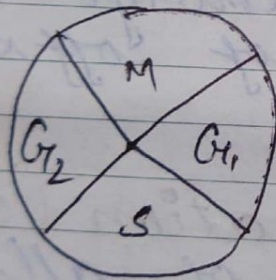
Chromosome aberrations are found in cells that are irradiated reporter chromosome had replicated themselves (prior to S-phase.)



chromosomal aberration



chromatid aberration



DNA-replication happens in S-phase.

### → GENE MUTATION

Depending on the dose of irradiation the rate of gene mutation can be enhanced by thousand folds or more as compared to spontaneous mutation.

→ Damage in DNA (X-rays &  $\gamma$  rays)

X-rays → X-rays break single strand DNA

$\gamma$ -rays → damage double-strand DNA break

NOTE → Irradiation cause various type of damage in DNA. Irradiation in lower dose bring abt. the change in physical structure of DNA. Such as cross linking with in or b/w molecule of and break of sugar phosphate chain

DNA is genetic material  
It is not auto catalysed (can not break itself) 5' phosphate gr 3' - OH gr

→ EFFECT ON ECOSYSTEM (TREES & PLANTS)  
Effect of  $\gamma$ -radiation on sckpine forest was studied at national level tree on long island (New York) T-source usually either cobalt (60) or Cs (137) have been placed in the field of forest at long island.

### \* Co(60) USED TO KILL CANCEROUS CELL

This resulting were as under certain has shrub & grasses were less resist wild pines were more sensitive than oaks. Pines didnot resprout when terminal bud were killed.

Any radioactive subst-  
ances with long half life introduced  
into environment anywhere in biosphere  
will sooner or later find it way into  
mans body. Radioactive subst. disp-  
osed in environment may become  
concentrated in living organism during  
food change transfer. by a process  
is called Biological magnification.

### → EFFECT ON AQUATIC ECOSYSTEM.

In aquatic org. effect of ionising  
radiation also occurs on the basis  
of dose such as LD<sub>50</sub>. Lower organisms  
like bacteria, protozoa and algal  
are generally much tolerant than  
higher organism. In earlier stage  
higher orgm tends to be more sensitive  
than later stage.

Protein immuno blot  
Western blot detects → Protein / electrophoresis  
Northern → RNA / get used.  
Southern → DNA

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→ CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT OF RADIATION POLLUTION

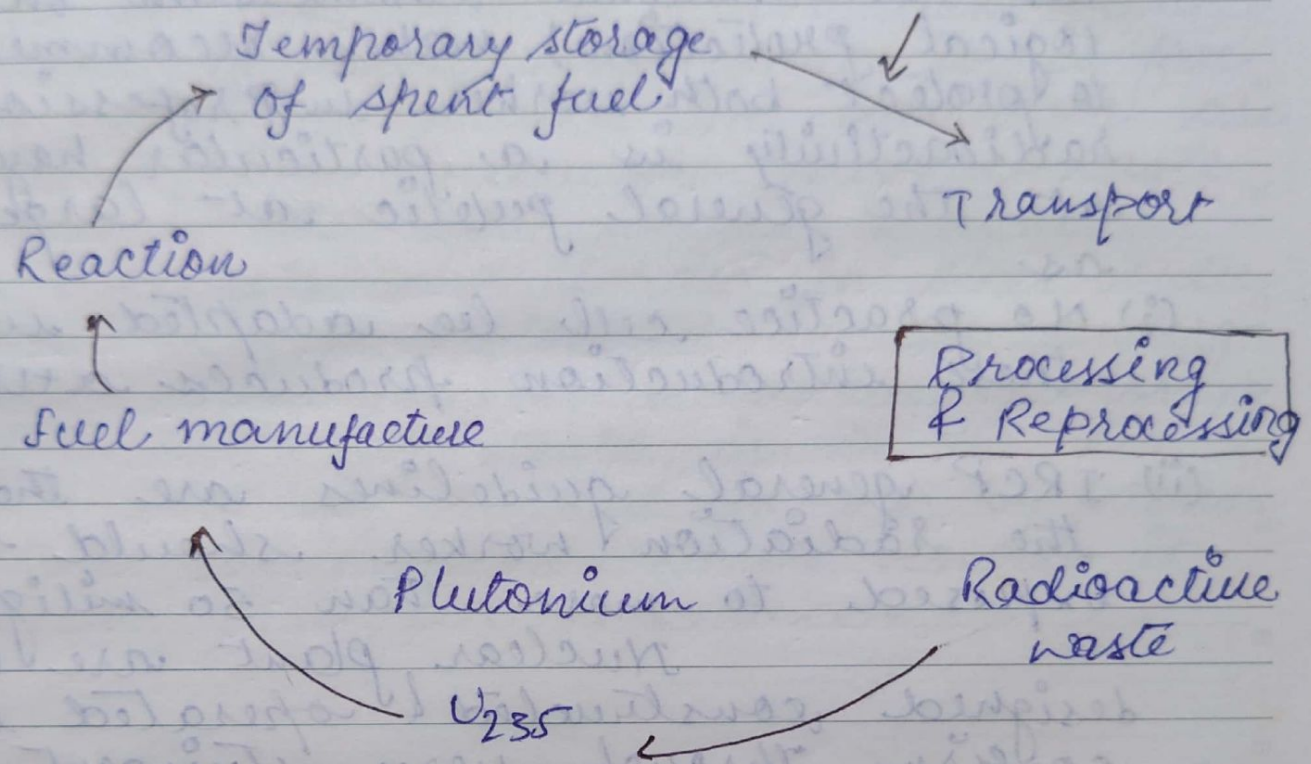


Fig. Hazard are involved at every steps, in the process of generation of Nuclear power from mining to waste materials produced during the operation.

Effluent from mixing & refining of ores contain a small % age also involved a small % age of leakage, show does transportation and reprocessing of spent fuel.

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## → Management of radiation pollution

ICRP (International commission on radiological protection) makes recommendation to protect both worker in profession where radioactivity is a particular hazard at the general public at large such as

(i) No practice shall be adopted unless these introduction produces a +ve benefit

(ii) ICRP general guidelines are that of the radiation worker should not be exposed to more than 50 milligray

Nuclear plant are located designed constructed & operated to confirm through very stringent safety standard to ensure that the risk associated with atomic energy is extremely low. An exclusion zone of 1.6 km radius around the reactor established which is free habitation

## → WASTE DISPOSAL

The waste products are stored in a special shielded tanks long term storage of nuclear waste relies on the use of multiple barriers to prevent

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radiation escape one method of disposal consist of a series of chamber dug deep in the ground that has been checked to make sure that it is free form of geological. The chamber are atleast 60m below the surface waste packed in the steel drums & concern in concrete are loaded in other outer cases and a stocked in the underground chamber. Another method of storing higher level of waste is in the liq<sup>n</sup> form. This is reduced in vol. by process called vitrification, which convert it into a glass like substance.

NOTE - Radio activity may be measured by a Geiger - Muller counter.