

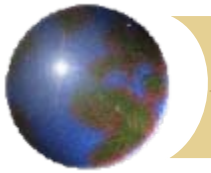
# MARSSIM Overview I

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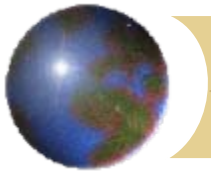
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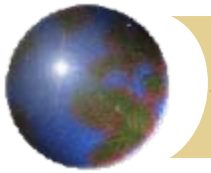
# *Lecture Topics*

- MARSSIM Overview
- Use of DQO Process
- Integrated Final Status Survey



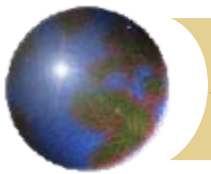
## *MARSSIM experience...just a few of the many examples*

- Nuclear power plants – Trojan, CY, MY
- DNSC Curtis Bay and Hammond Depots
- DOE at ANL, BNL, Rocky Flats, Battelle
- Gaseous Diffusion Plants
- Army Corps FUSRAP sites; Air Force and Naval Base Cleanups



## *COMPASS—MARSSIM Software*

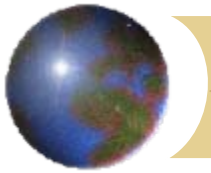
- Funded by the NRC, assists D&D professionals and regulators with MARSSIM implementation
- Help trains MARSSIM users with survey designs, power curves, DQA
- Consistency of information which facilitates the regulator's review



# *Decontamination and Decommissioning Science Consortium*

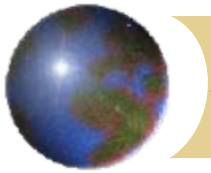
- Consortium of DOE decommissioning expertise to help D&D professionals stay abreast of the increasing number of technical information resources available
- "The information is out there... the DDSC effectively integrates and transfers the D&D information to those who need it."
- Consortium members are now ORAU and ANL





[www.ornl.gov/ddsc/](http://www.ornl.gov/ddsc/) (*DDSC Web Site*)

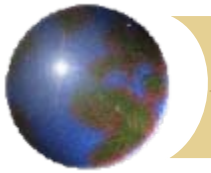
- Provides location for all the diverse and dispersed elements of D&D operations
- Provides latest in decommissioning news
- Offers an “Ask the Expert” feature
- Integrates the many disciplines of D&D...D&D projects, dose modeling, survey instrumentation, regulations, remediation technologies, D&D operations



# *MARSSIM*

## *Overview*





# *MARSSIM*

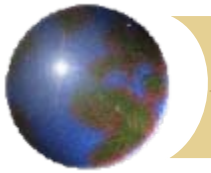
- A consensus document prepared by DOD, DOE, EPA and NRC on the methodology for performing radiological surveys
- A flexible approach to planning, conducting, and assessing radiological surveys to demonstrate compliance
  - Based on the DQO Process...nothing (not much anyway) is written in stone!





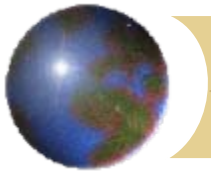
## *MARSSIM Scope*

- ➊ Demonstrating compliance with release criteria for **building surfaces** and **surface soils** (up to 15 cm depth)
- ➋ MARSSIM does **not** include selecting the release criterion, obtaining DCGs, subsurface soil, or building materials  
(MARSSIM group also preparing guidance for subsurface soils and building materials)



# *MARSSIM Objectives*

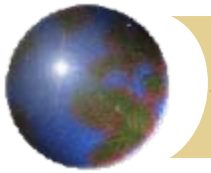
- Guidance for planning final status surveys:
  - How many samples are needed?
  - What measurement methods and survey instrumentation to use?
  - How to determine if DQOs have been met?
  - How to reduce survey data to demonstrate compliance with release criteria?



# *MARSSIM Process*

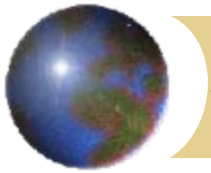
## *(Data Life Cycle)*

- Plan (DQO process)
- Implement (conduct surveys)
  - Scanning, direct measurements, and samples
- Assess (data quality assessment)
  - Statistical tests and EMC
- Decide (compliance with release criteria)



## *Data Quality Objectives (DQOs)*

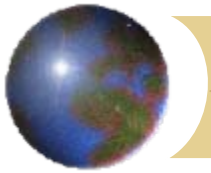
- DQO process is a series of planning steps for establishing criteria for data quality and developing survey designs
- "Guidance for the Quality Objectives Process" EPA QA/G-4; August 2000



## *DQO process consists of 7 steps*

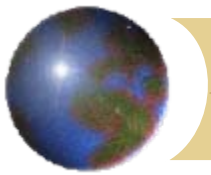
- 1) State the problem
- 2) Identify the decision
- 3) Identify inputs to the decision
- 4) Define the study boundaries
- 5) Develop a decision rule
- 6) Specify limits on decision errors
- 7) Optimize the survey design

**We are working on independent verification DQOs!**



# *Release Criteria*

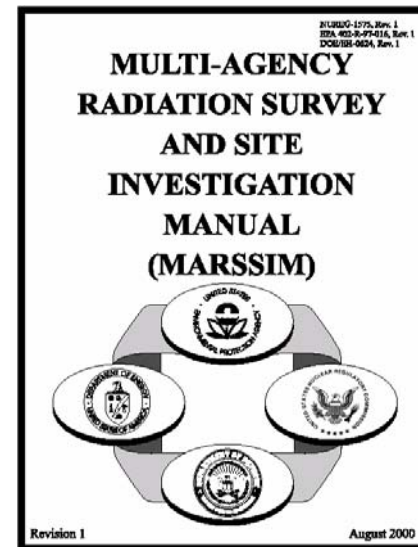
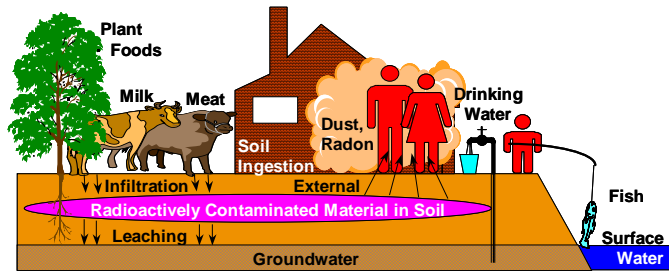
- Regulatory agencies establish release criterion (e.g. 25 mrem/y); NRC's SRP
- Exposure scenarios and pathway modeling to convert to measurable concentrations called DCGLs (RESRAD, DandD codes):
  - Derived Concentration Guideline Levels
  - For both soil concentrations and surface activity on structures

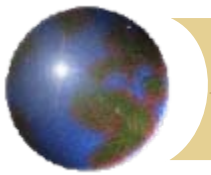


# Gaps Between DCGL Development and MARSSIM

Pathway Analysis

DCGL MARSSIM Implementation

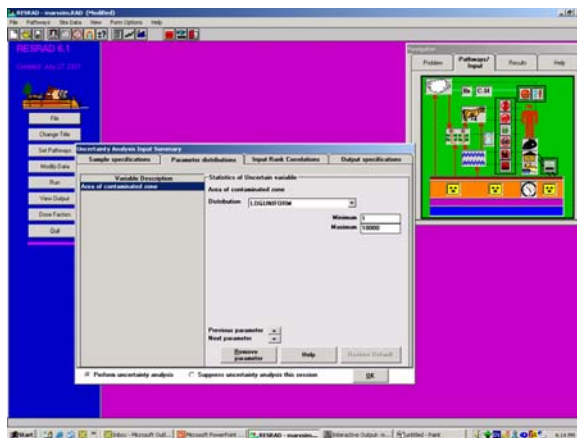




# RESRAD/COMPASS: Enhanced Computational Ability

- Incorporating RESRAD and COMPASS would allow users to quickly integrate dose based area factors into the MARSSIM DQO/DQA process

RESRAD



OpenLink



COMPASS

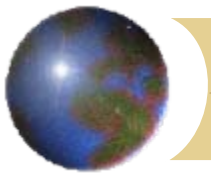






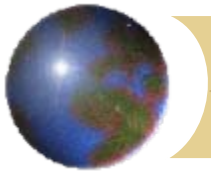
# Scenarios Used to Determine DCGLs

- Residential
- Building occupancy
- Building renovation
- Drinking water
- Commercial/Industrial
- Agricultural
- Recreational



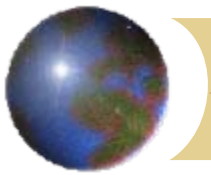
# Pathways Used to Determine DCGLs

- External
- Ingestion of drinking water
- Plant ingestion
- Fish and seafood ingestion
- Inhalation of resuspended particulates
- Meat ingestion
- Milk ingestion
- Soil ingestion
- Radon inhalation



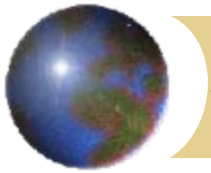
## Use of DCGLs

- Average level of radioactivity
- Units
  - Surface activity in  $\text{Bq/m}^2$  or  $\text{dpm}/100 \text{ cm}^2$
  - Volumetric (soil) in  $\text{Bq/kg}$  or  $\text{pCi/g}$
- Obtained from regulatory guidance based on default pathway parameter values, or from site-specific pathway modeling



# Types of DCGLs

- $DCGL_W$ 
  - DCGL for residual radioactivity evenly distributed over a large area
  - Use with WRS or Sign test
- $DCGL_{EMC}$ 
  - DCGL for small areas of elevated activity
  - Used for the elevated measurement comparison to identify areas that require further investigation
  - Developed using different exposure assumptions than  $DCGL_W$
  - Considers results of individual measurements

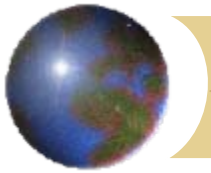


## Area Factor

- A factor used to adjust  $DCGL_W$  to estimate  $DCGL_{EMC}$

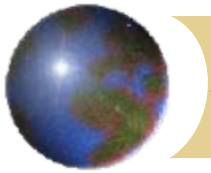
$$DCGL_{EMC} = DCGL_W * \text{Area Factor}$$

- Represents magnitude by which the residual radioactivity in a small area of elevated activity can exceed the  $DCGL_W$  while maintaining compliance with the release criterion
- Site-specific area factors should be determined based on regulatory guidance



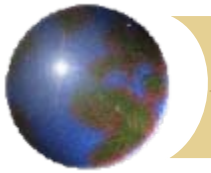
# Prerequisites for Applying DCGLs

- Identify site-specific contaminants of potential concern
- Identify relative ratios among contaminants
- Identify isotopic ratios and determine state of equilibrium for decay chains (e.g.,  $^{238}\text{U}$ ,  $^{232}\text{Th}$ )



# Surrogate Measurements

- Surrogate measurements
  - Measure one radionuclide to demonstrate compliance for one or more radionuclides
  - One “easy” to measure radionuclide present in a “consistent” ratio with difficult to measure radionuclide(s)
- Establish “consistent” ratio
  - Members of a natural decay series
  - Process knowledge

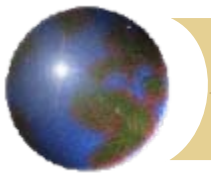


# Example of Surrogate Measurements

- $^{60}\text{Co}$  and  $^{55}\text{Fe}$  are present in soil
  - $^{60}\text{Co}$  gamma rays are easier to measure
- $^{60}\text{Co}$   $\text{DCGL}_W = 10 \text{ pCi/g}$   
 $^{55}\text{Fe}$   $\text{DCGL}_W = 200 \text{ pCi/g}$   
Ratio of  $^{55}\text{Fe}$  to  $^{60}\text{Co} = 5$

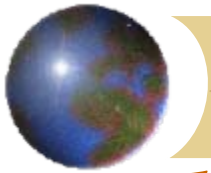
$$\text{DCGL}_{\text{Co, Mod}} = 10 * \frac{200}{(5/10) + 200} = 8 \text{ pCi/g}$$





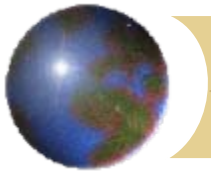
# Multiple Radionuclides

- Each nuclide-specific DCGL corresponds to the release criterion
- Presence of multiple radionuclides would exceed the release criterion
- Methods for accounting for multiple radionuclides
  - Modify assumptions made in exposure pathway modeling to account for multiple radionuclides
  - Unity rule
  - Gross Activity DCGL



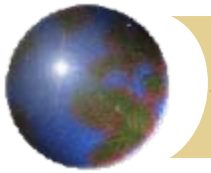
# *Radiation Survey and Site Investigation Process*

- Historical Site Assessment
- Preliminary Surveys (Scoping/Char.)
- Remedial Actions (RA)/RA Support Survey
- Final Status Survey
  - Classify site areas
  - Divide into Survey Units
  - Demonstrate compliance with release criteria



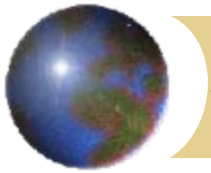
## *Historical Site Assessment (HSA)*

- Identify potential sources of contamination
- Differentiate areas of different contamination potential - Impacted or Non-impacted
- Provide input to scoping and characterization survey designs
- Provide assessment for potential of contaminant migration



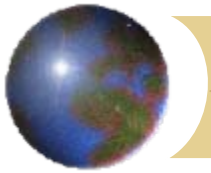
## *Classification of Areas*

- Areas with higher potential for contamination receive higher degree of survey effort
- ⊕ Impacted
  - Class 1
  - Class 2
  - Class 3
- Non-impacted



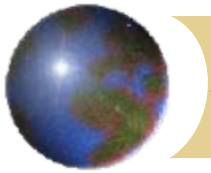
## *Class 1 Areas*

- **Class 1 survey:** applies to *areas* with the highest potential for contamination, and meet the following criteria: (1) *impacted*; (2) potential for delivering a dose above the *release criterion*; (3) potential for small *areas of elevated activity*; and (4) insufficient evidence to support reclassification as *Class 2* or *Class 3*.
- Areas that have, or had prior to remediation, a potential for radioactive contamination (based on site operating history) or known contamination (based on previous radiation surveys) above the  $DCGL_W$



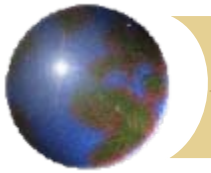
## *Class 2 Areas*

- **Class 2 survey:** applies to *areas* that meet the following criteria: (1) *impacted*; (2) low potential for delivering a dose above the *release criterion*; and (3) little or no potential for small *areas of elevated activity*.
- Areas that have or had prior to remediation, a potential for radioactive contamination or known contamination, but are **not expected** to exceed the  $DCGL_W$



## *Class 3 Areas*

- **Class 3 survey:** applies to *areas* that meet the following criteria: (1) *impacted*; (2) little or no potential for delivering a dose above the *release criterion*; and (3) little or no potential for small *areas of elevated activity*.
- Any impacted areas that are not expected to contain any residual radioactivity or are expected to contain levels of residual radioactivity at a **small fraction** of the  $DCGL_W$  based on site operating history and previous radiation surveys.



# *Scoping Survey*

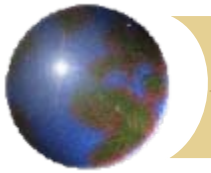
- Expands upon HSA data by collecting **judgmental** samples in potential areas of concern
- Objectives
  - Provides input to characterization survey design
  - Supports classification of site areas
  - Identifies site contaminants and their variability
  - Identifies non-impacted areas that may be suitable background reference areas





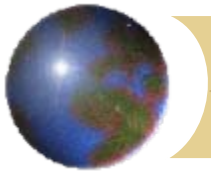
# *Characterization Survey*

- Primary Objective: Determine the nature and extent of contamination - Builds upon the HSA and scoping survey results
- Other Objectives:
  - Evaluating remediation alternatives
  - Modeling input for site-specific DCGLs
  - Input to final status survey design - MARSSIM emphasis



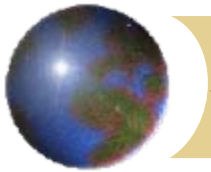
## *Remedial Action Support Survey*

- Provides a real-time assessment of the effectiveness of decontamination efforts
- Typically relies on a simple radiological parameter - direct measurements of surface activity, soil scans/analysis in the field
- Determines when an area/survey unit is ready for the final status survey



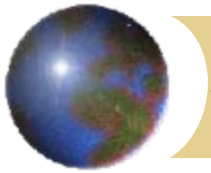
## *Final Status Survey*

- Objective: Demonstrate that residual radioactivity in **each survey unit** satisfies release criteria
- Builds on data from HSA and survey results from scoping and characterization surveys
- Survey design relies on DQO process for data collection (MARSSIM Appendix D)



## *Final Status Survey (cont.)*

- Null hypothesis ( $H_0$ ): Residual radioactivity **exceeds** the release criteria
  - compare to NUREG/CR-5849 which used t test and confidence interval approach
- Decision errors occur when  $H_0$  is rejected when it is true (Type I), or when  $H_0$  is accepted when it is false (Type II)



## *MARSSIM Statistics:*

### *Hypothesis Testing*

- Survey results are used to select between one condition of the environment (null hypothesis) and an alternative condition

#### Decision

Accept  $H_0$

Reject  $H_0$

#### **True Condition**

$H_0$  is True

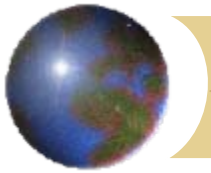
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Type I error

$H_0$  is False

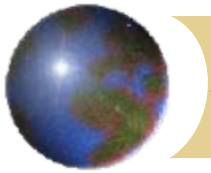
Type II error

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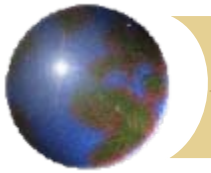
## *Statistical Power ( $1 - \beta$ )*

- Type I errors (or  $\alpha$ ) are specified at the  $DCGL_W$ , while Type II errors (or  $\beta$ ) are specified at the lower bound of the gray region (LBGR)
- Power ( $1 - \beta$ ): Probability of rejecting the null hypothesis when it is false; survey design with high power means correctly releasing survey units (high power is good)



## *Final Status Survey (cont.)*

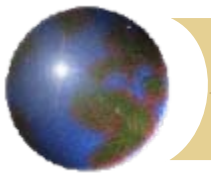
- Two statistical tests are used to plan and evaluate final status survey data:
  - Wilcoxon Rank Sum (contaminant in bkg)
  - Sign Test (contaminant **not** in bkg)
- Elevated measurement comparison test
  - not a statistical test; performed on judgment samples that were collected at likely areas of contamination or based on scanning results



## *Identify Survey Units*

- Class 1, 2 and 3 areas divided into survey units—prior to final status survey
  - Areas of similar contamination potential or common history
  - Areas naturally distinguishable from other portions of site
- A survey unit may **not** include areas that have different classifications





# *Suggested Survey Unit Sizes*

## ● Class 1

- ▣ Structures
- ▣ Land areas

## ● Class 2

- ▣ Structures
- ▣ Land areas

## ● Class 3

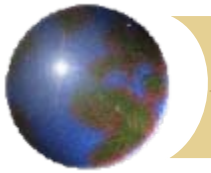
- ▣ Structures
- ▣ Land areas

## Typical Maximum

- ▣ 100 m<sup>2</sup> floor area
- ▣ 2,000 m<sup>2</sup>

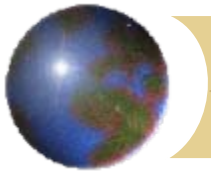
100 to 1,000 m<sup>2</sup> floor  
2,000 to 10,000 m<sup>2</sup>

no limit  
no limit



## *Background Reference Areas*

- For contaminants that are present in background media or when gross activity measurements performed
- Similar physical, geological, radiological characteristics as site being evaluated
- Site may require more than 1 reference area if it exhibits significant variability



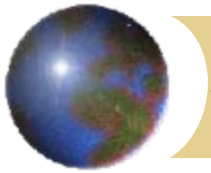
## *Selection of Instrumentation*

- Selection based on contaminants, their associated radiations, media surveyed and MDCs
- Consider field (static measurements and scanning) and lab instrumentation
- MDCs less than 10% of the DCGL are preferable—while MDCs up to 50% of the DCGL are acceptable



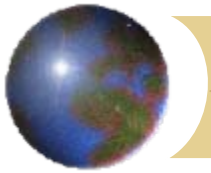
## *Minimum Detectable Concentration (MDC)*

- MDC = expected activity level a specific instrument/technique can be expected to detect 95% of the time
- Critical for select a “realistic” MDC (overestimate) for a specific measurement method
- Calculate for each type of area



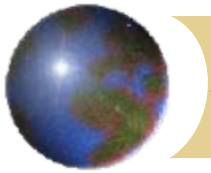
## *Scanning Sensitivity*

- Greater sensitivity = lower levels of contaminant detected
- Sensitivity depends on
  - ▣ Sensitivity of instrument
  - ▣ Ability of surveyor
- Slowing down the scanning speed improves scan sensitivity



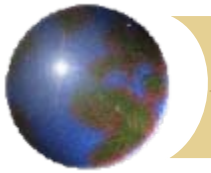
## *Final Status Survey—DQOs*

- ⊕ Outputs from DQO process
  - ▣ State decision errors associated with  $H_0$
  - ▣ Specify a gray region ( $\Delta = \text{DCGL} - \text{LBGR}$ )
    - DCGL is the upper bound of the gray region
    - lower bound of gray region (LBGR) is set at the **expected mean concentration** in the survey unit (depends on good characterization)



## *Final Status Survey Design— WRS Test*

- Estimate standard deviation of contaminant in both reference area ( $\sigma_r$ ) and survey unit ( $\sigma_s$ )
  - From scoping/characterization surveys, or collect limited number of measurements
  - Use larger value of  $\sigma_r$  or  $\sigma_s$



## *Final Status Survey Design—WRS Test*

- Calculate the relative shift—ratio of  $\Delta/\sigma$   
( $\Delta = \text{DCGL} - \text{LBGR}$ )
- Determine  $P_r$  —tabulated probability based on relative shift ( $\Delta/\sigma$ )
- Determine decision error percentiles,  $Z_{1-\alpha}$  and  $Z_{1-\beta}$  (based on selected decision errors)



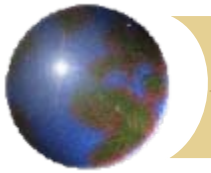


## *Final Status Survey Design—WRS Test*

- Calculate sample size (N) for each reference area/survey unit pair:

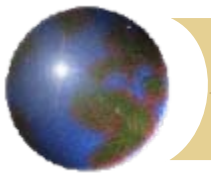
$$N = \frac{(Z_{1-\alpha} + Z_{1-\beta})^2}{3(P_r - 0.5)^2}$$

- Increase number of data points by 20% to allow for lost or unusable data (Table 5.3 provides sample sizes—already includes 20% increase)



## *Final Status Survey—WRS Example*

- Site contaminant: Cs-137
- Parcel of land on site has been characterized
  - Class 2 area—12,000 m<sup>2</sup>
  - Divided into 2 survey units
- Background reference area selected
- $DCGL_W$  for Cs-137 is 8 pCi/g



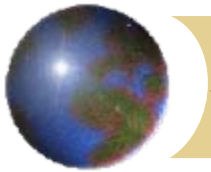
## *Final Status Survey—WRS Example*

- Characterization data used for planning:

|        | <u>Survey Unit</u>      | <u>Reference Area</u>   |
|--------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Cs-137 | $4.8 \pm 2.9 (1\sigma)$ | $0.8 \pm 0.5 (1\sigma)$ |

- Relative shift calculated with LBGR set at 4 pCi/g:  
 $\Delta/\sigma = (8-4)/2.9 = 1.38$

- For this relative shift (rounded down to 1.3),  
 $P_r = 0.82$



## *Final Status Survey—WRS Example*

- Decision errors chosen

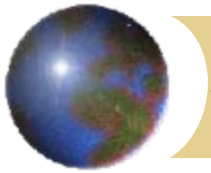
- Type I ( $\alpha$ ) is 0.025; Type II ( $\beta$ ) is 0.10, so

- $Z_{1-\alpha} = 1.96$  and  $Z_{1-\beta} = 1.28$

- Substituting into sample size eqn:

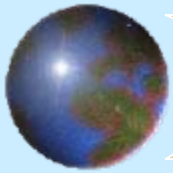
$$N = \frac{(1.96+1.28)^2}{3(0.82-0.5)^2} = 34.2$$

- Increase by 20% and round up—42 samples  
[Confirm in Table 5.3:  $N/2 = 21$ ]

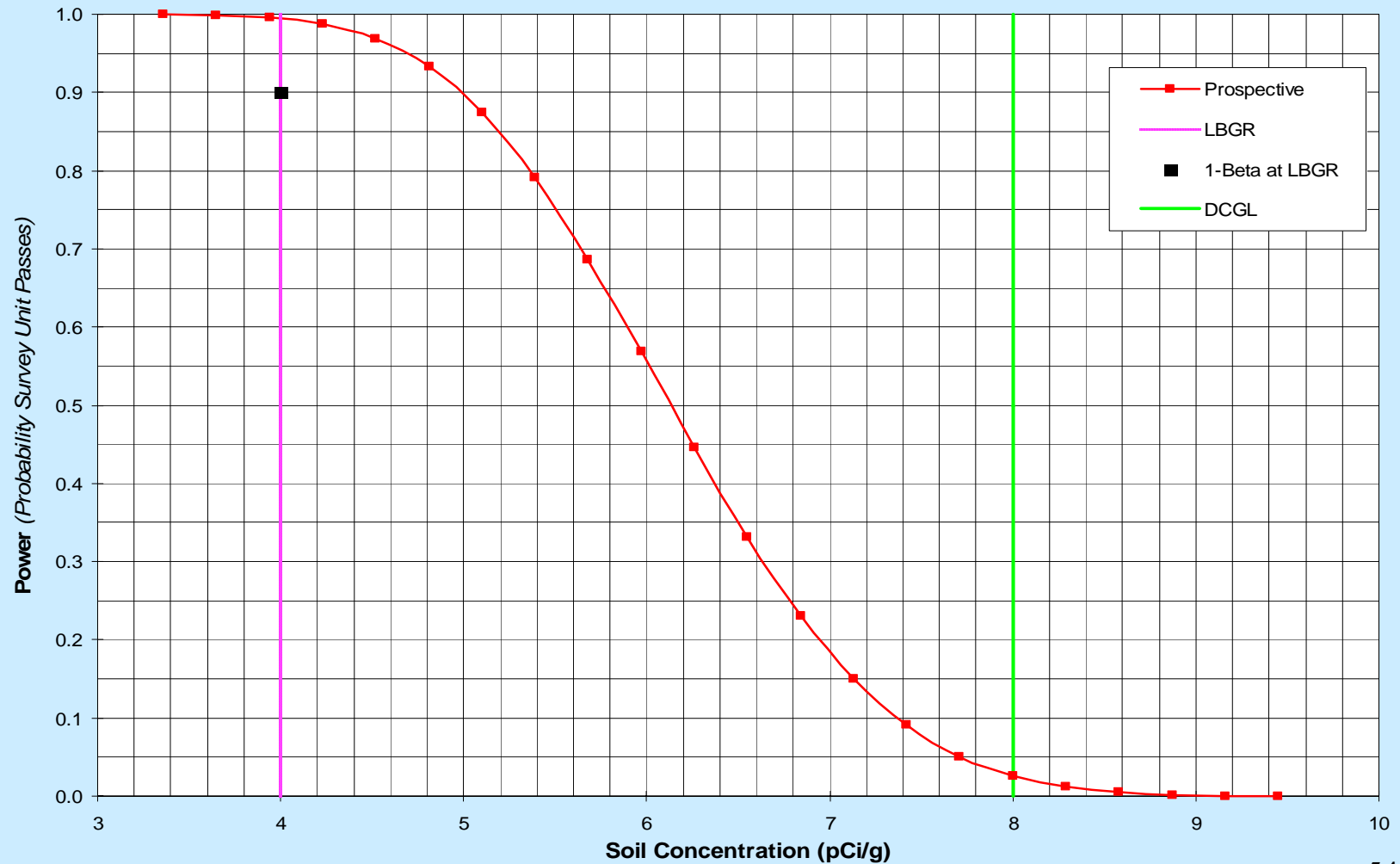


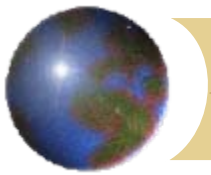
## *Final Status Survey—Prospective Power Curve*

- ➊ Prospective power curve is used to evaluate survey design relative to DQOs (facilitates survey design iteration)
- ➋ Type I and II errors specified at the  $DCGL_W$  and LBGR, respectively; only Type II errors occur below the  $DCGL_W$



# WRS Example—Power Curve





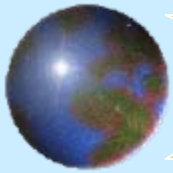
## *Final Status Survey—WRS Example (Revised Survey Design)*

- Now assume expected mean is 2.8 pCi/g Cs-137; LBGR is set at 2 pCi/g which increases  $\Delta/\sigma$ , reducing sample size:

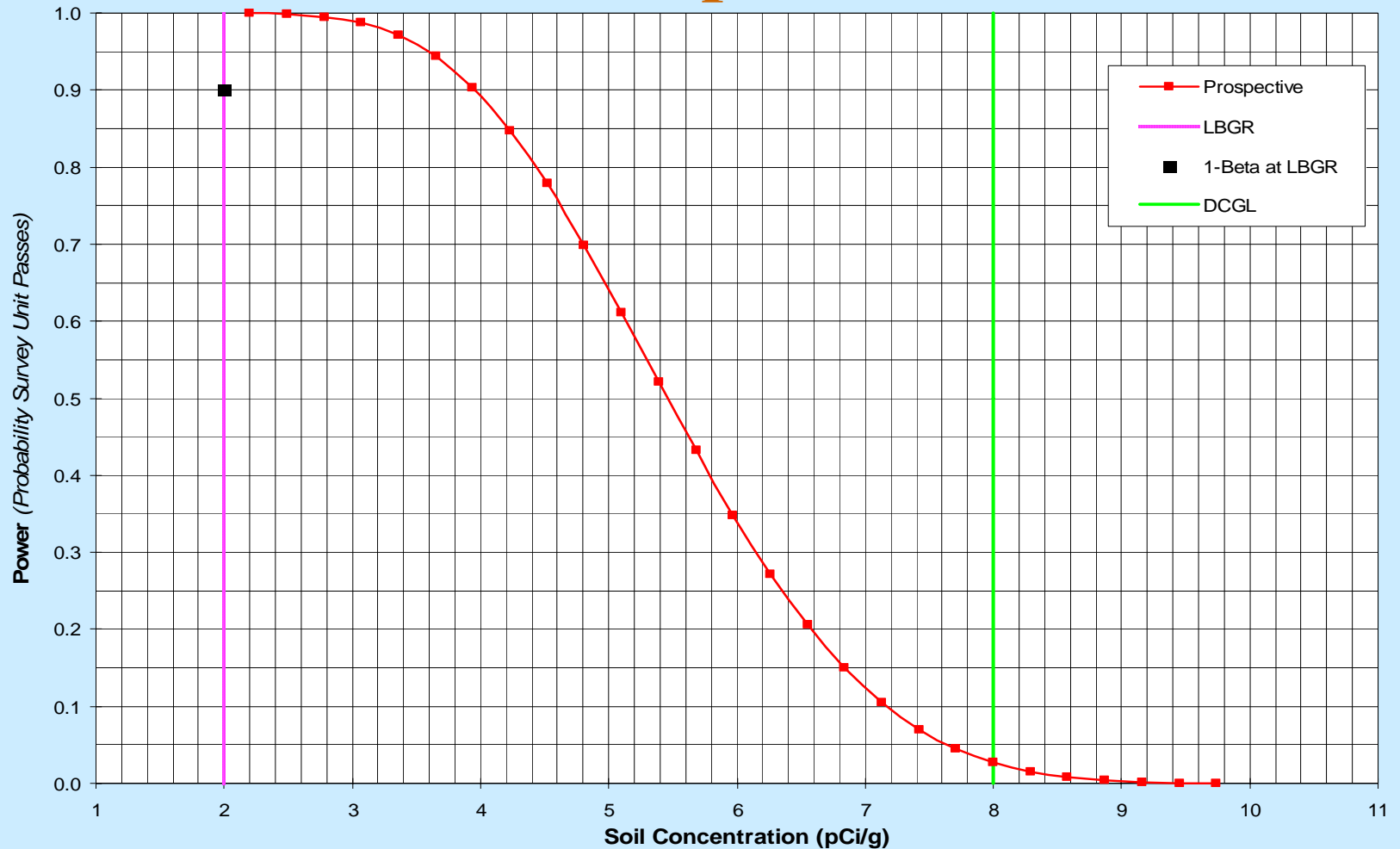
$$\Delta/\sigma = (8-2)/2.9 = 2.07$$

(Type I and II errors remain unchanged)

- From Table 5.3,  $N/2 = 12$  samples
- How does this reduction in sample size affect the power curve? (reduced power)



# WRS Revised Example—Power Curve

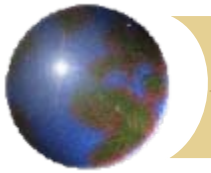






## *Determining Survey Locations (cont.)*

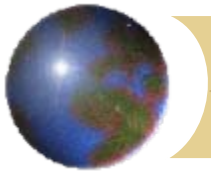
- Random-start triangular grid pattern
  - Beginning with random start location, identify a row of points parallel to x-axis at intervals of  $L$
  - A second row of points is then developed, parallel to the first row, at a distance of  $0.866 L$  from the first row
  - MARSSIM Figure 5.5 provides an example of the triangular grid pattern



## *Hot Spot Considerations*

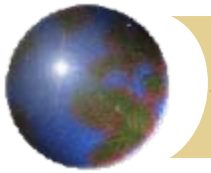
### ● Hot Spot Survey Design

- For Class 1 areas, determine if sample size is sufficient for hot spots that may be present
- Based on  $n$ , average area bounded by sample points ( $a'$ ) represents largest hot spot that could exist, and not be sampled



## *Hot Spot Considerations (cont.)*

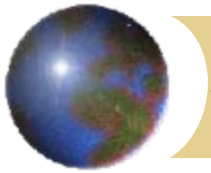
- Area Factor—factor by which this area may exceed  $DCGL_W$
- Determine **required** Scan MDC (same as  $DCGL_{EMC}$ ):  
$$= DCGL_W * \text{Area Factor}$$
- Compare **required** scan MDC to **actual** scan MDC (based on detection sensitivity)



## *Hot Spot Considerations (cont.)*

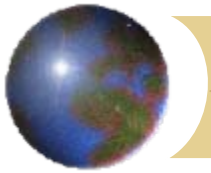
- If **Actual** Scan MDC < **Required** Scan MDC—then initial data point spacing sufficient (no additional samples needed)
- If **Actual** Scan MDC > **Required** Scan MDC—then calculate Area Factor that corresponds to actual Scan MDC:

$$\text{Area Factor} = \frac{\text{Scan MDC}(\text{actual})}{DCGL_w}$$



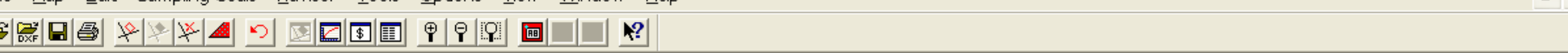
## *Hot Spot Considerations (cont.)*

- Determine hot spot area (new  $a'$ ) that corresponds to the calculated area factor (using actual scan MDC)
- New sample size ( $n_{EA}$ ) is calculated by dividing new  $a'$  into the survey unit area,  $A$

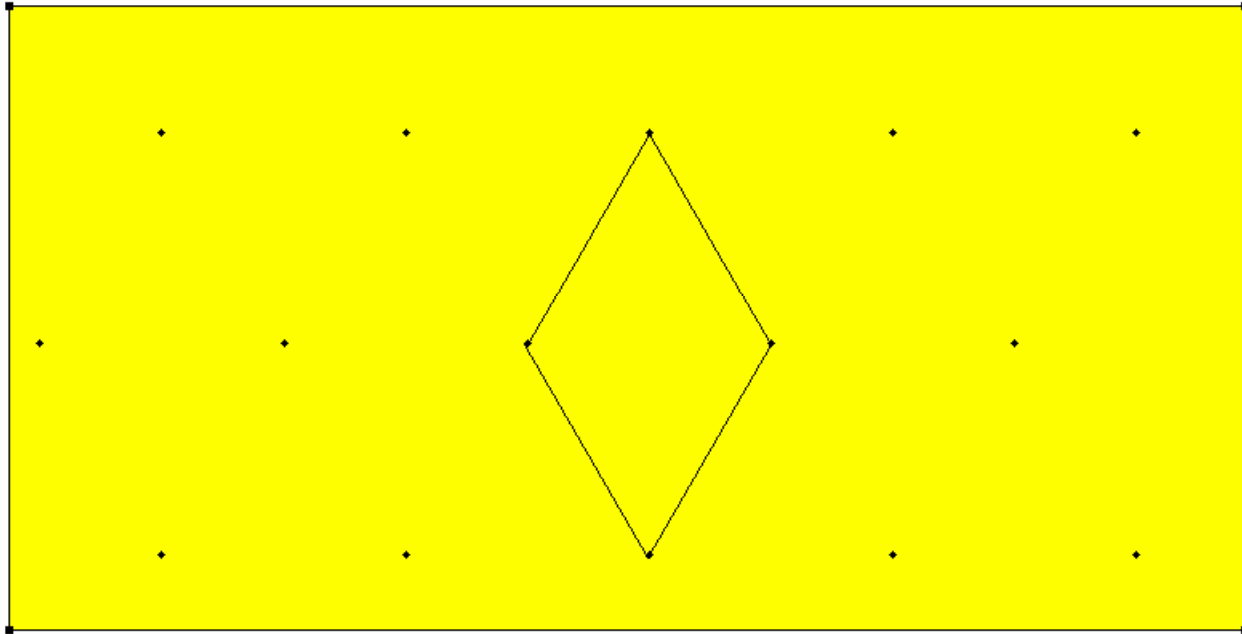


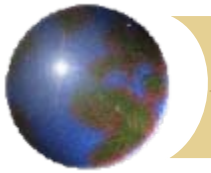
## *Example: Hot Spot Survey Design*

- Sign test required 15 samples in Class 1 survey unit ( $A = 1800 \text{ m}^2$ )
- $\text{DCGL}_W = 2.5 \text{ pCi/g}$  for Th-232
- $a' = 1800/15 = 120 \text{ m}^2$
- Look up AF that corresponds to  $120 \text{ m}^2$  (may need logarithmic interpolation)
- Actual scan MDC =  $5 \text{ pCi/g}$



**Sample Plan**  
Phase 1





# *Example Outdoor Area Factors*

## **Area Factors (AF)**

| <u>Area (m<sup>2</sup>)</u> | <u>Th-232</u> |
|-----------------------------|---------------|
| 3000                        | 1             |
| 300                         | 1.19          |
| 100                         | 1.36          |
| 30                          | 1.78          |
| 10                          | 2.63          |
| 3                           | 5.49          |
| 1                           | 12.4          |

Area Factor = 1.33  
for a' of 120 m<sup>2</sup>

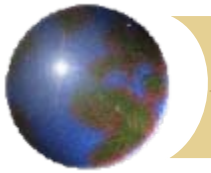




## *Example: Hot Spot Survey Design*

- Scan MDC (required) =  $(2.5 \text{ pCi/g})(1.33)$   
= 3.3 pCi/g
- Since the actual scan MDC (5 pCi/g) cannot detect 3.3 pCi/g, determine AF corresponds to actual scan MDC:

$$\text{AreaFactor} = \frac{\text{ScanMDC(actual)}}{\text{DCGL}_w} = 5/2.5 = 2$$

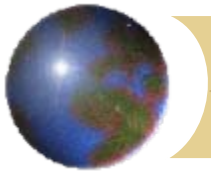


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New  $a' = 21.6 \text{ m}^2$   
for area factor of 2



## *Example: Hot Spot Survey Design*

✚ New sample size ( $n_{EA}$ ):  $1800/21.6 = 83.3$

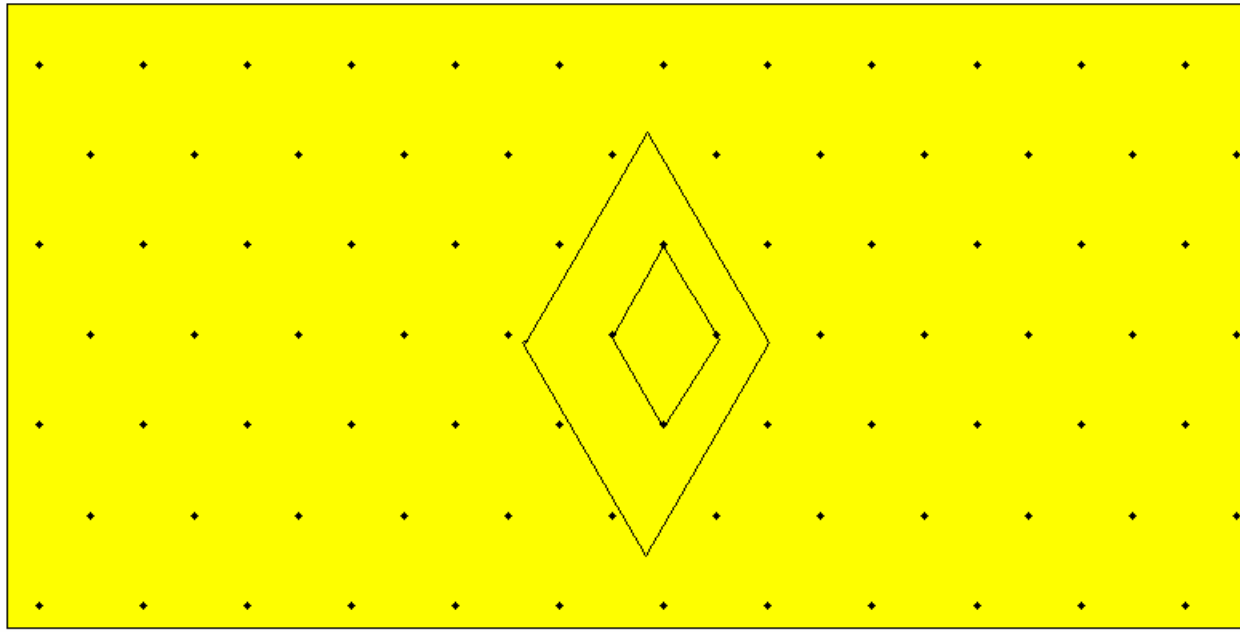
**Round up to 84 samples !**

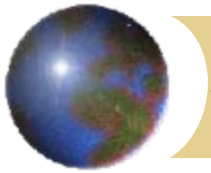
✚ This sample size has been driven by the potential for hot spots and an inadequate scan MDC



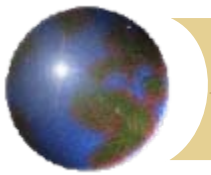
# Sample Plan

Phase 1



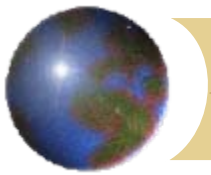


# *Integrated Final Status Survey*



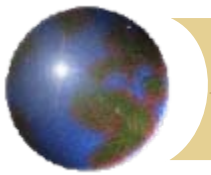
## *Key Steps of FSS Design (by P. Frame)*

- 1) Classify site areas; identify survey units and reference areas
- 2) Determine the DCGLs
- 3) Determine whether Scenario A or B will be used; specify statistical tests for survey design (Sign test or WRS test)
- 4) Determine whether unity rule will be used for multiple radionuclides (also gross DCGLs for surface activity)
- 5) Choose equipment and measurement protocols
- 6) Determine scan and measurement MDCs
- 7) Determine survey investigation levels
- 8) Set acceptable probability of Type I and II errors
- 9) Determine number of statistical samples
- 10) Create reference grid and sample locations



## *Objectives of MARSSIM Integrated Design*

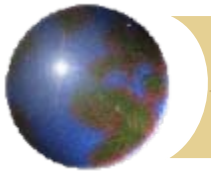
- Understand the three types of radiation survey techniques
- Understand how information in MARSSIM impacts calculating detection limits and scanning sensitivity issues
- Understand the importance of an integrated survey design



# *Radiation Survey Techniques*

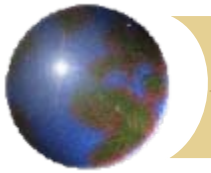
- Three methods to measure radiation
  - ▣ Scanning
  - ▣ Direct measurement
  - ▣ Sampling
- No single method can provide comprehensive survey data





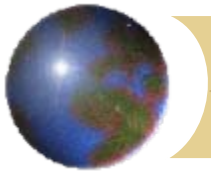
## *Direct Measurement*

- Static measure of area -- detector placed near surface being surveyed for specific time and distance
  - ▣ Confirms scan surveys
  - ▣ Exposure rate measurements
- Radioactivity level is read out “directly” -- real time measurement



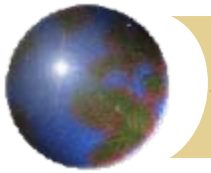
## *Scanning*

- Controlled instrument moving across contaminated surface
  - ▣ Specified speed
  - ▣ Specified height
- Used to assess average activity and locate high activity areas
- Detects alpha, beta, gamma, and x-rays



# *Soil Sampling*

- Collect samples that accurately represent radionuclide concentrations at sample location (no standing water)
- Generally collect surface soil (0 to 15 cm depth) – even surfaces at depth
- Depending on analysis, 100 grams to 1 kg of soil are collected for lab analysis
  - Identify specific radionuclides
  - Establish equilibrium status of decay series



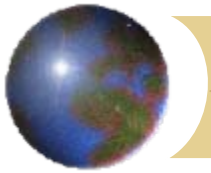
## *Class 1 Areas -- Structures/Land*

- 100% surface scan
- Number of data points from statistical tests plus additional measurements for small areas of elevated activity
- Scan designed to detect areas of elevated activity not detected by a systematic pattern



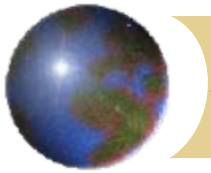
## *Class 2 Areas -- Structures/Land*

- 10 to 100% surface scans in systematic and/or judgmental pattern
- Number of data points from statistical tests
- Scan designed to detect areas of elevated activity not detected by a systematic pattern



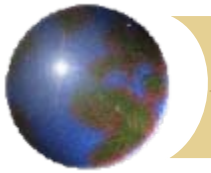
## *Class 3 Areas -- Structures/Land*

- Random/Judgmental -- scan where experience tells surveyor contamination may exist
- Number of data points from statistical tests



## *Investigation Levels*

- Investigation levels are radionuclide-specific levels used to indicate when additional investigations may be necessary
- When investigation level is exceeded, first step is to confirm measurement/sample
- Results of all investigations and corresponding actions must be documented



# *Investigation Levels*

## ● Class 1 Area

- Measurement/sample  $>$   $DCGL_W$  and exceeds  $3\sigma$  of mean should be compared with elevated measurement levels (depends on surface area)
- Measurement/sample  $>$   $DCGL_{EMC}$  should be remediated and resurveyed
- Positive scan results - investigate and determine areal extent and level of elevated activity

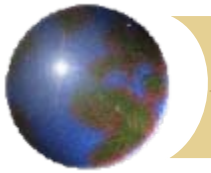




# *Investigation Levels*

## ⊕ Class 2 Area

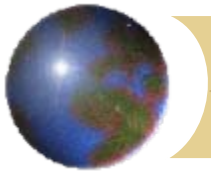
- ⊠ Measurement/sample  $>$   $DCGL_W$  should be remediated as necessary and reclassified as Class 1
- ⊠ Positive scan results - investigate and determine areal extent and level of elevated activity



# *Investigation Levels*

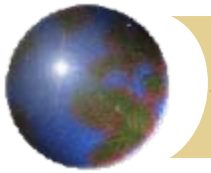
## ● Class 3 Area

- Measurement/sample  $>$   $DCGL_W$  should be remediated as necessary and reclassified as Class 1 (some portions may remain Class 3)
- Measurement/sample  $<$   $DCGL_W$ , but residual radioactivity identified, should be reclassified as Class 1 or 2
- Positive scan results - investigate and determine areal extent and level of elevated activity



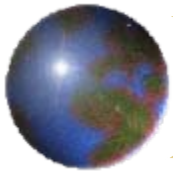
# *Survey Methods and Techniques Applied to Real D&D Sites*

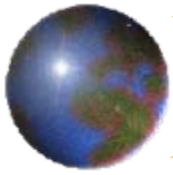
- ⊕ General survey conditions/H&S
- ⊕ Survey unit selection
- ⊕ Establish reference grid
- ⊕ Surface scans
- ⊕ Soil sampling

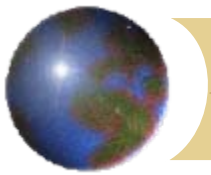


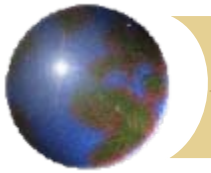
## *General Survey Conditions/H&S*

- All standing water must be pumped out prior to survey
- No backfilling excavations/trenches until regulatory agency gives OK
- ISM concerns: tripping hazards due to uneven terrain; pit/trench entries possible confined space; underground utilities









# *Survey Unit Identification When Terrain is Uneven*

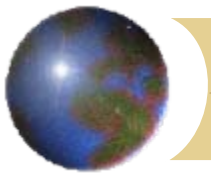
- Terrain is likely uneven due to remediation, so survey units are Class 1
- Consider treating pits/excavations as their own survey units rather than part of the general uneven surface
  - fact that more soil was excavated indicates different contamination potential





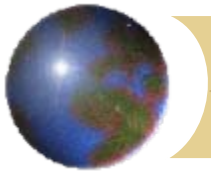
## *Establish Reference Grid*

- Establish a grid on uneven terrain as for any other 2-D land surface
- Gridding on more serious “moonscape” surfaces should account for all exposed surfaces (3-D)—so all exposed surfaces have equal probability of being sampled
- Excavations/trenches should have separate map with walls/sides folded out



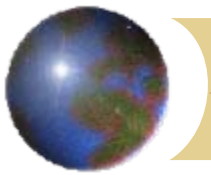
## *Shielding/Collimation for Scanning in High-Background Areas*

- Cone-shielded NaI scintillators for gamma walkovers
- Portable lead shields for NaI (heavy)
- *In situ* gamma spectrometry (HPGe) shielded units
- May not adequately reduce background



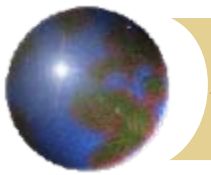
## *Scanning Considerations*

- More difficult to move the detector over soil surface (uneven terrain/shield weight)
- Difficult to detect hot spots in the presence of high-background levels (hot spots easily masked)
- Requires re-assessment of scan MDCs – even with shielding the background is higher; scan MDC will increase due to reduced signal-to-noise ratio



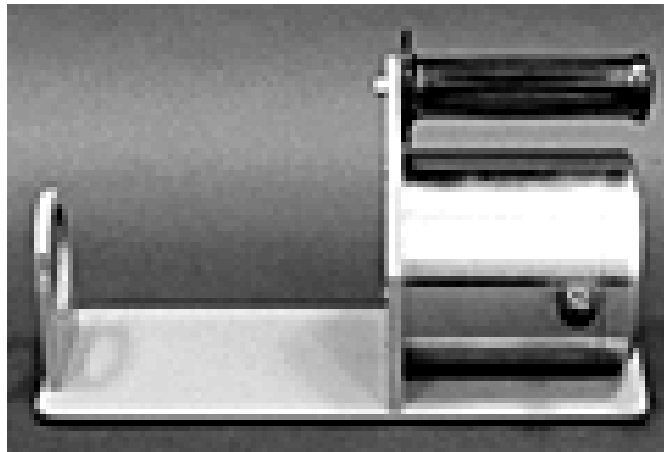
# *Ludlum Model 44-40, Shielded GM*

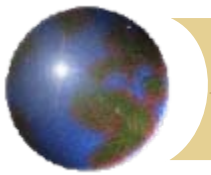




# Canberra Model 7417/7418 Carrier/Shields

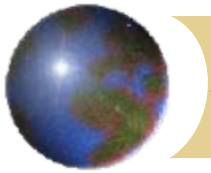
- Compatible with 2" x 2" and 3" x 3" NaI detectors
- 18 mm lead shielding; 20 to 30 pounds





# *Portable Germanium Detector Shield*





## *MARSSIM Overview I Conclusion*

- ✚ There's a lot to know about the entire MARSSIM Process...but taken step-by-step, mastering MARSSIM is very doable!
- ✚ Our goal is to be the **MARSSIM experts** in 1) training and 2) evaluation of its implementation during our independent verification activities.