# Chapter 14

# PLANS FOR NEW DECAY DATA EVALUATIONS: UK WORK UNDERTAKEN AFTER BNFL/CEA AND UKAEA REVIEWS OF JEF-2.2 DECAY DATA FILES: 1996-2000

## Summary

A significant fraction of the UKPADD-2 decay-data library has been incorporated into version 2 of the Joint Evaluated File (JEF-2.2, OECD/NEA Data Bank). Subsequent reviews of JEF-2.2 have highlighted the need for further developments in the recommended data for fission and fusion applications. For example, UKAEA staff involved in fusion studies identified 80 nuclides for which improvements in their evaluated decay-data files would be beneficial. Furthermore, 27 fission products of importance in thermal reactor studies (plus short-lived daughters and related metastable/ground states) were judged to have inadequate decay-data files in JEF-2.2, while of importance in fuel reprocessing, as monitoring standards, or because they undergo significant delayed neutron decay. Decay data for an additional 35 short-lived fission products were also considered, despite the lack of measured data; theoretical data were adopted for these specific radionuclides. Sixty-one of 80 requested fusion nuclides and all of the fission products have been evaluated, and form part of the UKPADD-6 library (which contains decay data for a total of 452 radionuclides). UKPADD-6 will be available through the OECD/NEA Data Bank where it is currently undergoing formal quality assessment.

#### Introduction

Decay-data libraries have been assembled over many years for application in the nuclear power industry, fuel reprocessing and waste management. However, specific data files within such libraries have been judged to be inadequate under certain circumstances, and requests are regularly made to extend or re-evaluate the decay data for various radionuclides if it is believed that improvements can be made.

BNFL staff have requested improved decay-data evaluations of specific fission products on the basis of OECD/NEA discussions in 1996-1997 associated with JEF-2.2, and agreed collaboration in the preparation of JEFF-3 (Joint Evaluated Fission and Fusion Library, NEA Data Bank). A set of 27 fission products of importance in thermal reactor studies (plus short-lived daughters and related metastable/ground states) were identified as important from the point of view of radiotoxicity, fuel reprocessing, monitoring standards and delayed neutron emissions (Table 14.1), and a lack of adequate decay-data files. The initial aim was to produce recommended decay data for the UKPADD-6 library [1]. They may then be adopted for JEFF-3 after review. Hence, a three-year evaluation exercise has been underway since mid-1996 to produce a comprehensive set of recommended decay data for these nuclides based on a well-defined evaluation procedure. Theoretical data for a further 35 short-lived fission products have also been considered for adoption from other sources (Table 14.2).

The main source of decay data to model specific consequences of fusion activation is JEF-2.2. The decay-data files of approximately 50 specific radionuclides have been identified by R.A. Forrest (UKAEA) as being incomplete when used for fusion applications. This list of problematic

radionuclides was extended to approximately 80, with the addition of related metastable states and daughter nuclides. Some of the JEF-2.2 decay-data files do not contain any gamma-ray emissions, while others exhibit inconsistencies between the mean gamma energies and component radiations listed in the files. Comprehensive decay schemes for 61 of these radionuclides have been evaluated, and the resulting data files incorporated into UKPADD-6.

# **Evaluation methodology**

A logical evaluation methodology has been adopted for radionuclides with discrete and well-characterised decay parameters in order to achieve the necessary consistency and quality of the recommended data. The decay scheme is initially constructed from a combination of the various data sources. If necessary, weighted adjustments are made in order to obtain a reasonable degree of consistency, while any changes that such modifications might produce in the proposed decay scheme are noted. Thus, the decay data are cycled through a series of adjustments while maintaining satisfactory agreement with the published measurements and specific theoretical data.

Every effort is made to ensure that there is a reasonable emission-probability balance between the population and de-population of all excited levels in the decay scheme. All decay modes of each radioactive nuclide have to be completely defined in terms of the various branching ratios and the Q-values. Furthermore, the sum of all  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta^-$ ,  $\beta^+$ /electron-capture and isometric transition probabilities are produced to be consistent with the corresponding branching ratios.

The gamma-ray emission probabilities are the photon probabilities per disintegration, and are listed as percentages in the data files. Internal conversion coefficients for a given gamma-ray transition have to be consistent with both the photon and total transition probabilities [i.e. (photon + conversion electron) emission probabilities = total transition probability]. When the internal conversion of a gamma-ray transition is significant, theoretical internal conversion coefficients have been recommended if experimental data are unavailable. This process ensures that the transition energy is appropriately shared between the electromagnetic and electron components.

The transition types of all of the beta emissions are taken into account in the calculation of the mean beta energy from the evaluated end-point energies and emission probabilities; this information is inferred from the spin and parity assignments proposed for the levels involved. Energies and intensities of conversion electrons, Auger electrons and X-ray radiation are derived in a consistent manner. Finally, uncertainties are quantified for all parameters.

Each evaluation is fully documented, and the resulting ENDF-6 format file contains a comments section that includes observations of inconsistencies and describes the assumptions made by the evaluator to deal with any problems associated with that specific radionuclide.

# Theoretical decay data

Thirty-five short-lived fission products are believed to contribute significantly to the early decay heat of irradiated fuel from thermal reactors (Table 14.2). Unfortunately, all of these radionuclides have poorly characterised decay parameters (due to a lack of measured decay data), and therefore US ENDF/B-VI decay-data files containing theoretical data for 33 of these fission products have been considered [2]. These are possible candidates for incorporation into UKPADD-6. When judged to be appropriate, these files have been adopted in conjunction with various supportive data (e.g. half-lives, spin/parity and mean decay energies).

Part of the data file production procedure involves using the FIZCON code [3] to assess the validity and consistency of the various recommended parameters. This process includes a check to ensure that the data set does not include any delayed neutrons with energies greater than the energy available via the decay mode (Q( $\beta$  - n)). Although several files adopted from the US ENDF/B-VI library failed this test, resolution of this inconsistency proved to be trivial, apart from the data for two radionuclides ( $^{105}_{40}$ Zr and  $^{109}_{42}$ Mo) in which there were problems with the theoretical emission spectra. A small computer code called EVAP was developed to generate evaporation spectra using the theory of Brady [4]. It was applied to both nuclides to form the desired neutron emission spectra.

Decay data for  $^{141}_{51}$ Sb and  $^{158}_{58}$ Ce were calculated in a more simplified manner from the relevant Q( $\beta$ ) values derived by extrapolation of equivalent data for adjacent nuclides. Only mean beta, gamma and alpha data and their estimated uncertainties were determined for these two radionuclides, along with half-life, spin and parity.

# Consistency of decay data

The evaluated decay data include half-lives, decay energies and emission probabilities, Q-values and branching fraction(s), as previously described by Nichols [5]. Calculated decay energies were derived and compared with the sum of the decay components:

effective Q-value = 
$$\sum_{i=1}^{\text{all }BF} Q_i BF_i$$

where  $Q_i$  and  $BF_i$  are the Q-value and branching fraction of the  $i^{th}$  decay mode, and:

calculated Q-value = 
$$\sum_{i=1}^{\text{all } \gamma} E_{\gamma_i} P_{\gamma_i} + \sum_{j=1}^{\text{all } \beta} E_{\beta_j} P_{\beta_j} + \dots$$

where  $E_{\gamma_i}$ ,  $E_{\beta_j}$ , etc. and  $P_{\gamma_i}$ ,  $P_{\beta_j}$ , etc. are the energies and emission probabilities of the  $i^{th}$  gamma transition,  $j^{th}$  beta-particle transition, etc. of the individual decays. These values have been compared to derive the percentage deviation, which represents a quantification of the consistency of the recommended decay data:

Consistency (also defined as percentage deviation) = 
$$\left[ \frac{\text{(effective Q - value)} - \text{(calculated Q - value)}}{\text{(effective Q - value)}} \right] \times 100$$

Percentage deviations above 5% are regarded as high, and imply an ill-defined decay scheme; a value of less than 5% indicates the construction of a reasonably consistent decay scheme. This exercise has assisted greatly in the generation of reliable and consistent decay-scheme data, as well as eliminating various difficulties in the earlier data files. Percentage deviations are listed in Table 14.3 for all requested fission products for which discrete decay data have been measured (including short-lived daughters and related metastable (or ground) state radionuclides). A similar listing for 61 of the 80 requested fusion nuclides is given in Table 14.4. Unfortunately, this procedure could not be applied to the 35 short-lived fission products with non-discrete decay data.

## **Production procedure**

Specific difficulties were experienced in preparing the UKPADD-6 files of the delayed neutron emitters in ENDF-B6 format. Hence, a well-defined procedure was developed in order to minimise errors between the evaluation and production of the files in ENDF-B6 format. A completely automatic approach proved impossible to adopt because of the inability of COGEND [6,7] to process delayed neutron emissions; COGEND should be enhanced as soon as possible to eliminate this inadequacy.

When no experimental delayed neutron data were available for a particular radionuclide, Brady used an evaporation model to calculate theoretical delayed neutron spectra [4]. After rigorous assessment, EVAP was written to calculate the delayed neutron emission for any nuclide, given the mass (amu) and  $Q(\beta - n)$ . The output is in ENDF-B6 format, with each energy increment (eV) paired against the probability (three pairings per 66 field record). Material number, appropriate file (MF = 8) and reaction (MT = 457) are appended to each record, leaving sequence numbers to be added when the data are inserted into the evaluated file. Preservation of the overall integral to unity requires appropriate scaling from MeV to eV. The resulting spectra have been validated by application to nuclides with well-defined experimental data.

The output represents the delayed neutron spectrum for any radionuclide, particularly those nuclides for which discrete delayed neutron emission energies and probabilities are not known. Some of the initial data parameters in ENDF-B6 format have to be altered by hand, and sequence numbers added. The total delayed neutron emission energy per decay is an important quantity, and two codes have been written to derive this quantity (i.e. from continuous spectra (NEUTRAN) or from discrete emissions (DNMEAN)).

Both NEUTRAN and DNMEAN have been applied to specific decay-data evaluations to complete decay-scheme data and to help validate existing data when these parameters are taken from other sources. Such efforts to produce recommended delayed neutron data are relatively labour intensive, and consideration needs to be given to an updating and overhaul of COGEND so that this powerful code can be improved further to process delayed neutron decay data. This would engulf the EVAP, NEUTRAN and DNMEAN codes.

## Conclusions

A series of decay-data evaluations have been completed in a programme of work specified by staff at BNFL plc (R.W. Mills) and CEA (F. Storrer) in preparation for the assembly of UKPADD-6 and JEFF-3. A list of 37 radionuclides evolved for discrete decay-data evaluation as a consequence of a review of the requirements of the nuclear industry with respect to decay heat, recycling, reprocessing and delayed neutron emissions; after further assessment, these evaluation needs were reduced to 27 radionuclides (plus short-lived daughters and related metastable/ground states). The decay data for these radionuclides have been evaluated (see Table 14.3 for consistency of the recommended data), along with the assessment and evolution of recommended decay data for a further 35 short-lived fission products for which there are no known measurements (Table 14.2).

During the studies outlined above, methods were developed to assist in the evaluation of the  $\beta$ -n decay mode, and delayed neutron emissions in particular. Discrete delayed neutron data were adopted when the appropriate measurements had been reported in the literature. Where these data were unavailable, a calculation route was used to produce continuous spectra based on the theory of Brady [4]. However, the procedures adopted to generate the recommended data for delayed neutron emitters proved to be labour intensive; this form of data-production exercise needs to be improved by developing the COGEND code [6,7] to check and use the evaluated neutron data automatically.

A similar comprehensive evaluation exercise has been undertaken for 61 of 80 fusion nuclides requested by R.A. Forrest (UKAEA Fusion, Culham (Table 14.4)). JEF-2.2 decay-data files for these radionuclides were judged to be either inadequate or incomplete for fusion applications. The resulting recommended decay-data files for the 61 radionuclides have been incorporated into UKPADD-6. Further details of the most recent evaluations are given in Ref. [8].

All of the evaluated data have been assembled with other decay-data files from earlier versions of UKPADD to create a new library in ENDF-6 format consisting of files for 452 radionuclides, UKPADD-6. Rigorous consistency checks have been made to confirm the validity and completeness of the data before releasing the updated library.

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Table 14.1. Fission product nuclides – requested decay data

| Radionuclide                      | Priority | Application/Requirement                |  |
|-----------------------------------|----------|--|--|
| <sup>106</sup> <sub>45</sub> Rh * | Higher   | Instrumentation for recycling          |  |
| <sup>140</sup> <sub>57</sub> La   | Higher   | Fission product standard               |  |
| <sup>147</sup> <sub>62</sub> Sm   | Higher   | Instrumentation for recycling          |  |
| <sup>79</sup> <sub>34</sub> Se *  | Higher   | Radiotoxicity                          |  |
| <sup>93</sup> <sub>40</sub> Zr *  | Higher   | Radiotoxicity                          |  |
| <sup>126</sup> <sub>50</sub> Sn * | Higher   | Radiotoxicity                          |  |
| <sup>127</sup> <sub>51</sub> Sb * | Medium   | Reprocessing                           |  |
| <sup>132</sup> <sub>53</sub> I *  | Medium   | Reprocessing                           |  |
| <sup>132</sup> <sub>52</sub> Te   | Medium   | Reprocessing                           |  |
| <sup>138</sup> <sub>53</sub> I    | Medium   | Reprocessing/delayed neutron emissions |  |
| <sup>143</sup> <sub>59</sub> Pr   | Medium   | Reprocessing                           |  |
| <sup>144</sup> <sub>59</sub> Pr * | Medium   | Reprocessing                           |  |
| <sup>161</sup> <sub>65</sub> Tb   | Medium   | Reprocessing                           |  |
| 88 Br                             | Medium   | Delayed neutron emissions              |  |
| 89<br>35 Br                       | Medium   | Delayed neutron emissions              |  |
| <sup>90</sup> <sub>35</sub> Br    | Medium   | Delayed neutron emissions              |  |
| <sup>94</sup> <sub>37</sub> Rb    | Medium   | Delayed neutron emissions              |  |
| 98m Y *                           | Medium   | Delayed neutron emissions              |  |
| <sup>137</sup> <sub>53</sub> I    | Medium   | Delayed neutron emissions              |  |
| 99 Y                              | Lower    | Delayed neutron emissions              |  |
| <sup>135</sup> <sub>51</sub> Sb   | Lower    | Delayed neutron emissions              |  |
| <sup>139</sup> <sub>53</sub> I    | Lower    | Delayed neutron emissions              |  |
| <sup>87</sup> <sub>35</sub> Br    | Lower    | Delayed neutron emissions              |  |
| <sup>91</sup> <sub>35</sub> Br    | Lower    | Delayed neutron emissions              |  |
| 95 Rb                             | Lower    | Delayed neutron emissions              |  |
| 93 Rb                             | Lower    | Delayed neutron emissions              |  |
| 85<br>33 As                       | Lower    | Delayed neutron emissions              |  |

<sup>\*</sup> Additional short-lived daughters and related metastable/ground state radionuclides were also evaluated.

Table 14.2. Short-lived fission products – adoption of US ENDF/B-VI decay data unless stated otherwise

| Radionuclide                      | Quoted half-life (sec.)                                   | Continuum spectra – energy range (keV)* |          |          |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|----------|----------|
| Kaulonuchue                       | US ENDF/B-VI  | Gamma                                   | Beta     | Neutron  |
| $^{104}_{39}{ m Y}$               | 0.12825   | 0(500)-12 730                           | 0-12 690 | 0-5 510  |
| $^{105}_{39}{ m Y}$               | 0.14688   | 0(500)-10 820                           | 0-10 790 | 0-6 840  |
| $^{105}_{40}{ m Zr}$              | 0.49263   | 0(500)-8 290                            | 0-8 260  | 0-2 260+ |
| $^{106}_{40}{ m Zr}$              | 0.90709   | 0(500)-6 380                            | 0-6 350  | 0-2 570  |
| $^{107}_{40}{ m Zr}$              | 0.24295   | 0(500)-9 230                            | 0-9 200  | 0-3 950  |
| <sup>109</sup> <sub>41</sub> Nb   | 0.31537   | 0(500)-8 760                            | 0-8 730  | 0-5 300  |
| <sup>109</sup> <sub>42</sub> Mo   | 1.4085  | 0(500)-6 700                            | 0-6 670  | 0-1 200Ψ |
| <sup>111</sup> <sub>42</sub> Mo   | 0.46637   | 0(500)-8 020                            | 0-7 990  | 0-2 210  |
| <sup>112</sup> <sub>42</sub> Mo   | 0.97537   | 0(500)-6 020                            | 0-5 990  | 0-2 720  |
| <sup>113</sup> <sub>43</sub> Tc   | 0.65238   | 0(500)-7 540                            | 0-7 510  | 0-4 080  |
| <sup>114</sup> / <sub>43</sub> Tc | 0 20226   | 0(500)-10 610                           | 0-10 580 | 0-4 790  |
| <sup>115</sup> <sub>43</sub> Tc   | 0.27044   | 0(500)-8 870                            | 0-8 840  | 0-5 910  |
| <sup>116</sup> <sub>43</sub> Tc   | 0.11549   | 0(500)-11 860                           | 0-11 830 | 0-6 650  |
| <sup>115</sup> <sub>44</sub> Ru   | 0.87844   | 0(500)-7 250                            | 0-7 220  | 0-1 400  |
| <sup>116</sup> <sub>44</sub> Ru   | 1.7004  | 0(500)-5 510                            | 0-5 480  | 0-2 150  |
| <sup>117</sup> <sub>44</sub> Ru   | 0.34277   | 0(500)-8 500                            | 0-8 470  | 0-3 180  |
| <sup>118</sup> <sub>44</sub> Ru   | 0.66235   | 0(500)-6 530                            | 0-6 500  | 0-3 680  |
| <sup>119</sup> <sub>44</sub> Ru   | 0.19495   | 0(500)-9 290                            | 0-9 260  | 0-4 440  |
| <sup>118</sup> <sub>45</sub> Rh   | 0.31565   | 0(500)-9 970                            | 0-9 940  | 0-3 410  |
| <sup>120</sup> <sub>45</sub> Rh   | 0.17246   | 0(500)-10 770                           | 0-10 730 | 0-4 830  |
| <sup>121</sup> <sub>45</sub> Rh   | 0.24956   | 0(500)-8 790                            | 0-8 760  | 0-5 990  |
| <sup>121</sup> <sub>46</sub> Pd   | 0.64367   | 0(500)-7 560                            | 0-7 530  | 0-1 520  |
| <sup>141</sup> <sub>51</sub> Sb   | No entry in US ENDF/B-VI; other theoretical data adopted. |   |          |          |
| <sup>152</sup> <sub>57</sub> La   | 0.28495   | 0(500)-8 810                            | 0-8 770  | 0-3 980  |
| <sup>153</sup> <sub>58</sub> Ce   | 1.4688  | 0(500)-5 820                            | 0-5 790  | 0-1 620  |
| <sup>154</sup> <sub>58</sub> Ce   | 2.0161  | 0(500)-5 010                            | 0-4 970  | 0-1 640  |
| <sup>158</sup> <sub>58</sub> Ce   | No entry in US ENDF/B-VI; other theoretical data adopted. |   |          |          |

<sup>\*</sup> Expressed in terms of incremental units of 10 keV starting from zero (first incremental energy step of continuum gamma spectra is from zero to 500 keV).

<sup>→</sup> Neutron spectrum adjusted to 0-1 794 keV..

Ψ Neutron spectrum adjusted to 0-620 keV..

Table 14.2. Short-lived fission products – adoption of US ENDF/B-VI decay data unless stated otherwise (*cont.*)

| Radionuclide                    | Quoted half-life (sec.) | Continuum spectra – energy range (keV)* |         |         |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|---|---------|---------|
| Radionuciide                    | US ENDF/B-VI            | Gamma                                   | Beta    | Neutron |
| <sup>156</sup> <sub>59</sub> Pr | 0.37926                 | 0(500)-8 690                            | 0-8 660 | 0-2 790 |
| <sup>157</sup> <sub>59</sub> Pr | 0.38001                 | 0(500)-8 130                            | 0-8 100 | 0-3 590 |
| <sup>157</sup> <sub>60</sub> Nd | 2.4833                  | 0(500)-5 560                            | 0-5 520 | None    |
| 158 <sub>60</sub> Nd            | 2.6949                  | 0(500)-5 000                            | 0-4 970 | 0-320   |
| <sup>159</sup> <sub>60</sub> Nd | 0.64159                 | 0(500)-7 150                            | 0-7 120 | 0-1 230 |
| <sup>160</sup> <sub>60</sub> Nd | 0.78856                 | 0(500)-6 350                            | 0-6 320 | 0-1 830 |
| <sup>159</sup> <sub>61</sub> Pm | 3.0005                  | 0(500)-5 650                            | 0-5 620 | 0-410   |
| <sup>160</sup> <sub>61</sub> Pm | 0.72892                 | 0(500)-7 800                            | 0-7 770 | 0-1 130 |

<sup>\*</sup> Expressed in terms of incremental units of 10 keV starting from zero (first incremental energy step of continuum gamma spectra is from zero to 500 keV).

Table 14.3. Comprehensive evaluations – discrete data sets for fission products

| Radionuclide                    | Consistency<br>(% deviation) | Radionuclide                    | Consistency (% deviation) |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 85 As                           | 0.0988*                      | $\binom{126}{51}$ Sb)           | -0.0653                   |
| <sup>79</sup> <sub>34</sub> Se  | 0.0000                       | (126m Sb)                       | -0.1714                   |
| (79m Se)                        | -0.0962                      | (126n Sb)                       | -0.3560                   |
| <sup>87</sup> <sub>35</sub> Br  | -0.1976*                     | <sup>127</sup> <sub>51</sub> Sb | -0.0431                   |
| 88 Br                           | 0.2554*                      | <sup>135</sup> <sub>51</sub> Sb | -0.0198*                  |
| <sup>89</sup> <sub>35</sub> Br  | 0.0534*                      | (127 Te)                        | -0.0037                   |
| <sup>90</sup> <sub>35</sub> Br  | 0.1331*                      | (127m Te)                       | -0.0908                   |
| <sup>91</sup> <sub>35</sub> Br  | 0.0274*                      | <sup>132</sup> <sub>52</sub> Te | 0.1077                    |
| 93 <sub>7</sub> Rb              | -0.0182*                     | <sup>132</sup> <sub>53</sub> I  | -0.0832                   |
| 94 Rb                           | -0.0527*                     | $\binom{132m}{53}I$ )           | -0.3723                   |
| 95 Rb                           | -0.2394*                     | <sup>137</sup> <sub>53</sub> I  | 0.1276*                   |
| ( 98 Y )                        | -0.0432*                     | <sup>138</sup> <sub>53</sub> I  | -0.1955*                  |
| <sup>98m</sup> <sub>39</sub> Y  | -0.2944*                     | <sup>139</sup> <sub>53</sub> I  | -0.0552*                  |
| <sup>99</sup> <sub>39</sub> Y   | -0.0741*                     | <sup>140</sup> <sub>57</sub> La | -0.0108                   |
| $^{93}_{40}$ Zr                 | 1.2384                       | <sup>143</sup> <sub>59</sub> Pr | 0.0000                    |
| ( 93m Nb )                      | -0.3678                      | <sup>144</sup> <sub>59</sub> Pr | 0.0382                    |
| <sup>106</sup> <sub>45</sub> Rh | -0.0243                      | (144m Pr)                       | -0.0860                   |
| (106m Rh)                       | -0.0487                      | <sup>147</sup> <sub>62</sub> Sm | -0.0023                   |
| $^{126}_{50}\mathrm{Sn}$        | 0.0293                       | <sup>161</sup> <sub>65</sub> Tb | -0.0324                   |

Additional short-lived daughter and related metastable/ground state radionuclides are in parentheses, and were also evaluated.

<sup>\*</sup> Beta-decay mode only.

Table 14.4. Evaluated decay data – fusion activation products (1996-2000)

| Radionuclide                       | Half-life                      | Consistency<br>(% deviation) |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| <sup>17</sup> <sub>7</sub> N       | 4.17(4) sec                    | 0.0724†                      |
| (58 <sub>25</sub> Mn)              | 65.2(5) sec                    | -0.3450                      |
| <sup>58m</sup> <sub>25</sub> Mn *  | 2.7(6) sec                     | 0.1037                       |
| <sup>77</sup> <sub>31</sub> Ga     | 13 sec                         |                              |
| 82<br>33 As                        | 14 sec (?)                     |                              |
| (82m As)                           | 19 sec (?)                     |                              |
| <sup>79</sup> <sub>34</sub> Se *   | $6.0(5) \times 10^5 \text{ y}$ | 0.0000                       |
| <sup>79m</sup> <sub>34</sub> Se    | 3.90(2) min                    | -0.0962                      |
| <sup>87m</sup> <sub>38</sub> Sr    | 2.808(6) h                     | -0.0154                      |
| <sup>96</sup> <sub>39</sub> Y *    | 5.37(7) sec                    | -0.0151                      |
| ( 96m Y )                          | 9.62(15) sec                   | 0.0079                       |
| ( 96n Y )                          | (?)                            | N/A                          |
| <sup>100</sup> <sub>41</sub> Nb    | 1.4(1) sec                     | 0.0733                       |
| (100m Nb)                          | 2.9(2) sec                     | -0.0167                      |
| <sup>97</sup> <sub>43</sub> Tc *   | $2.6(4) \times 10^6 \text{ y}$ | -0.0047                      |
| <sup>97m</sup> <sub>43</sub> Tc    | 90.2(11) d                     | 0.0621                       |
| <sup>109</sup> <sub>46</sub> Pd    | 13.46(1) h                     | 0.0090                       |
| (109m Pd)                          | 4.71(3) min                    | 0.0367                       |
| <sup>112</sup> <sub>46</sub> Pd    | 20.3(2) h                      | -0.0306                      |
| $\binom{107\text{m}}{47}\text{Ag}$ | 44.1(4) sec                    | -0.0525                      |
| (109m Ag)                          | 39.8(2) sec                    | -0.1869                      |
| (114 Ag)                           | 4.7(1) sec                     | -0.1883                      |
| <sup>114m</sup> <sub>47</sub> Ag   | 0.00150(5) sec                 | 0.0039                       |
| (115 Ag)                           | 20.5(4) min                    | 0.0434                       |
| <sup>115m</sup> <sub>47</sub> Ag * | 18.6(8) sec                    | 0.1918                       |
| <sup>107</sup> <sub>48</sub> Cd    | 6.52(2) h                      | -0.0289                      |
| <sup>112</sup> <sub>49</sub> In    | 14.7(7) min                    | 0.1052                       |
| (112 m / 1n )                      | 20.7(1) min                    | -0.1202                      |
| <sup>129</sup> <sub>56</sub> Ba    | 2.38(11) h                     | -0.0730                      |

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Table 14.4. Evaluated decay data – fusion activation products (1996-2000) (cont.)

| Radionuclide                        | Half-life    | Consistency<br>(% deviation) |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| <sup>129m</sup> <sub>56</sub> Ba*   | 2.14(5) h    | 0.0550                       |
| <sup>147</sup> <sub>58</sub> Ce     | 57(2) sec    | 0.0269                       |
| <sup>143</sup> <sub>59</sub> Pr     | 13.56(1) d   | 0.0000                       |
| <sup>144</sup> <sub>59</sub> Pr     | 17.28(2) min | 0.0382                       |
| (144m Pr)                           | 6.9(7) min   | -0.0860                      |
| <sup>150</sup> <sub>59</sub> Pr     | 6.1(4) sec   | -0.6261                      |
| (152 Pm)                            | 4.12(9) min  | -0.3799                      |
| (152m Pm)                           | 7.5(1) min   | -0.7796                      |
| <sup>152n</sup> <sub>61</sub> Pm *  | 14.4(7) min  | -0.0401                      |
| (156 Tb)                            | 5.17(12) d   | -0.3867                      |
| <sup>156m</sup> <sub>65</sub> Tb *  | 24.4(10) h   | 0.5785                       |
| <sup>156n</sup> <sub>65</sub> Tb *  | 5.1(3) h     | -0.0964                      |
| <sup>160</sup> <sub>67</sub> Ho **  | 25.3(7) min  | -0.2337                      |
| <sup>160 m</sup> <sub>67</sub> Ho   | 5.0(1) h     | -0.5027+                     |
| <sup>160n</sup> <sub>67</sub> Ho ** | 2.9(2) sec   | 0.2220                       |
| <sup>161</sup> <sub>67</sub> Ho     | 2.48(12) h   | 0.0565                       |
| (161m Ho)                           | 6.77(6) sec  | 0.1297                       |
| ( <sup>170</sup> <sub>67</sub> Ho)  | 43 sec (?)   |                              |
| <sup>170 m</sup> <sub>67</sub> Ho   | 2.8 min (?)  |                              |
| $^{178m}_{72}{ m Hf}$               | 4.0(3) sec   | 0.0013                       |
| $^{178 \mathrm{n}}_{72}\mathrm{Hf}$ | 31(1) y      | 0.1450                       |
| <sup>180m</sup> <sub>72</sub> Hf    | 5.5(1) h     | -0.2523                      |
| <sup>191</sup> <sub>75</sub> Re *   | 9.7(4) min   | 0.0000                       |
| <sup>192</sup> <sub>75</sub> Re *   | 6.2(8) sec   | 0.0566                       |
| <sup>185</sup> <sub>76</sub> Os     | 93.8(9) d    | 0.0570                       |
| (190m Os)                           | 9.9(4) min   | 0.0011                       |
| (191m Os)                           | 13.1(1) h    | 0.0520                       |
| <sup>195</sup> <sub>76</sub> Os *   | 6.5(6) min   | -0.0396                      |
| <sup>187</sup> <sub>77</sub> Ir     | 10.5 h       |                              |

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| Radionuclide                        | Half-life                       | Consistency<br>(% deviation) |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|
| ( <sup>190</sup> <sub>77</sub> Ir ) | 12.0(2) d                       | -0.1063                      |
| (190m Jr)                           | 1.120(3) h                      | -0.0849                      |
| <sup>190n</sup> Ir                  | 3.087(12) h                     | 0.0893                       |
| $\binom{191m}{77} \text{Ir}$        | 4.9 sec                         |                              |
| <sup>191n</sup> <sub>77</sub> Ir ** | 5.5 sec (?)                     |                              |
| $\binom{192}{77} \text{Ir}$         | 74.2 d                          |                              |
| <sup>192 m</sup> <sub>77</sub> Ir   | 1.5 min                         |                              |
| (192n Ir)                           | 241 y                           |                              |
| <sup>197</sup> <sub>77</sub> Ir     | 5.8 min (?)                     |                              |
| <sup>197m</sup> 1r **               | 8.9 min (?)                     |                              |
| <sup>193</sup> <sub>78</sub> Pt *   | 50(9) y                         | 2.0682                       |
| (193m Pt)                           | 4.34(3) d                       | -0.3390                      |
| ( 197 Pt )                          | 18.3 h                          |                              |
| (197m Pt)                           | 94.4 min                        |                              |
| (192 Au)                            | 5.0 h                           |                              |
| <sup>192 m</sup> / <sub>79</sub> Au | 0.029 sec (?)                   |                              |
| (197m Au)                           | 7.8 sec                         |                              |
| <sup>199m</sup> <sub>80</sub> Hg    | 42.1(9) min                     | 0.0441                       |
| ( 201 Pb )                          | 9.4 (1) h                       | 0.3405                       |
| <sup>201m</sup> <sub>82</sub> Pb *  | 61(3) sec                       | 0.1220                       |
| <sup>208</sup> <sub>83</sub> Bi *   | $3.68(4) \times 10^5 \text{ y}$ | 0.0635                       |
| <sup>208</sup> <sub>84</sub> Po *   | 2.93(4) y                       | -0.0380                      |

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