Radiological Safety Analysis Document

This Radiological Safety Analysis Document (RSAD) will identify the general conditions associated with running PrimEx experiments on thin foil targets of carbon, tin and lead, and controls with regard to production, movement, or import of radioactive materials. The run Physics Division Liaison is Dan Dale.

I. Description

The PrimEx collaboration in Hall B will be conducting experiments on thin foils of carbon, tin, and lead. It is expected that the current will be from 50 pA to 100 nA. The beam energy for this run is anticipated to be 5.75 GeV. The scope of this RSAD is for electron experiments on the aforementioned targets in order to perform a high precision measurement of the lifetime of the neutral pi meson. The anticipated dates for running are September 17, 2004 through November 19, 2004.

II. Summary and Conclusions

The experiment is not expected to produce significant levels of radiation at the site boundary. However, these levels will be periodically monitored by the Radiation Control Group to ensure that the site boundary goal is not exceeded. Residual activation from the experiment may cause Radiation Areas and possibly High Radiation Areas in the Hall. The main consideration is the manipulation and/or handling of target(s) or beam line hardware. As specified in Sections IV (B) and VII, the manipulation and/or handling of target(s) or beam line hardware (potential radioactive material), the transfer of radioactive material, or modifications to the beam line after the target assembly must be reviewed and approved by the Radiation Control Group.

Adherence to this RSAD is vital.

III. Calculations of Radiation Dose at the Boundary

The radiation budget for a given experiment is the amount of radiation that is expected at site boundary as a result of a given set of experiments. This budget may be specified in terms of mrem at site boundary or as a percentage of the Jefferson Lab design goal for dose to the public, which is 10 mrem per year. The Jefferson Lab design goal is 10% of the DOE annual dose limit to the public, and cannot be exceeded without prior written consent from the Radiation Control Group Head, the Director of Jefferson Lab, and the Department of Energy.

Calculations of the contribution to Jefferson Lab's annual radiation budget that would result from running under a broad variety of conditions typical of Hall B operations indicate that the contribution from this experiment will be negligible. With this expectation, we have not carried out calculations for the specific running conditions of this experimental group.

This expectation will be verified during the experiment by using the active monitors at the Jefferson Lab site boundary to keep up with the dose for the individual setups from Hall B and the other Halls. If it appears that the radiation budget will be exceeded, the Radiation Control Group (RCG) will require a meeting with the experimenters and the Head of the Physics Division to determine if the experimental conditions are accurate, and to assess what actions may reduce the dose rates at site boundary. If the site boundary dose approaches or exceeds 10 mrem during any calendar year, the experimental program will stop until a resolution can be reached.

IV. Radiation Hazards

The following controls shall be used to prevent the unnecessary exposure of personnel and to comply with Federal, State, and local regulations, as well as with Jefferson Lab and the Experimenter's home institution policies.

A. From Beam in the Hall

When the Hall status is Beam Permit, there are potentially lethal conditions present. Therefore, prior to going to Beam Permit, several actions will occur. Announcements will be made over the intercom system notifying personnel of a change in status from Restricted Access (free access to the Hall is allowed, with appropriate dosimetry and training) to Sweep Mode. All magnetic locks on exit doors will be activated. Persons trained to sweep the area will enter by keyed access (Controlled Access) and search in all areas of the Hall to check for personnel.

After the sweep, another announcement will be made, indicating a change to Power Permit, followed by Beam Permit. The lights will dim and Run-Safe boxes will indicate "OPERATIONAL" and "UNSAFE". IF YOU ARE IN THE HALL AT ANY TIME THAT THE RUN-SAFE BOXES INDICATE "OPERATIONAL" AND/OR "UNSAFE", IMMEDIATELY HIT THE BUTTON ON THE BOX.

Controlled Area Radiation Monitors (CARMs) are located in strategic areas around the Hall and the Counting House to ensure that unsafe conditions do not occur in occupiable areas.

B. From Activation of Target and Beamline Components

All radioactive materials brought to Jefferson Lab shall be identified to the Radiation Control Group. These materials include, but are not limited to radioactive check sources (of any activity, exempt or nonexempt), previously used targets or radioactive beamline components, previously used shielding or collimators, or He-3 containers. The RCG inventories and tracks all radioactive materials onsite. The Radiation Control Group will survey all experimental setups before experiments begin as a baseline for future measurements.

The Radiation Control Group will coordinate all movement of used targets, collimators, and shields. The Radiation Control Group will assess the radiation exposure conditions and will implement controls as necessary based on the radiological hazards.

There shall be no local movement of activated target configurations without direct supervision by the Radiation Control Group. Remote movement of target configurations shall be permitted, providing the method of movement has been reviewed and approved by the Radiation Control Group.

No work is to be performed on beamline components, which could result in dispersal of radioactive material (e.g., drilling, cutting, welding, etc.). Such activities must be conducted only with specific permission and control of the Radiation Control Group.

V. Incremental Shielding or Other Measures to be Taken to Reduce Radiation Hazards

None.

VI. Operations Procedures

All experimenters must comply with experiment-specific administrative controls. These controls begin with the measures outlined in the experiment's Conduct of Operations Document, and also include, but are not limited to, Radiation Work Permits, Temporary Operational Safety

Procedures, and Operational Safety Procedures, or any verbal instructions from the Radiation Control Group. A general access RWP is in place that governs access to Hall B and the accelerator enclosure, which may be found in the Machine Control Center (MCC); it must be read and signed by all participants in the experiment. Any individual with a need to handle radioactive material at Jefferson Lab shall first complete Radiation Worker (RW I) training.

There shall be adequate communication between the experimenter(s) and the Accelerator Crew Chief and/or Program Deputy to ensure that all power restrictions on the target are well known. Exceeding these power restrictions may lead to excessive and unnecessary contamination, activation, and personnel exposure.

No scattering chamber or downstream component may be altered outside the scope of this RSAD without formal Radiation Control Group review. Alteration of these components (including the exit beamline itself) may result in increased radiation production from the Hall and a resultant increase in site boundary dose.

Any requested changes outside of the experimental parameters submitted for the calculation of the radiation budget (i.e., current, energy, target material, target thickness, run time) for this experiment shall require a formal review by the Radiation Control Group, and a new revision to the RSAD.

Containers of He-3 (other than He glass target cells) shall be verified to contain less than 10 mCi of H-3 in the experimental hall. Additionally, He-3 containers should not be stored in the experimental hall when not in use.

VII. Decommissioning and Decontamination of Radioactive Components

Experimenters shall retain all targets and experimental equipment brought to Jefferson Lab for temporary use during the experiment. After sufficient decay of the radioactive target configurations, they shall be delivered to the experimenter's home institution for final disposition. All transportation shall be done in accordance with United States Department of Transportation Regulations (Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations) or International Air Transport Association regulations. In the event that the experimenter's home institution cannot accept the radioactive material due to licensing requirements, the experimenter shall arrange for appropriate funds transfers for disposal of the material. Jefferson Lab cannot store indefinitely any radioactive targets or experimental equipment.

The Radiation Control Group may be reached at any time through the Accelerator Crew Chief (269-7045) or directly by calling the RadCon Cell Phone (876-1743). On Weekends, Swing Shift, and Owl Shift, requests for RadCon support should be made through the Crew Chief. This will ensure that there is prompt response with no duplification of effort.