**ABSTRACT**

**Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) is very important topic in any radioisotope production facility. It is mandatory for some operators to be available behind hot cell that produce radioisotope to practice some tasks concerning maintenance, dosimetry and operation. One of these tasks is redundant transferring Radioiodine from cell to quality control lab and vice versa for measurements. Contam3.2 is a simulation model from NIST (National Institute of Standards and Technology) is used to study and predict I131 concentration in air in hot cell and area of operator behind the cell in emergency case. Emergency is described by dropping small amount of I131 on cell floor..**

**1. INTRODUCTION**

**The objective from the manuscript is mainly to study the capability of ventilation system to govern and keep airborne contaminants inside the facility to be lower than concentrations facility in case of abnormal and severe conditions.**

**2. METHODOLOGY**

**CONTAM [2] is a powerful software that can simulate flow of air and contaminants dispersal in areas. This program employs mathematical equations to simulate flow of air and its contaminant which is related phenomenon and therefore considers assumptions that are necessary to make the model simpler to realize solution.**

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**3. Results and discussions**

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**Fig. 3 Air concentration in Iodine hot**

**Table (1): Annual limits on intakes for workers exposed to radioactive iodine**

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| **Isotope** | **Oral (µCi)** | **Inhalation (µCi)** | **Inhalation (Bq)** |
| **I-129** | **5.4** | **8** | **3×105** |
| **I-131** | **27** | **50** | **1.85×106** |

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**Fig. 4 Contaminant concentration in Iodine hot cell with different ventilated air**

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**Fig. 5 Contaminants concentration behind hot cell**

**3. CELL OPEN DOOR EVENT**

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**Fig. 6 Inhalation exposure in normal and emergency condition**

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**Fig. 7 Corridor and cell concentration in severe condition**

**CONCLUSION**

**Simulation model is formulated using Contam3.2 to predict release of radioiodine 131 contaminant in two areas during normal, abnormal and emergency situations. One is hot cell which process and produce isotope and the second is the back corridor of the cell to handle iodine radioisotope. Concentration of contaminant is predicted inside hot cell at different I-131source rates and different exhaust air flow rate from the cell. the predicted results that ventilation exhaust system can satisfy the required protection by purifying all contaminant from I-131 and deposits it in the dedicated filters**

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