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**EXPERTISE:**

Geochemistry of Contaminants, Leaching of Contaminants

**EXPERIENCE:**

**2007-present U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Office of Research, Geochemist**

Responsible for managing research projects on Uranium bioremediation and sorption of contaminants. Member of teams reviewing remediation plans at the Cimarron and Shieldalloy sites.

**1980-2007 Brookhaven National Laboratory, Geochemist (Continuing Appointment)  
Manager of Beamline X-11 at National Synchrotron Light Source**

Experience includes: Chemistry of tank back-fill grouts; Phytoremediation of radionuclide contaminated soils; Sorption and desorption of radionuclides and RCRA elements as contaminants on soils; Leaching processes and alteration of solid phase of waste forms; Synchrotron based techniques applied to contaminant geochemistry; Geochemistry of radioactive waste disposal; Ocean disposal of low-level radioactive waste.

**Patents and Standards**

- ! Co-inventor of sulfur polymer treatment of Hg waste, patent # 6,399,849
- ! Inventor of in-situ methods for removal and treatment of Hg from soils, patents 7,692,058 and 7,589,248
- ! Developed the Accelerated Leach Test (ASTM C-1308) and ASTM Method for K<sub>d</sub> Determinations

**Principal Investigator:**

- ! Sorption Isotherms for radionuclides and RCRA elements on grout for high-level waste tanks at West Valley Demonstration Project, including molecular characterization of Cr on the grout.
- ! Lab Directed Research Grant A Chemistry of the Rhizosphere@.
- ! Phytoremediation of radionuclide contaminated soil at BNL, multi-year grant completed 2002.
  - Plant uptake of <sup>137</sup>Cs from BNL soils, including large-scale field studies.
  - Plant uptake of <sup>241</sup>Am and metals from BNL filter beds, greenhouse and field studies.
- ! Sorption/desorption of radionuclides on concrete at the Maine Yankee Nuclear Power Station
- ! Developed inexpensive method to remove <sup>90</sup>Sr from BNL waste water.
- ! Studied sorption of iodine on minerals by XANES at the National Synchrotron Light Source.
- ! Characterized and selected materials to sorb <sup>90</sup>Sr on the permeable sorbant barrier planned for the West Valley Demonstration Project.
- ! Conducted a geochemical study of contaminant transport and interactions with soils at West Valley that included: measurement of diffusion coefficients in glacial tills, sorption kinetics and K<sub>d</sub> values for U, Sr, Cs, Co, I, Pu, Np, Am, and Tc, and interactions of TBP with soil and its effect on uranium partitioning in groundwater.
- ! Developed waste form performance criteria for DOE mixed wastes.
- ! Developed for EPA, waste form performance criteria for ocean disposal of radioactive waste.
- ! Led a laboratory and economic analysis of methods that may be used for Asoil washing@ of <sup>137</sup>Cs and <sup>90</sup>Sr from contaminated soil at BNL.
- ! Quantified sorption (K<sub>d</sub>) and desorption of radioactive contaminants that were dumped into the Kara Sea by the Former Soviet Union and calculated mass balances of these contaminants showing that contaminants appear to stay localized.
- ! Experimental studies to determine K<sub>d</sub> values for U, Mo and V at the Fernald site, under conditions that simulated the effect of leaching from cement based waste forms.
- ! K<sub>d</sub> values determined for radionuclides for soils from Brookhaven National Laboratory.

**EDUCATION:**

State University of New York, Stony Brook  
Adelphi University, Garden City, NY  
State University of New York, Empire College

Ph.D. 1997 Geochemistry  
M.S. 1980 Geology  
B.S. 1978 Marine Sciences

**Selected Publications**

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