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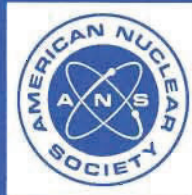
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Foreword

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A need for computer-readable standard reference neutron and gamma-ray cross section data was identified by American Nuclear Society Standards Subcommittee ANS-6 in 1975. These cross sections are required for materials and energy ranges of importance in nuclear radiation protection and shielding calculations for nuclear power plants. It was observed at that time that data sets not meeting high standards of documentation and verification were becoming de facto standards.

This standard provides guidance in the preparation and verification of neutron and gamma-ray cross section sets and identifies several sets of standard reference data which meet the procedures specified. The identification of standard neutron and gamma-ray data is expected to improve the efficiency of shielding and radiation protection computations by reducing redundant validating and processing operations by each user. In addition, shielding computations are expected to become more accurate as a result of focusing effort on the development and testing of nuclear data to be used as a standard. A coupled neutron-gamma multigroup cross section set, referred to as BUGLE, was developed for this purpose and tested. A revised data set, BUGLE-80, was developed in 1980 on the basis of the BUGLE test results, and the BUGLE-80 data set is identified as meeting the requirements of the standard. The BUGLE-80 data set uses a multigroup energy structure which permits useful shielding and radiation protection calculations. A more detailed coupled neutron-gamma multigroup data set, VITAMIN-C, also is identified as meeting the requirements of the standard. The SAILOR cross section set was added to the standard in 1987-88.

This standard is related to American National Standard Nuclear Data Sets for Reactor Design Calculations, ANSI/ANS-19.1-1983 (R 1989). The scope of that standard includes data of importance for reactor core design, while ANS-6.1.2 covers radiation transport and shielding applications, especially for nuclear power plants.

This standard is intended to prescribe recommended practices. The data sets identified are those a novice may use with some confidence and should be seriously considered by the expert. The expert might be expected to have reasons why he did not use the reference sets if he chose other data. The working group was unanimous in its decision to recommend specific data sets.

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