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Fukushima fallout at Milano, Italy

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Radionuclides from Fukushima fallout were first detected at Milano region in a rain water sample, collected during March 27-28, with the concentrations of ^{131}I and ^{137}Cs isotopes in the rainwater to be equal with 0.89 Bq L^{-1} and 0.12 Bq L^{-1} , respectively. During the same days a snowfall sample was collected from Monte Rosa mountain at a height of 3000 m, with the concentrations of ^{131}I and ^{137}Cs in snowfall to be lower than that in rainwater sample. A sample of dry deposition that was collected 9 days after the rainfall event of 27-28 March, 2011 showed that the dry deposition of ^{131}I and ^{137}Cs was 0.40 Bq m^{-2} and 0.24 Bq m^{-2} respectively. The concentrations of ^{131}I in sheep and cow milk samples collected on 30 March, 2011 from a farm at Macugnaga, Monte Rosa mountain, were 0.30 Bq L^{-1} and 0.37 Bq L^{-1} respectively. Daily monitoring of the airborne activity levels was carried out with a high volume air sampler and Glass Fiber filters as the collection substrate. Increased atmospheric radioactivity was detected on air filter taken on 30 March 2011, while the maximum activity of $467 \mu\text{Bq m}^{-3}$, occurred at April 3-4, 2011. A week later the activities had fallen to about 50% of peak values, with a general decreasing trend over the following days. In the time period of one month after the nuclear accident, concentrations of ^{137}Cs and ^{134}Cs in air as high as $88 \mu\text{Bq m}^{-3}$ and $78 \mu\text{Bq m}^{-3}$, respectively were recorded. According to the measurements, airborne activity levels remains of no concern for public health in Italy.

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