

Radon and progeny in the city of São Paulo Brazil

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In this work, results of indoor radon and daughters concentration measurements carried out during the winter of 2003 in dwellings in the city of São Paulo - Brazil are presented. A random sample of 70 residences was prepared all over the city. Monitoring was carried out using the time-integrated passive detector technique, using bare cellulose nitrate (LR115 - type II) Solid State Nuclear Track Detector (SSNTD) as alpha particle detector. Total alpha emission concentration was evaluated, considering the influence of the plate-out effect near the detector surface. First results show great variation of total alpha emission concentration and an arithmetic average of 147 Bq/m^3 . Some dwellings show values of total emission concentration similar with other places with more rigorous weather conditions and lower winter temperatures and strict radiation protection laws compared to São Paulo.

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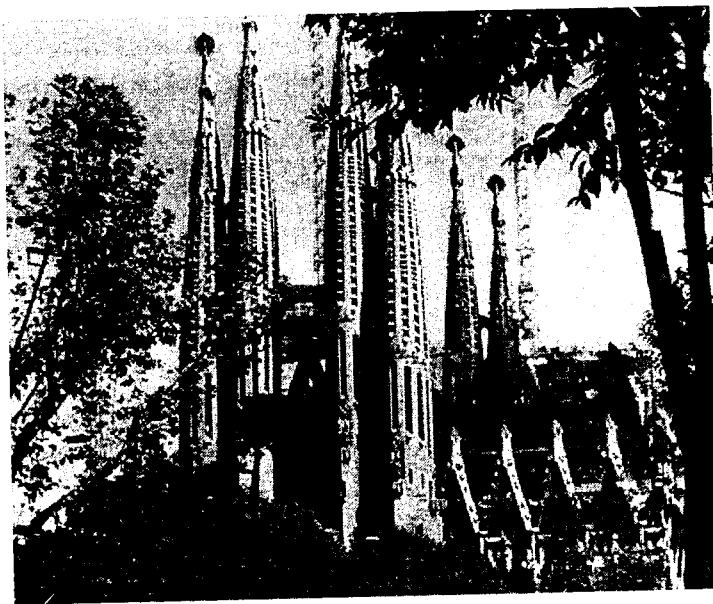
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