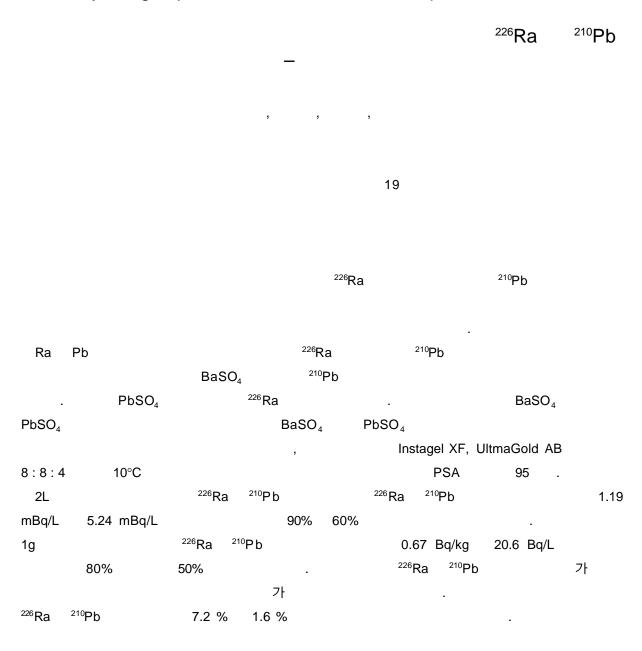
## Simultaneous Determination of <sup>226</sup>Ra and <sup>210</sup>Pb in Water and Soil Samples by using Liquid Scintillation Counter – Suspension Method



## Abstract

The simultaneously analytical method of <sup>226</sup>Ra and <sup>210</sup>Pb in groundwater and soil samples by liquid scintillation counting (LSC) through the modification of the conventional isolation method of BaSO<sub>4</sub> precipitate has been developed. For time saving for making counting sample, suspension gel method

has been also invested.

In preparing samples for counting, the optimum ratio of water, gel forming agent and scintillator was 8:8:4. No variation of the counting efficiencies of <sup>226</sup>Ra and <sup>210</sup>Pb was observed up to 38 days after preparation of the samples. The optimum pulse shape analysis (PSA) level for the measurement of <sup>226</sup>Ra and <sup>210</sup>Pb was 95. The detection limits for <sup>226</sup>Ra and <sup>210</sup>Pb in groundwater were 1.19 mBq/L and 5.24 mBq/L, respectively. The detection limits for <sup>226</sup>Ra and <sup>210</sup>Pb in soil were 0.67 Bq/L and 20.6 Bq/kg, respectively. The analytical results of <sup>226</sup>Ra and <sup>210</sup>Pb in spiked groundwater samples were in good accordance with the known concentration of <sup>226</sup>Ra and <sup>210</sup>Pb. The analytical results of <sup>226</sup>Ra and <sup>210</sup>Pb in soil reference samples were within 7.2% and 1.6% of the relative error from the reference values, respectively.

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<sup>226</sup>Ra
                                                                                      \alpha-spectrometry
                                                                                                                                                , γ-spectrometry
                                                                                 <sup>226</sup>Ra
                                                                                                          가
                                    α-Spectrometry
                                                                                                                                                                       Ra
                                                                                                       [1,2,3],
                                                                                                                                       <sup>226</sup>Ra
                        가
                                                                                                   <sup>226</sup>Ra
                                             [4]. HPGe
                                                                                                                                                                 (186.1)
                                                                                                                                       <sup>226</sup>Ra
keV)
             U-235
                                        (185.7 keV)
                  <sup>214</sup>Bi
                                                     (609 keV)
                                                                                                                                           가
                                                                                         [1].
                        <sup>226</sup>Ra
                                       <sup>214</sup>Bi
                                                                                                     30
                                                                                                                                                   [1,5,6]
                                                                                                                  <sup>226</sup>Ra
                                                                                             [1].
                                                                                                                                     BaSO<sub>4</sub>
                                                                                                                                           [7].
                          <sup>210</sup>Pb
                                                                                                                       <sup>210</sup>Pb
                               <sup>210</sup>Bi
             Polex™
                                                                                                                                             [8],
                                                                                                                                                                 6
                                                                                                        <sup>210</sup>Po
                          <sup>210</sup>Pb
                                        <sup>210</sup>Po
                                                                                                                       α-spectrometry
                                                                                                                 가
                    [8,9]
                                                     α-Spectrometry
                                                                                                                                                                        γ-
                                             <sup>210</sup>P b
                                                                                                                              150-250g
spectrometry
                              [10,11,12].
                                                                                                       <sup>226</sup>Ra
                                                                                                                                                     <sup>210</sup>Pb
                                                                                   BaSO<sub>4</sub>
                                                                                                                                         BaSO<sub>4</sub>
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<sup>226</sup>Ra
                            <sup>226</sup>Ra
                                                       2 L
          [7].
                                                                        Ba (25mg/ml)
                                                                                              Pb
(25mg/ml)
                               가
                                                    (1+1)
                                                                                       5g
                    2ml
                                          4ml
                                               Ba(Pb)SO<sub>4</sub>
Ba(Pb)SO<sub>4</sub>
                                                                  0.1M EDTA (pH9.0) 10ml
                       가
                                                     10%
          3ml
                                                                               5ml
                                               Ba (BaSO<sub>4</sub>)
                 pH 4.2-5.0
                                                                               Pb
                      BaSO<sub>₄</sub>
                                      Ra
       가
              500ml
                                                                                        PbSO<sub>4</sub>
                                        7ml
                                                    (1+1)
                                                                            2g
               PbSO<sub>4</sub>
                                                         0.1M EDTA(pH 9.0)
  (1+1)
              7ml
                                     2g
                                                                  PbSO<sub>4</sub>
          가
                                                                                                2
                                                             PbSO<sub>4</sub> <sup>210</sup>Pb
                                 BaSO₄
                                                 1M EDTA (pH 9.0) 10ml
                                                                                            3ml
가
                            0.22µm membrane filter
                  pH 4.2-5.0
                                                Ва
                                                                                        BaSO<sub>4</sub>
                     <sup>210</sup>Po
                                                         20ml
                                                                             1ml
                                                               50ml
                                                                                                  <sup>226</sup>Ra
                                                    2
                                                                                 BaSO₄
        1g 500 °C
                             3
                                                                                              Ba
                      (25mg/ml)
(25mg/ml)
             Pb
                                          2ml
                                                                                          10ml
10ml
              가
           10ml
                                                     2
                                                                              (1+1) 10ml
                                        가
                                                                                     가
               4M
                          30ml
  가
        500ml
                                        (1+1) 10ml
                                                                                 Ba(Pb)SO<sub>4</sub>
                                                                      2g
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Pb 50ml Ba (25mg/ml) (25mg/ml) 2ml 가 <sup>210</sup>Pb 50ml <sup>226</sup>Ra Ва 가 Pb 2ml (25mg/ml) (25mg/ml) 60 5 <sup>226</sup>Ra <sup>266</sup>Ra ,  $^{210}\text{Pb}$ <sup>210</sup>Pb <sup>210</sup>Pb <sup>210</sup>Pb <sup>226</sup>Ra (<sup>222</sup>Rn, <sup>218</sup>Po, <sup>214</sup>Po)  $^{210}\text{Pb}$ 394% 72.6% 3. <sup>226</sup>Ra <sup>210</sup>Pb  $PbSO_4$  $BaSO_4$ <sup>210</sup>Pb <sup>210</sup>Pb <sup>226</sup>Ra <sup>210</sup>Pb <sup>210</sup>Bi BaSO<sub>4</sub>  $PbSO_4$ Instagel XF, UltmaGold AB 8:8:4 10°C PSA(pulse shape analysis) BaSO<sub>4</sub>  $(^{241}Am)$ (<sup>36</sup>CI) 1000dpm 80 140 가 PSA 10 β-<sup>241</sup>Am <sup>36</sup>CI  $^{241}Am$ <sup>36</sup>CI 가 PSA 가 β-PSA 95

394%

72.6%

Pb

Ва

300%)

. 2L

80%

50%

α

β

<sup>210</sup>Pb

	<sup>226</sup> Ra	<sup>226</sup> Ra <sup>210</sup> Pb	<sup>210</sup> Pb	0.67 Bq/kg	1.19 mBd 20.6 Bq/l	q/L 5.24 kg .	mBq/L
				2L	<sup>266</sup> Ra		0.0Bq, 10.7Bq,
21.7Bq, 32	.2Bq, 39.3	Bq 가				가	
가 6.4%			, <sup>210</sup> Pk	)	<sup>210</sup> F	Pb	가
	가		가 15%			•	
IAEA	NIST			, <sup>226</sup> Ra			7.2%
	•	<sup>210</sup> Pb	1.6%				
	,						<sup>222</sup> Rn
			[13],		HiSafe III		<sup>222</sup> Rn
				10%		20	[14]
	•			38	20-		
		BaSO <sub>4</sub>			<sup>22</sup> Rn 2	%	BaSO <sub>4</sub>
			Jang holtz	zman[14]			
4.							
				<sup>226</sup> Ra			
	D-00		210		71		71
	BaSO <sub>4</sub>		<sup>210</sup> <b>F</b>	<sup>2</sup> D	가		가
			BaSO <sub>4</sub>	Pb	SO <sub>4</sub>		
	Insta	agel XF, Ultir	naGold AB		8:8:4	-	
		PSA	95 , <sup>226</sup>	Ra			394%
<sup>210</sup> Pb	7	2.6% .	2L		2	<sup>226</sup> Ra <sup>210</sup>	Pb
1.1	9 mBq/L	5.24 mBq	/L	22	<sup>26</sup> Ra <sup>210</sup> Pb	1	0.67
Bq/kg 20	.6 Bq/kg		<sup>226</sup> Ra	<sup>210</sup> Pb	가		
<sup>226</sup> Ra	<sup>210</sup> Pb		가				<sup>226</sup> Ra
<sup>210</sup> Pb		7.2% 1.6	%				38
<sup>226</sup> Ra	<sup>210</sup> Pb				,		,

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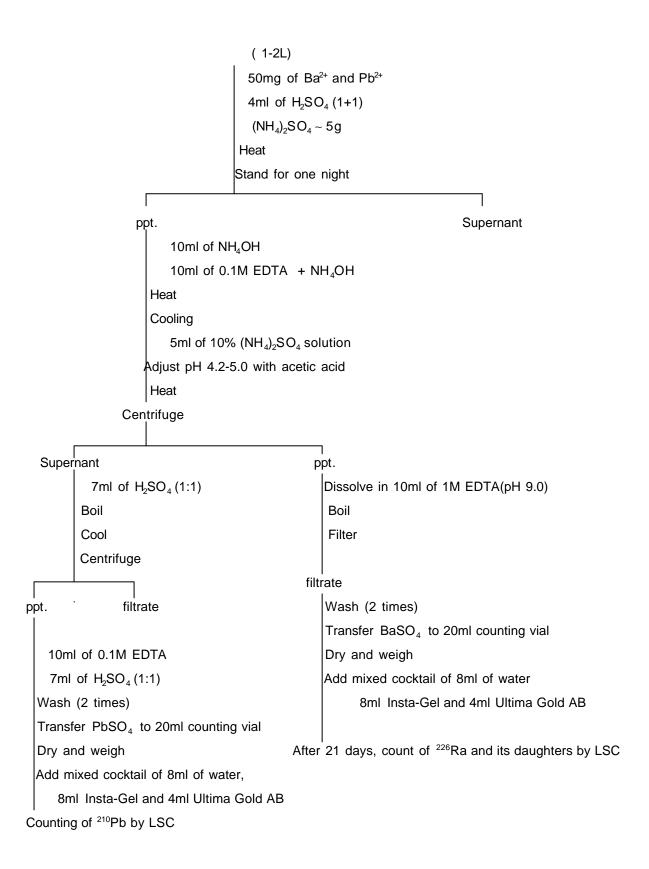


Fig. 1. A Procedure for determination of <sup>226</sup>Ra and <sup>210</sup>Pb by suspension method with LSC.

Table 1. The analytical results of <sup>226</sup>Ra in reference samples

Sample name	Analytical activity (Bq/kg)	Reference value (Bq/kg)	error (%)	Chemical yield (%)
IAEA Soil-6	75.6 ± 6.5	79.92	-5.4	88.6
IAEA-135	25.4 ± 1	23.9	6.3	94.0
IAEA-300	54.6 ± 2.3	56.5	-3.4	83.6
IAEA-312	283.2 ± 4.3	269	5.3	88.6
IAEA-375	20.6 ± 2	19.9	3.6	83.2
NIST4350B	33.2 ± 1.7	35.8	-7.2	92.9

Table 2. The analytical results of <sup>210</sup>Pb in reference sample

Sample name	Analytical activity (Bq/kg)	Reference value (Bq/kg)	error (%)	Chemical yield (%)
IAEA 300	354 ± 20	360	1.6	67.4