Space Radiation Program Element

Requirements

• Develop and Validate Standards
  – By performing research to inform the development and validation of Space Radiation Permissible Exposure Limits for
    • Radiation Carcinogenesis
    • Acute Radiation Syndromes
    • Acute or Late Central Nervous System Affects
    • Degenerative Tissue Affects

• Quantify Space Radiation Human Health Risks
  – By developing validated mechanisms, models and methods to quantify the risk of Radiation Carcinogenesis and Acute Radiation Syndromes for Exploration Missions
  – By performing the research necessary to develop an evidence base for radiation induced Acute or Late Central Nervous System Affects and Degenerative Tissue Affects
  – By identifying whether synergistic effects from other spaceflight factors modify radiation health risks

• Mitigate Risks thru Countermeasures & Technologies
  – By developing tools and methodologies to evaluate shielding approaches and vehicle requirements for mission planning and design
  – By performing the research necessary to develop and validate biomedical or dietary countermeasures for radiation carcinogenesis and other risks quantified as significantly high

• Treat and Monitor Unmitigated Risks
  – By developing tools to assess and monitor compliance with the Space Radiation Permissible Exposure Limits
  – By developing biodosimeter and biomarker technologies for radiation carcinogenesis and other risks quantified as significantly high
  – By developing in-flight physical detector technologies through TRL 4 to monitor compliance with the Space Radiation Permissible Exposure Limits
  – By supporting the transition of research deliverables to technology maturation and operational programs

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