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CALCULATIONS OF EFFECTIVE DOSE FOR EXPOSITION OF FLYING CREWS TO COSMIC RAYS

FAA is working on CARI-7

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For many years and in most countries world-wide, the calculations of effective doses of flying crews are made using the computation code CARI-6, elaborated from the Civil Aerospace Medical Institute (CAMI) of USA Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

The program calculates the effective dose-rate from galactic and solar radiations at any location in the atmosphere at altitudes up 60,000 feet (FL600) and with the limits of 25 en-route altitudes for every flight.

At present the effective dose is calculated using the outdated ICRP 60 recommendations but Mr Kyle Copeland of CARI mailed me a few days ago to say that he is working on CARI-7 that will have the advantage of using the newer specifications from ICRP 103 recommendations.

Currently Mr Copeland has an academic version of CARI-7 and before long he will release the general-use version that everyone is awaiting.

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