

## Lower limits of detection for Triathler

Triathler is a portable LSC counter with integrated  $\alpha / \beta$  - separation

The calculation is done according to the german DIN 25482 part1, for a 20 ml Vial, no quench; here we use the approximation with  $\alpha = \beta = 0.1586$  ( corresponds to  $k_{1-\alpha} + k_{1-\beta} = 2$  ):

$$NWG = V^{-1} \cdot K ( k_{1-\alpha} + k_{1-\beta} ) \sqrt{\frac{2 \cdot R_0}{t_b}}$$

K = ( 1 / Efficiency)

$k_{1-\alpha}$  = Quantile of the standard - normaldistribution for error of 1st type

$k_{1-\beta}$  = Quantile of the standard - normaldistribution for error of 2nd type

$t_b$  = Measuring time of the sample

$R_0$  = Background

V = 0,01 l

With this formula the LLoD is:

	without lead		with 6 - 8 mm lead	
	3600 s	60000 s	3600 s	60000 s
<b>H – 3,V=0.01 l<sup>1</sup></b>	18 Bq / l	5 Bq / l	14 Bq / l	3 Bq / l
<b>C – 14;V=0.01 l<sup>2</sup></b>	11 Bq / l	3 Bq / l	8 Bq / l	2 Bq / l
	<b>direct measurement, Aqualight</b>		<b>Extraction,MaxiLight</b>	
<b>Rn – 222</b>	<b>2 Bq / l in 10 minutes, 20 ml vial</b>		<b>&lt; 0.5 Bq/l in 10 minutes, 20 ml vial</b>	
<b>Ra - 226</b>	<b>&lt; 0.004 Bq / l with 14.000 seconds measuring time, emanation method</b>			
<b>U-238/U-234</b>	<b>&lt; 0.01 Bq/l in 60 minutes measuring time, extraction from 250 ml with MaxiLight and HDEHP, accord. to sä. UBG modification</b>			
<b><math>\alpha</math> - Wipe test</b>	<b>&lt; 0.005 Bq/cm<sup>2</sup> in 10 minutes measuring time, averaged over 100 cm<sup>2</sup>, retention factor: 0.1</b>			

1 Assumption: no quench

2 Assumption: no quench