Assessment Schedule - 2008

Scholarship Science (93104)

Evidence Statement

Note: One or more accurate points very well developed, a discussion coherently presented or particular insights can also be rewarded.

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protection from penetrating radiation such as gamma rays.

- Solubility of the radioisotope determines how likely the substance is to spread into the environment
- Leaking radioactive substances can directly contaminate life forms, or can enter the food chain.
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- Take readings at the same time of day because the angle of the Sun alters the ratio of reflected to refracted light, and therefore the intensity of light entering the water and hitting the disc.
- The angle of the Sun affects the path length of light from the surface to the disc (and therefore its attenuation), due to the way that the angle of refraction changes with angle of incidence.
- Observe the disc from directly above. As the angle of observation increases, total internal reflection will occur and the disc will no longer be visible.

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- Jupiter being much larger would cause greater flexing on Io and Europa, compared with Earth's effect on Moon.
- Io and Europa orbiting much faster would also have greater flexing.
- Therefore the Io and Europa sounds would have greater amplitude / energy / intensity compared with the Moon.
- Magma is formed on Io by the friction of flexing and rapid orbiting.
- Friction from tidal forces may also be heating the ice and forming water under the ice.

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