

The first principle is the justification of radiological protection. This is the fundamental principle that an act of using radiation is permitted only when the benefits or merits outweigh the radiation risks.

This principle is applied not only to acts of using radiation but also to all activities that bring about changes in exposure situations. In other words, this is also applied to emergency exposure situations and existing exposure situations, as well as to planned exposure situations. For example, justification is required even in the case of considering decontamination of contaminated areas.

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