

Study/Reference	Summary	Study Methodology	Sample		Ingestion Medium	Central Tendency p50		Study Duration	Long term extrapolation	Primary or Secondary data	Notes	EFH
			Size	Age (years)		(mean)	p95 (mg/day)					
Key Studies of Primary Analysis	Calabrese et al. (1989)	Amherst Study: mass balance approach. Sample dust and soil was collected in the child's play areas and analyzed for the presence of the tracers used. Tracers: Al, Ba, Mn, Si, Vn, Y, Zr, Ti	64	1 to 4	soil	-261 to +96	106 to 1,903	Two weeks (two 3-4 day time periods)	No	Primary	One child may have had pica behavior. Authors were unable to distinguish the contribution of soil and dust since tracer concentration was similar for the two mediums. Negative values come from very high levels of barium and manganese (and possibly other tracers) in food.	Yes
					dust	-340 to +127	160 to 2,916					
					soil + dust	-340 to +456	159 to 3,174					
	Calabrese et al. (1997)	Anaconda Study: Superfund site in Montana. Soil ingestion was estimated using a mass balance approach. Tracers: Al, Ce, La, Nd, Si, Ti, Y, Zr	64	1 to 4	soil	20.1	282.4	one week (seven consecutive days)	No	Primary	A control study in adults was also conducted to test the stability and reliability of the tracers. Al, Si, Y were found to be most stable/reliable.	Yes
					dust	26.8	613.6					
	Van Wijnen et al (1990)	Netherland Study: included 4 groups of children: 1. that live in the inner city (with little soil contact), 2. living in homes with a garden, 3. from campgrounds, and 4. admitted to a hospital (control group) Tracers: Al, Ti, and Acid-insoluble residue (AIR)	292	0.1 to <1 1 to 5	Soil	NR (0 to 30a)	NR	Two weeks (two 3-4 day time periods)	No	Primary	LTM method was used (limiting tracer method). Values presented represents the ingestion rate <i>after</i> correcting the ingestion rate by subtracting the ingestion rate of the control group of children in the hospital.	Yes
Davis et al. (1990)	Washington State (three cities): Soil and dust ingestion was evaluated by analyzing soil, dust, feces, urine, and duplicate food, dietary supplement, medication and mouthwash samples for the tracer elements. Children were randomly selected. Tracer: Aluminum	104	2 to 7	soil/dust	NR (60)	NR	one week	No	Primary	Values were adjusted to represent a weighted average of the tracer concentration in yard soil and house dust based on proportion of time spent indoors and outdoors (assuming ingestion of soil was the same as ingestion of dust).	Yes	
				soil/dust	NR (160)	NR						
Davis and Mirick (2006)	Children and adults from same family: Soil ingestion was estimated using a mass balance approach. Tracers: Al, Si	12	3 to 8	soil	30	NR	11 consecutive days	No	Primary	Titanium was shown to be reliable and stable in children, but not in adults (Calabrese and Stanek 1995)	Yes	
		38	adults	soil	0 to 20	NR						
		12	3 to 8	soil	45	NR						
Vermeer and Frate (1979)	Surveyed about geophagy (regular consumption of clay over weeks); N= 229 in 50 households; 56 women, 33 men, 140 children or adolescents. Questionnaire/Survey	115	1 to 13	Soil	NR	NR	NA	No	Data not empirically collected	No geophagia was reported among men or adolescents. Also, only 2 children over the age of 4 practiced geophagia.	Yes	
		56	Female Adults	Soil	NR	NR						

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Key Studies of Secondary Analysis	Wong (1988); Calabrese and Stanek (1993)	Tracer: Silicon	15	0.3 to 7.5	soil	NR	NR	4 months; 1 fecal sample collected per month	No	Both	5 of the 24 younger children displayed soil pica (> 1 g soil per day) on at least one occasion. Study did not use mass balance, but instead used hospitalized children as controls. Children were in government institutions waiting for foster home placement.	Yes
			28	1.8 to 14	soil	NR	NR					
	Stanek and Calabrese (2000)	Tracers: Al, Si, Ti Tracers: Al, Si, Ti	64	1 to 4	soil	24	91		Yes	Primary		Yes
					soil	17	106					
	Calabrese et al. (1989)	Tracer: Al, Si, Y only	64	1 to 4	Soil Dust Soil + Dust	9 to 40 15 to 49 11 to 49	106 to 653 169 to 692 159 to 653	Two weeks (two - 3 to 4 day time periods)	No	Secondary	Authors performed adult control study to determine reliability of tracers and found that of the eight used, only Al, Si, and Y were stable and reliable.	No
	Calabrese and Stanek (1995)	Day care/campground-revisited	292	0.1 to 5	soil	111	NR		No	Secondary		Yes
					soil	160	NR					
	Calabrese and Stanek (1995)	Tracer: Al Tracer: Si Tracer: Ti	59	1 to 3	soil	121	NR		No	Secondary	The four best tracers were used (i.e., most stable with lowest F/S ratio)	No
					soil	136	NR					
					soil	618	NR					
	Calabrese and Stanek (1995)	Tracer: Al Tracer: Si Tracer: Ti	104	2 to 7	soil	25	NR	one week	No	Secondary	The four best tracers were used (i.e., most stable with lowest F/S ratio)	Yes
				soil	59	NR						
				soil	81	NR						
Calabrese and Stanek (1995)	Tracer: Al Tracer: Si Tracer: Ti	64	1 to 4	soil	29	NR	Two weeks (two - 3 to 4 day time periods)	No	Secondary	The four best tracers were used (i.e., most stable with lowest F/S ratio)	Yes	
				soil	40	NR						
				soil	55	NR						
Calabrese and Stanek (1995)	Tracers: Al, Si, Ti, Y, and Zr	6	Adults	soil	87	142	Three weeks	No	Secondary	The four best tracers were used (i.e., most stable with lowest F/S ratio)	Yes	
Hogan et al. (1998)	Biokinetic Model	478	0.3 to 1	soil	30	NR		No	Secondary	The study populations were in general random samples of children 6 months to 7 years of age. The values derived for infants (i.e., <1 year) and children are EFH recommended values for soil and/or dust central tendency ingestion rates.	Yes	
			1 to 6	dust	30	NR						
Ozkaynak et al. (2011)	Activity Pattern	3 to <6	soil/dust	37.75	224			Yes?	Secondary	60% of ingestion was from soil, 30% from dust on hands, and 10% from dust on objects.	Yes	
Wilson et al. (2013)	Activity Pattern	0.2 to adult		soil	1.2 to 23	4.8 to 75		No	Secondary		No	

Notes:

IR= ingestion rate

mg= milligrams

NR= Not reported

p50= the 50th percentile

p95= the 95th percentile

Mean= arithmetic mean unless otherwise denoted

a = geometric mean

** Value is presented as Best Tracer Methodology (BTM)

Best Tracer Methodology (BTM) uses food/soil (F/S) tracer concentration ratios in order to correct for errors caused by misalignment of tracer input and outputs, ingestion of non-food sources, and non-soil sources.

F/S ratio is the tracer concentration present in duplicate Food/Tracer concentration in Soil where children (or adults) spend their time!

Table 5. Calculated arithmetic mean soil ingestion rates

Age (year)	Arithmetic \pm SD (p95)
1 to 5	20 \pm 26 (64)
5 to 11	23 \pm 32 (75)
11 to 18	1.5 \pm 2.6 (5.3)