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## Radiation risk estimate raised

WASHINGTON — The risk of getting cancer from low levels of radiation appears to be four times as high as previously estimated, the National Research Council said Tuesday.

The new estimate probably will force regulatory bodies to reduce the maximum radiation exposure allowed for workers in the nuclear industry and other places such as hospitals, where exposure to radiation is common.

But even the new estimate that radiation is a more potent carcinogen than previously believed should cause no concern for the average person, experts said, because the public is not exposed to enough radiation to exceed levels considered safe.



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