BROOKHAVEN NATIONAL LABORATORY

MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: Deletion of Entries and Subentries

In the process of looking at EXFOR for the Neutron Cross Section Book of Curves, we are finding many entries and subentries which should have been deleted and were not.

I suspect the cause of this is that Centers are using the delete flag in the subentry as the only indication that the data are deleted. This is not legal! Alter flags are only flags to indicate operations performed and are not used to actually perform updates. The data subentries to be deleted should have their data section replaced by NODATA (refer to EXFOR Manual, page 9.2), or, the entire subentry may be replaced by a NOSUBENT record.

For superseded data sets the status code SPSDD is sufficient and the data table may be left intact.

We have located many such entries in area 2 data and request that NEA-Data Bank let us know if there is some way to check for such entries.

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