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**Checklist Procedure** for Instrumentation

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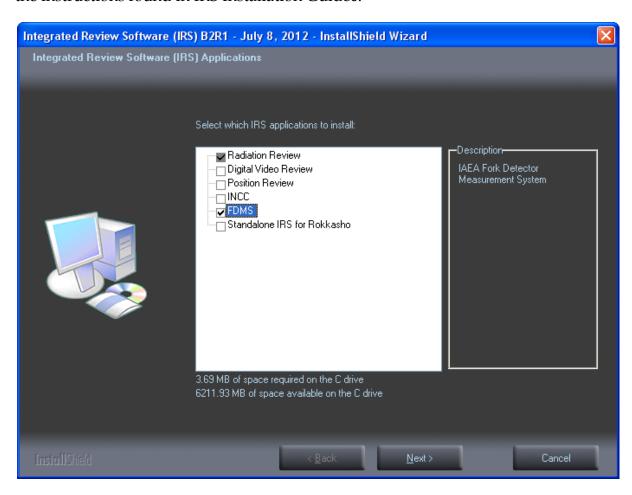
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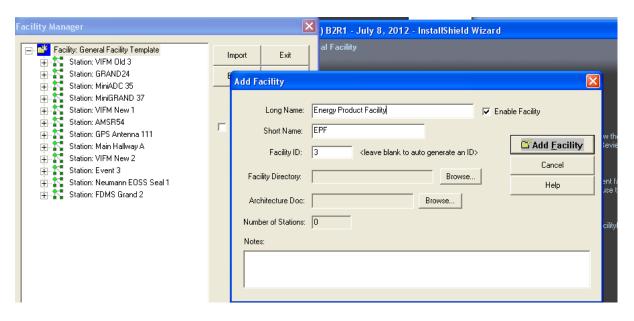
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# **Installing FDMS with Radiation Review, Configuring a Facility**

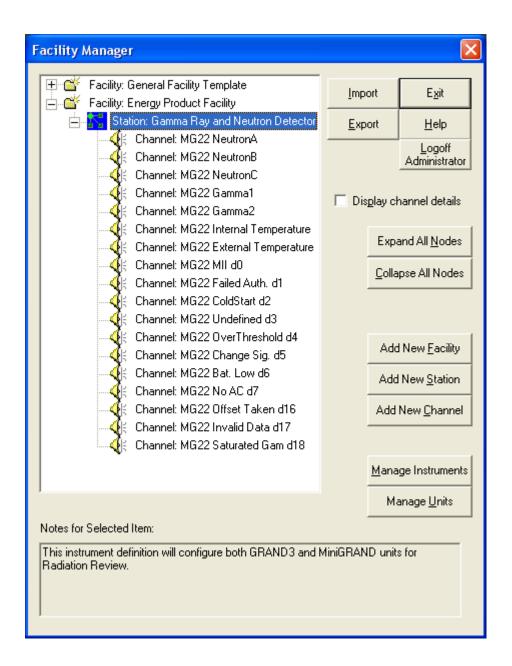
Invoke the installer from physical media, (a CD), or an electronic distribution, per the instructions found in IRS Installation Guide6.



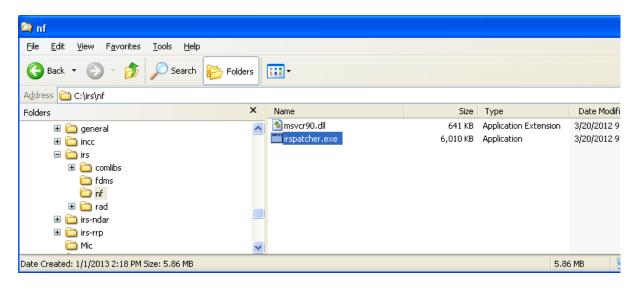
When prompted, create a new facility using the "Facility Manager' tool.

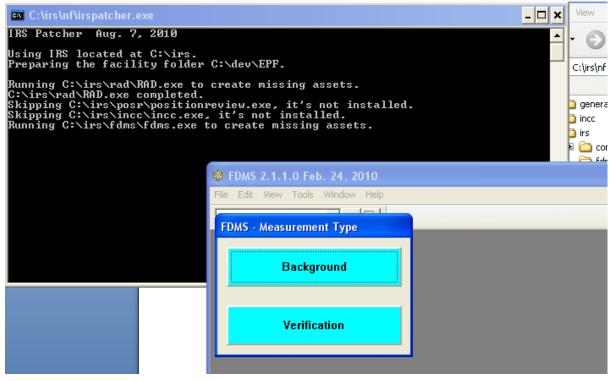


Within the "Facility Manager" tool, define one or more GRAND/MiniGRAND stations (instruments) with appropriate channel definitions, corresponding to the facility's expected instrumentation. A facility expert at headquarters should provide or enter this information.

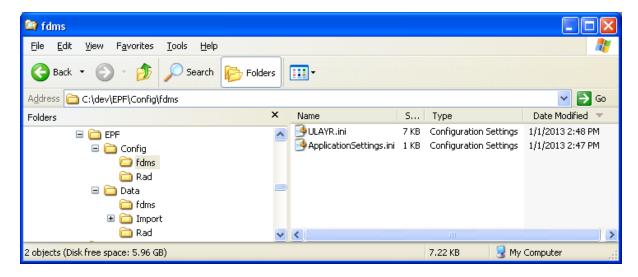


After creating the facility and exiting the installer and facility manager, go to the installation location and run the IRS "patcher" tool (See IRS Release Note<sup>11</sup> § Aug. 7, 2010). Each tool installed (typically at least RAD and FDMS), will automatically run, forcing the creation of associated facility configuration assets on the installation machine.

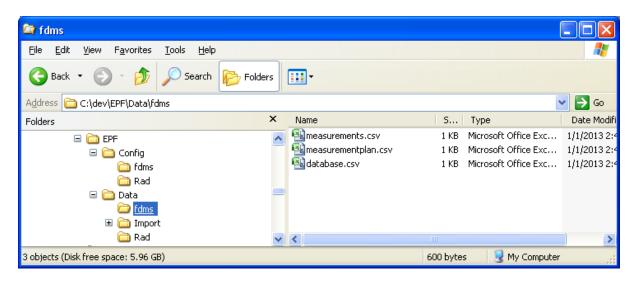




# Location of FDMS facility config files



## Location of FDMS M, MP and DB files



# **Checking FDMS for operational completeness**

#### **Files**

FDMS must have available the csv files, that is, the 'database' (DB), Measurements (M) and Measurement plan (MP) files. The file content description for each file is found at FDMS Reference Manual7, § Data (MP, M, and DB) file format, page 14.

The expected paths for these three files are found in the file FDMS.ini, found in the \irs\fdms installation folder. See the *FDMS Reference Manual7*, page 8, for details on the contents of the FDMS.ini file.

## **COM Port Communications**

For attended measurements, FDMS must have access to a COM port, and the COM port must be capable of standard serial communications with the miniGRAND electronics of the Fork Detector system.



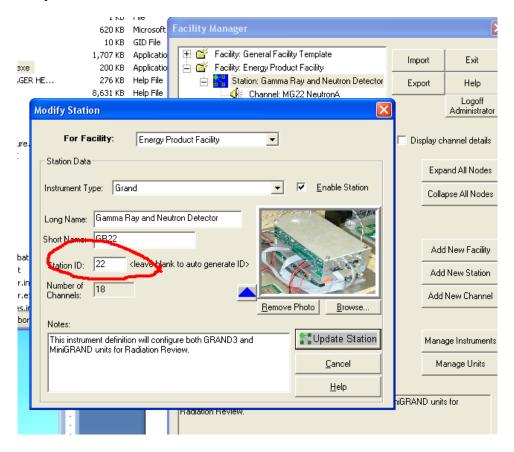
Figure 1 Port identification via the Windows Device Manager

Check and verify the settings in the FDMS.ini file under the [GRAND] section for correctness. The COM port definition there must match one of that shown in the Windows Device Manager Ports listing. See *MiniGRAND User Manual* and *Multi-Instrument Collect User's Manual* 8 for full details on instrumentation configuration, diagnostics and use.

## **Radiation Review integration**

For unattended processing of miniGRAND data files, as collected by the MIC software, FDMS must have a properly defined facility configuration with correct miniGRAND instrumentation definitions.

Confirm the station id for the Fork Detector miniGRAND is correctly defined for the FDMS facility.



# Check acquisition and collection status from MIC

MIC collects data, unattended, from miniGRAND instrumentation, including Fork Detectors, for later review in Radiation Review and subsequent analysis in FDMS. This section is taken from the *Radiation Review Checklist Procedure*<sup>12</sup>

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# RADIATION REVIEW – Check Acquisition and Collection System Status from MIC

This option is used to verify that the radiation instruments in the UNARM system, the network, and MIC are operating as expected.

- 1. If necessary, maximize the MIC Main Dialog window. The MIC Main Dialog window will be displayed.
- 2. Assess MIC button colors and icons. The meaning of the colors is provided in the table below.

INSTRUMENT SUPPORT OBJECT COLOUR	INSTRUMENT STATUS  Normal state of the instrument.				
Green					
Gray	MIC is not currently gathering information from the associated instrument, although the instrument may still be gathering data from its sensor and storing the data in the instrument's local battery backed up memory if it has one.				
Yellow	A command has been sent from MIC to the instrument and MIC is waiting for a response.				
Red	When there is a communications problem between MIC and the instrument the background of the colored button is changed to red.				
White	FLASHING to previous color. The disk is full or the instrument has a failure which is causing data loss				
Cyan	Some instruments cannot respond to MIC during initialization. This is a wait state that MIC may enter for a short period to allow the instrument to finish initializing.				

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3. Determine each instrument's state of health based on its button's color and the icon displayed. The meaning of the icons indicating state of health is provided in the table below.

ICON	ICON MEANING
Square	One or more of the tabbed pages have a data item out of
.15	tolerance or a configuration mismatch The difference between MIC's time and the
Clock	instrument's time is greater than the user set
	tolerance
Flag:	MIC has sent and resent a command with no
, a riag.	acceptable response and consequently commanded
	a long break reset in an attempt to reinitialize the instrument or a Hard Checksum Error occurred
Bell	The instrument is currently reporting a
	"Measurement Interval of Interest" or equivalent
Face	The instrument has reported either a power problem or a battery backed up memory problem
4770	MIC has stopped writing to disk and talking to the
Floppy Disk & Flashing:	instrument. This can be caused by the hard drive
	being too full, the maximum use of the hard drive set
a	too low, or disk write failure. he instrument has repeatedly failed to respond to
Skull and Cross Bones	commands and long break resets. MIC will attempt
	to reset it every 15 minutes or instrument is in a
-3.7	state which is causing DATA LOSS.
Bomb: Configuration	Instrument support object could not connect to communications object. Edit the MIC.INI file or
Error.	delete the instrument object and recreate it to
	correct this problem.

- 4. If there is a problem, diagnose the problem or gather data that would be reported later to a technician.
- 5. If any button is RED, report the problem to an IAEA technician.

# Preparing unattended data for FDMS with Radiation Review



Figure 2 Starting Radiation Review from the Windows Start Menu

## **Importing Data into Radiation Review**

Raw measurement data is collected by unattended measurement acquisition software using GRAND and miniGRAND instruments. This raw data is initially available as .BID files. For more information on the data collection process, see *Multi-Instrument Collect User's Manual* 8. This document is found on the B2R1 CD, under the Collect folder, and under C:\MIC after installing the MIC software..

To import .BID data files into RAD, select the "Import" menu item and then "Import All ...". See Figure 3.

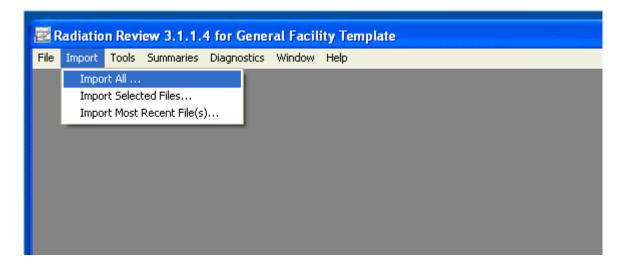
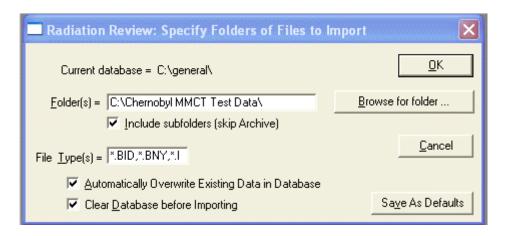


Figure 3 The Radiation Review "Import All ..." Menu Item

A dialog appears (see Figure 4). Use this dialog to browse to the location of the BID files. Sample files are supplied with the ESP8 FDMS installation. They are found in the facility data folder for FDMS. For the rest of this document, these sample files are the source of data. Assume also for the purposes of illustration that the facility is named 'general' and the data and configuration folders and files for 'general' is installed at c:\general. The ESP 8 installation created this set of folders and files as part of the installation process.



**Figure 4 Import Folder Specification** 

Select the 'Browse for folder ..." button, and navigate to the supplied sample files, at "c:\general\data\fdms\BID Sample Data". See Figure 5 and Figure 6.

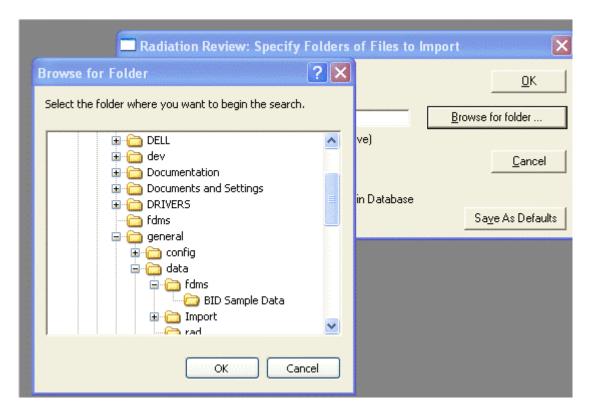


Figure 5 Browsing to the BID Sample Data Folder

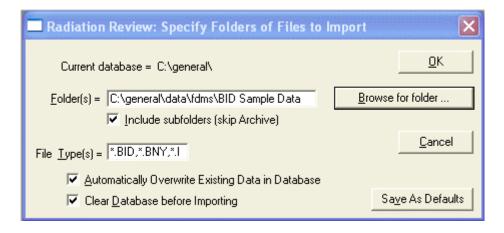


Figure 6 Import Parameters are Ready

If you have chosen to clear the database prior to the import operation, acknowledge the removal of preexisting data in the RAD database. See Figure 7.

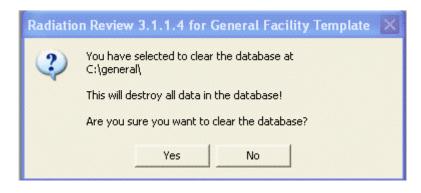
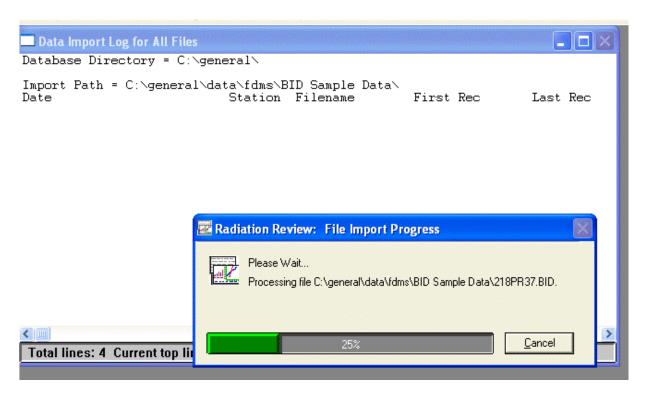


Figure 7 Affirming Database Clearing

The data import starts. RAD displays a progress bar and a textual display indicating the data importation progress. See Figure 8.



**Figure 8 Radiation Review Data Import Progress** 

The results of the import operation are shown in Figure 9 below. In our example, two BID files were found with data from a MiniGRAND. Next, measurement events are determined from the imported data.

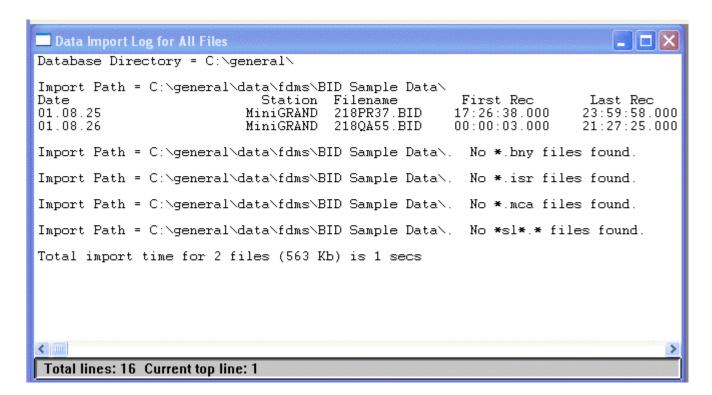


Figure 9 Radiation Review Data Import Log

# **Finding events in Radiation Review**

A review of the imported data is first made by using the RAD graph. Events corresponding to radiation peaks are quickly identified and characterized. Reviewing the data in this manner will provide an indication of the quality, number of events of interest, and strength of the measurements relative to the measured background radiation. From this review a minimal threshold for event detection may be determined. That value will be used in the next step.

Figure 10 shows how the RAD graph tool is invoked.

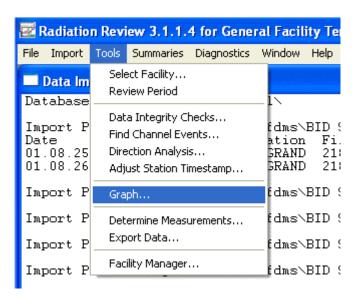


Figure 10 Radiation Review "Tools" "Graph..." Menu Item

Figure 11 below shows a time span of the data imported into RAD. Notice the easily discernible peaks in Neutron channels A and B, and Gamma channel 1. Also notice that Neutron channel C has no data, and the Gamma 2 data is useless noise.

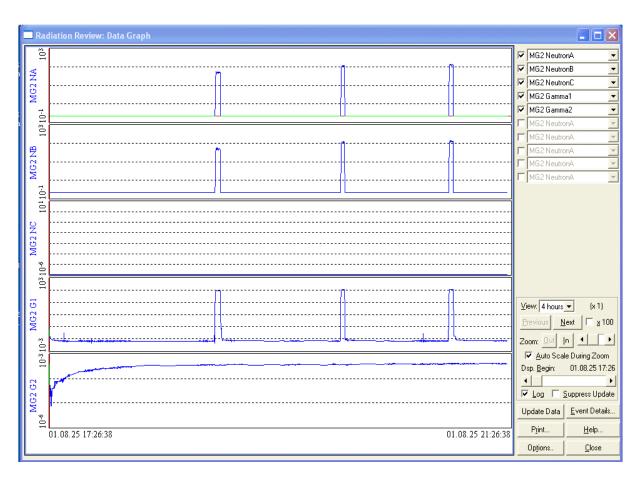


Figure 11 Graph View of Imported Data

Select a peak (See Figure 12) and determine a good value relative to the background for threshold detection. In this case, Neutron Channel A provides good data, and a review of the peaks shows that a value of about 20 up to 75 will give a strong indication of a radiation detection event.

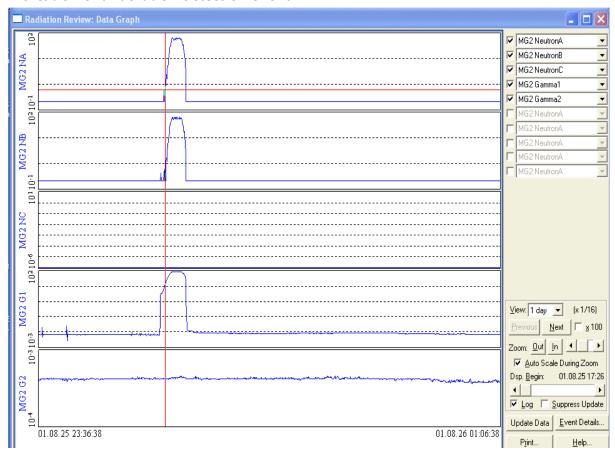


Figure 12 Examining a Radiation Peak on the Graph

With a good heuristic value for threshold detection at hand, start the 'Find Channel Events' operation by selecting the 'Find Channel Events...' menu item from the RAD 'Tools' menu. (Figure 13)

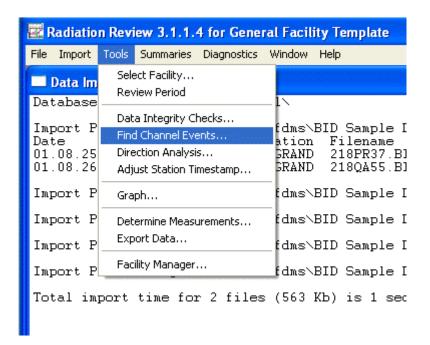


Figure 13 The "Find Channel Events..." Menu Item

The 'Find Channel Events' Parameters dialog (Figure 14) is used to specify the station and channels, and the threshold diction limits and technique for automatically detecting events in eh measurement data. In this example, we will scroll down the list of channels available in the RAD database to find the miniGRAND Neutron Channel A.

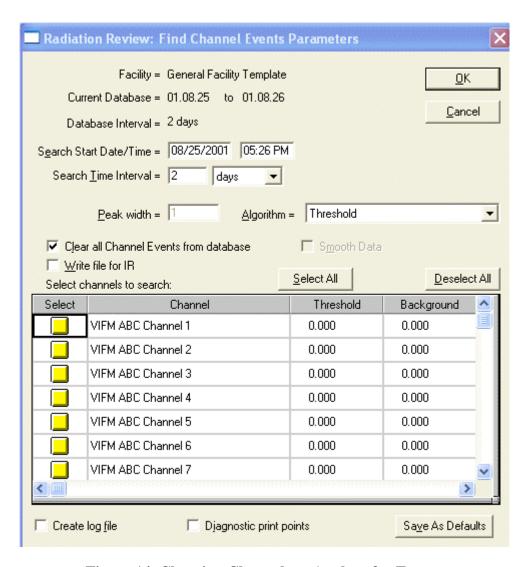


Figure 14 Choosing Channels to Analyze for Events

Here (Figure 15) MG2 NeutronA is selected. No other channels are selected. The detection threshold has been set at 25.00. Select "OK" to start threshold detection.

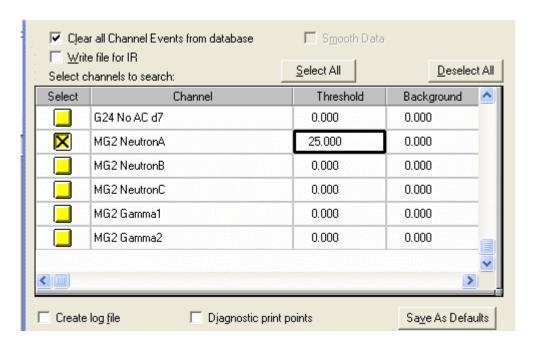
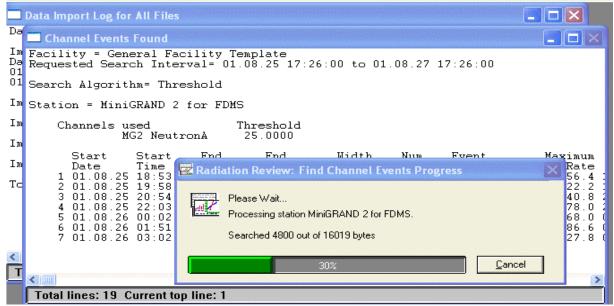


Figure 15 Selecting a Channel and Setting the Peak Threshold Value

The detection processing is displayed in Figure 16. The results show that 22 events were detected, as shown in Figure 17.



**Figure 16 Threshold Detection Progress** 

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01.08.26 11:07:32
01.08.26 12:08:42
                                       01.08.26
                                                                                             Channel
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                                                     12:15:13
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71
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         01.08
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.26 15:49:35
.26 16:58:36
.26 17:56:02
                                                     14:19:09
15:56:20
17:01:01
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15:50:15
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19:03:28
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                                                                                                                          83.8
                                                                                                                                  17:57:02
     21 01.08.26 18:59:28 01.08.26
22 01.08.26 20:14:54 01.08.26
                                                                                                                          84.2 19:02:48
86.4 20:15:59
                                                                          240
                                                                                             Channel
                                                     20:18:14
                                                                         200
Search completed successfully.

Data analyzed from 01.08.25 17:26:38 to 01.08.26 21:27:25 (16019 data points)

Total Channel Events Found for Station MiniGRAND 2 for FDMS = 22
Total lines: 40 Current top line: 14
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**Figure 17 Threshold Detection Results** 

A review of the graph shows the detected events highlighted in pink in the A channel. It looks good. (Figure 18)

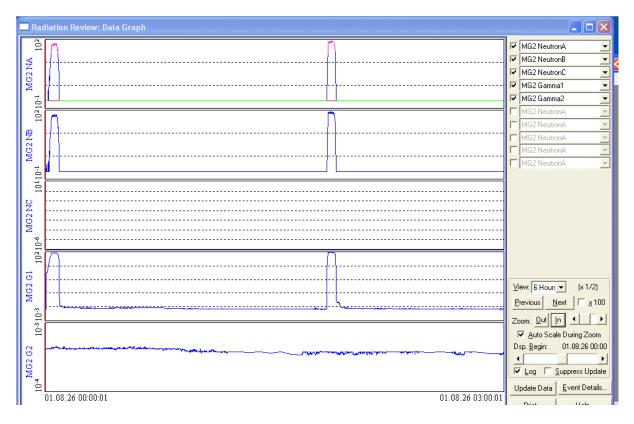


Figure 18 Reviewing the Marked Events in the Graph

# **Preparing Radiation Review measurement events for export to FDMS**

The detected events need to be identified with an ID that corresponds to the Assembly ID used by FDMS. In our example, IDs MIC-01 through MIC-22 will be used. Using the Event Details dialog, the event ID can be added. The event area can be modified, and the event type can be specified.

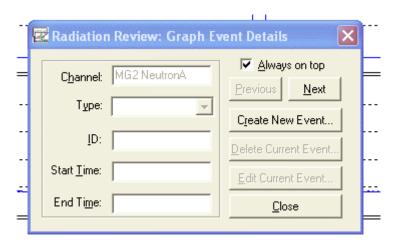


Figure 19 The Graph Event Details Dialog

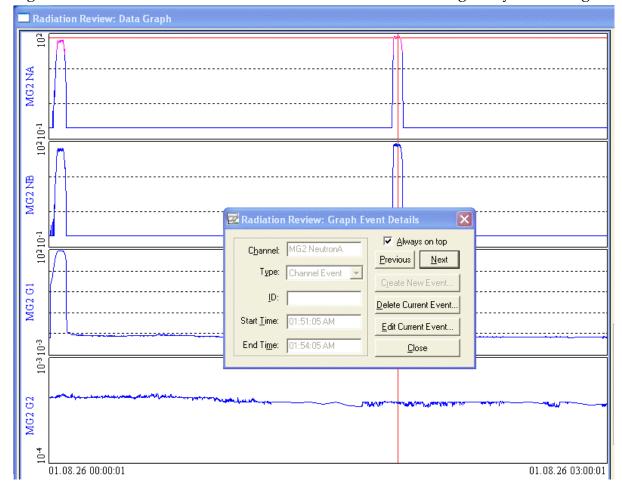


Figure 20 shows an event selected, with the Event Details dialog ready for editing.

Figure 20 Editing an Event using the Graph Event Details Dialog

## **Background events.**

New in RAD for this release is the creation of background events. FDMS can use a background measurement to adjust the results of a cycle or assembly measurement. The RAD Event Details dialog is used to create an event of type background. Select an arbitrary area of a graph, choose the Background Event type, and save the changes.

Figures 21 through 27 show the creation of a background event prior to the 5<sup>th</sup> event in the data. The event is created and the area adjusted to correspond only with background. The event is named BKG 5.

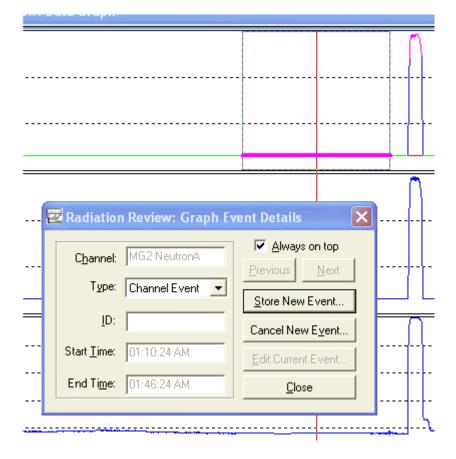


Figure 21 Marking an Area for a New Event.

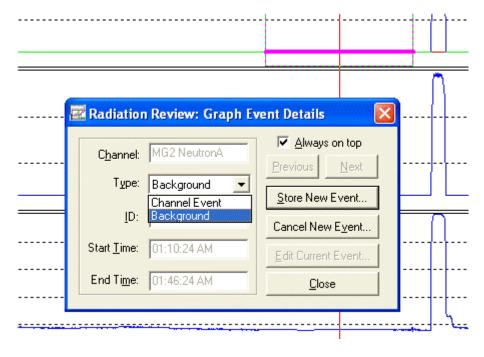


Figure 22 Setting the Background Event Type

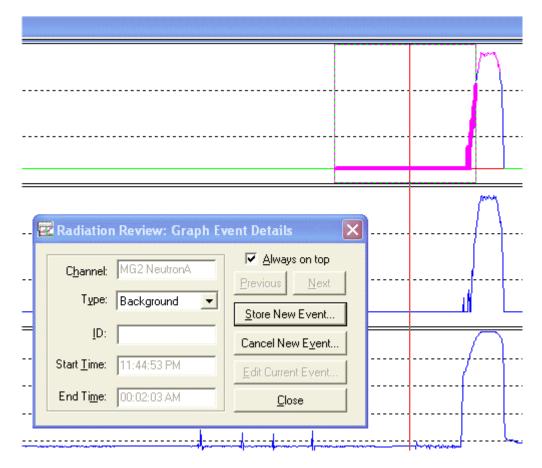


Figure 23 Adjusting the Area Selection

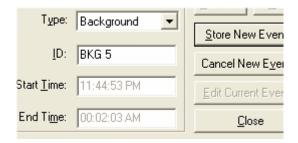


Figure 24 Give the Event the Name "BKG 5"

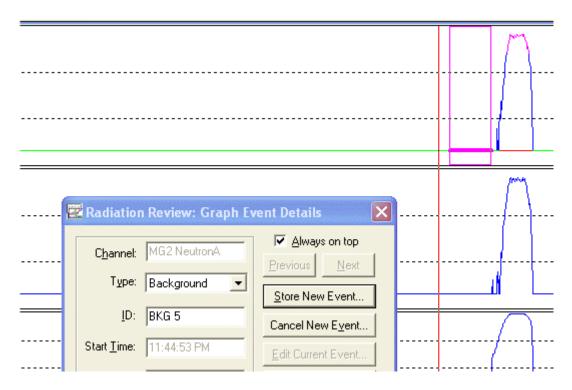


Figure 25 The Background Event "BKG 5" is ready

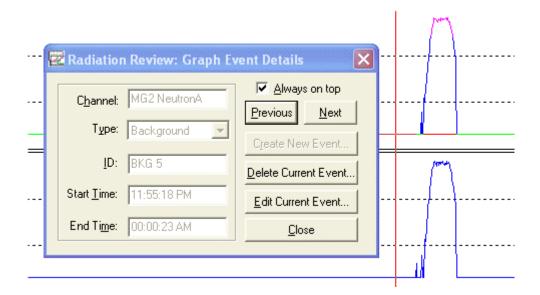


Figure 26 Background Event has been saved

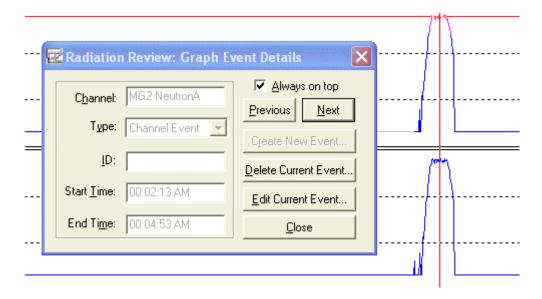


Figure 27 Move to the Next Channel Event

Additional background events can be created as necessary. During the import processing of FDMS, multiple background measurements can be used. When a measurement is analyzed the background measurement corresponding to the closest in time is used in the analysis.

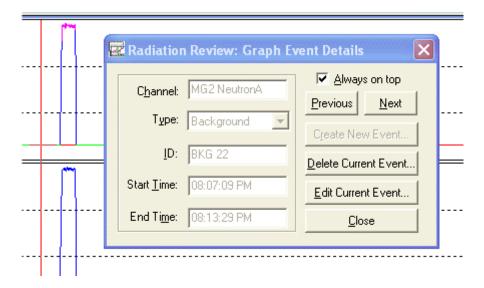


Figure 28 Another Background Event

## **Exporting Radiation Review measurement events to FDMS**

After events have been identified, edited and marked, the events may be exported for use by FDMS. A shared file is created detailing the chosen events. FDMS refers to this file during the import process. To export from RAD, open the Export Data dialog from the 'Tools' 'Export Data...' menu item.

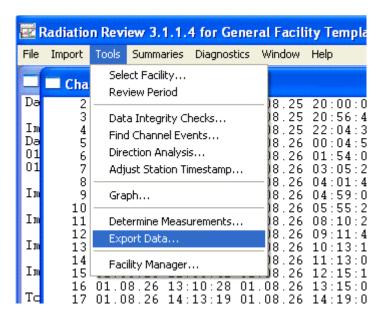


Figure 29 The "Tools" "Export Data..." Menu Item

In the "Export Data" dialog, you select the types of measurements to export, and the stations or detectors that are the source of the events. FDMS uses the "Write XML file" export option. INCC uses the "Write NCC files" option, and Integrated Review uses the "Write IR file" option.

## For FDMS, (see Figure 31)

- 1. Choose both Static Background and Channel Event to export.
- 2. Make sure that the "Write XML file" option is selected.
- 3. Select the detector that corresponds to the events that were identified in the previous steps.
- 4. Select OK to export.

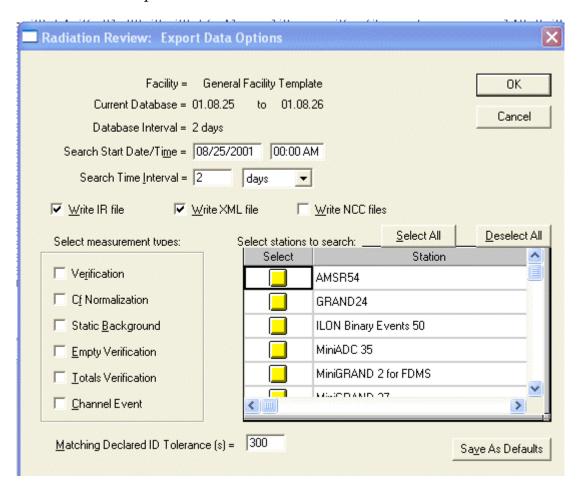


Figure 30 The Export Data Options Dialog

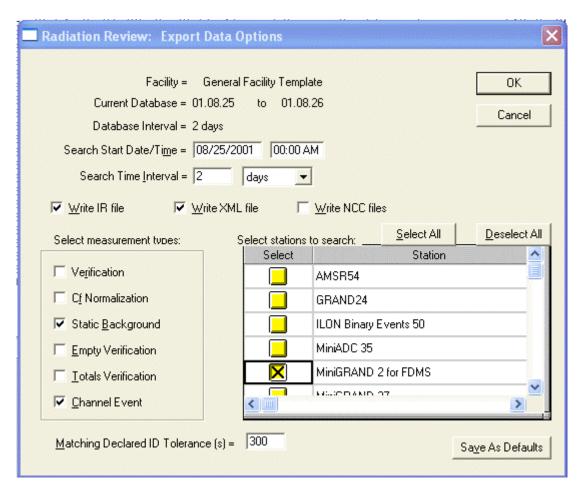


Figure 31 Selecting Background and Channel Events for a Channel

After selecting 'OK', a new dialog with a list of all Background and Channel events is presented in an editable tabular format. Here you may enter the unique Assembly IDs corresponding to each measurement event of interest. Select 'OK' to create the external XML file used by FDMS to obtain the specified event data for analysis. Figure 31, Figure 32, and Figure 33 show the editing process. Figure 34 show the progress indicator during the export processing.

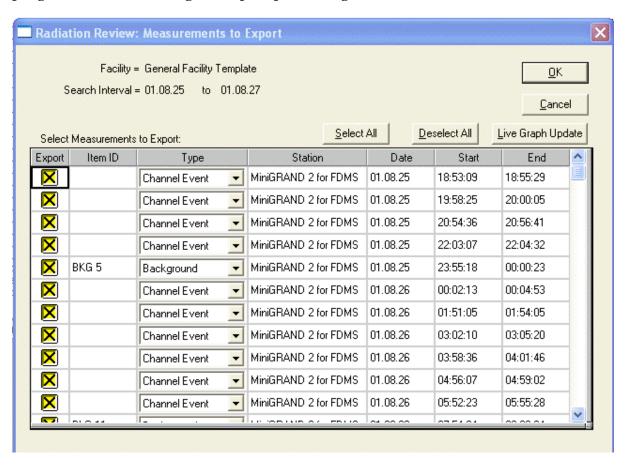


Figure 32 The Table of Events to Export

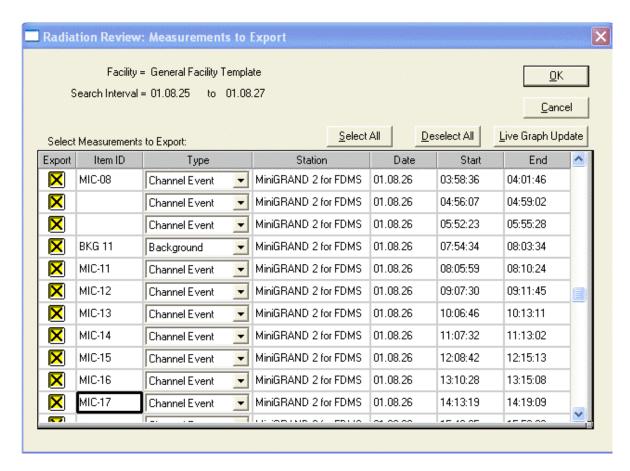


Figure 33 Editing Individual Events

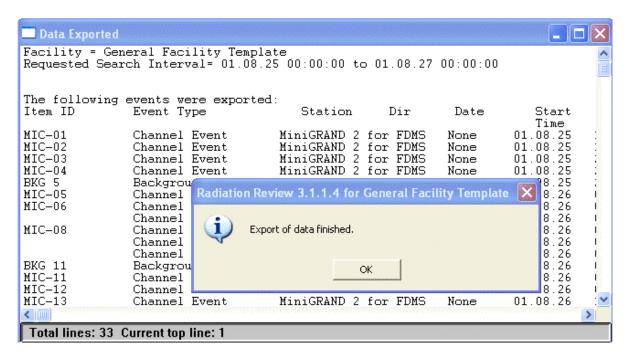


Figure 34 Data Export Results

# A log similar to this example is made during the export processing.

Facility = General Facility Template Requested Search Interval= 01.08.25 00:00:00 to 01.08.27 00:00:00

The following events were exported:							
Item ID	Event Type	Station Dir	Date	Start Time	End Time	Filenar	ne
MIC-01	Channel Event	MiniGRAND 2 for FDMS	None	01.08.25	18:53:09	18:55:29	C:\general\data\RadFdms.xml
MIC-02	Channel Event	MiniGRAND 2 for FDMS	None	01.08.25	19:58:25	20:00:05	C:\qeneral\data\RadFdms.xml
MIC-03	Channel Event	MiniGRAND 2 for FDMS	None	01.08.25	20:54:36	20:56:41	C:\qeneral\data\RadFdms.xml
MIC-04	Channel Event	MiniGRAND 2 for FDMS	None	01.08.25	22:03:07	22:04:32	C:\general\data\RadFdms.xml
3KG 5	Background	MiniGRAND 2 for FDMS	None	01.08.25	23:55:18	00:00:23	C:\general\data\RadFdms.xml
MIC-05	Channel Event	MiniGRAND 2 for FDMS	None	01.08.26	00:02:13	00:04:53	C:\general\data\RadFdms.xml
MIC-06	Channel Event	MiniGRAND 2 for FDMS	None	01.08.26	01:51:05	01:54:05	C:\general\data\RadFdms.xml
	Channel Event	MiniGRAND 2 for FDMS	None	01.08.26	03:02:10	03:05:20	C:\general\data\RadFdms.xml
4IC-08	Channel Event	MiniGRAND 2 for FDMS	None	01.08.26	03:58:36	04:01:46	C:\general\data\RadFdms.xml
	Channel Event	MiniGRAND 2 for FDMS	None	01.08.26	04:56:07	04:59:02	C:\general\data\RadFdms.xml
	Channel Event	MiniGRAND 2 for FDMS	None	01.08.26	05:52:23	05:55:28	C:\general\data\RadFdms.xml
3KG 11	Background	MiniGRAND 2 for FDMS	None	01.08.26	07:54:34	08:03:34	C:\general\data\RadFdms.xml
MIC-11	Channel Event	MiniGRAND 2 for FDMS	None	01.08.26	08:05:59	08:10:24	C:\general\data\RadFdms.xml
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MIC-15	Channel Event	MiniGRAND 2 for FDMS	None	01.08.26	12:08:42	12:15:13	C:\general\data\RadFdms.xml
MIC-16	Channel Event	MiniGRAND 2 for FDMS	None	01.08.26	13:10:28	13:15:08	C:\general\data\RadFdms.xml
MIC-17	Channel Event	MiniGRAND 2 for FDMS	None	01.08.26	14:13:19	14:19:09	C:\general\data\RadFdms.xml
	Channel Event	MiniGRAND 2 for FDMS	None	01.08.26	15:49:35	15:56:20	C:\general\data\RadFdms.xml
3KG 19	Background	MiniGRAND 2 for FDMS	None	01.08.26	16:51:41	16:57:01	C:\general\data\RadFdms.xml
MIC-19	Channel Event	MiniGRAND 2 for FDMS	None	01.08.26	16:58:36	17:01:01	C:\general\data\RadFdms.xml
MIC-20	Channel Event	MiniGRAND 2 for FDMS	None	01.08.26	17:56:02	17:58:27	C:\general\data\RadFdms.xml
MIC-21	Channel Event	MiniGRAND 2 for FDMS	None	01.08.26	18:59:28	19:03:28	C:\general\data\RadFdms.xml
3KG 22	Background	MiniGRAND 2 for FDMS	None	01.08.26	20:07:09	20:13:29	C:\general\data\RadFdms.xml
MIC-22	Channel Event	MiniGRAND 2 for FDMS	None	01.08.26	20:14:54	20:18:14	C:\general\data\RadFdms.xml

Figure 35 Data Export Summary Log

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