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To: Radioactive Material Licensees, Accelerator Licensees, X-ray Registrants, General License Registrants, and Other Interested Parties

From: Bernard Bevill, Section Chief 
Radiation Control Section

Date: September 17, 2012

Subject: Adoption of Regulations Effective October 1, 2012

This Information Notice (IN) is to advise all licensees, registrants, and interested parties of the adoption of revisions to the Arkansas State Board of Health Rules and Regulations for Control of Sources of Ionizing Radiation pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act as amended, Ark. Code Ann. § 25-15-201 et seq., by authority of Ark. Code Ann. §§ 20-21-203 through 20-21-217. In conformance with the Administrative Procedures Act, all steps for final approval/certification have been completed.

The October 1, 2012 revision contains those regulations put out for public comment in May 2012. A draft, summary, and cross-reference are available upon request.

The ASBH Rules and Regulations for Control of Sources of Ionizing Radiation can be accessed on the Department's website, www.healthy.arkansas.gov, by way of the "Current Rules & Regs" link then "Control of Sources of Ionizing Radiation" link. A CD or printed copy of the regulations is available upon request.

This IN requires no specific action or written response. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Bernie Bevill, Radiation Control Section Chief, at (501) 661-2301.

ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH RADIATION CONTROL SECTION

SUMMARY OF REGULATION CHANGES

- Changes in the generally licensed industrial devices regulations to specifically address import and export requirements;
- Adoption of requirements for the transportation of radioactive material that are compatible with the International Atomic Energy Agency's Transportation Safety Standards;
- Modifications to the medical use of radioactive material requirements that address training requirements where additional medical specialty boards are recognized, authorized user clarifications, and other minor medical use regulations;
- Adoption of requirements for the Department's radioactive material users who possess Increased Control quantities of radioactive material to participate in the National Source Tracking System as part of the enhanced national homeland security;
- Modifications to occupational dose record requirements to include the relaxation of annual dose notification requirements;
- Changes to licensing and reporting requirements regarding exemptions from licensing, general licenses, and distribution of select items/devices containing radioactive material;
- Expanding the definition of byproduct material to include radium and to address source security matters dealing with devices containing radium;
- Adoption of requirements regarding the location of individual monitoring devices;
- Addition of the ability to use a unique identifier other than a social security number on exposure reports;
- Revision of the industrial radiography survey meter calibration requirement from every 3 months to every 6 months;
- Addition of certain notification requirements and revision of acceptable surface contamination levels table regarding Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material;
- Addition of the requirement to directly measure all radionuclides prior to administration, unless the Department approves otherwise; and
- Addition of certain quality control requirements regarding instrumentation used to measure the activity of unsealed material prior to administration to a patient or human research subject.