ARKANSAS INFORMATION NOTICE 15-04

To: Arkansas Radioactive Material Licensees that possess Category 1 and Category 2 quantities of radioactive material

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Subject: Publication of Section 12 of the Arkansas State Board of Health Rules and Regulations for Control of Sources of Ionizing Radiation

This Information Notice (IN) is to advise Arkansas Radioactive Material Licensees that possess Category 1 and Category 2 quantities of radioactive material of the publication of Section 12, “Physical Protection of Category 1 and 2 Quantities of Radioactive Material,” of the Arkansas State Board of Health Rules and Regulations for Control of Sources of Ionizing Radiation.

Section 12 is contained in those proposed regulations brought to the Board of Health on April 23, 2015.

This rule will become effective on March 1, 2016. Licensees must be in compliance with the new requirements on this date. License conditions concerning Increased Controls and Fingerprinting security requirements will be removed from Radioactive Material Licenses. The Department will administratively amend licenses to remove these license conditions after the effective date of the regulations.

For licensees that received a U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission security order issued under NRC’s common defense and security authority, the order will remain in place until the effective date of Section 12. Once the rule is effective, the NRC will concurrently rescind the NRC-issued orders through formal written correspondence.

The regulations can be accessed on the Department’s website, www.healthy.arkansas.gov, by way of the “Current Rules & Regs” link then scrolling down to “Control of Sources of Ionizing Radiation.”

This IN requires no specific action or written response. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please call Radiation Control at (501) 661-2173.