NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Environmental Quality
Office of the Secretary
Legal Division

Medical Use of Byproduct Material - Authorized User Clarification
(LAC 33:XV.763 and 1599) (RP054ft)

Under the authority of the Environmental Quality Act, R.S. 30:2001 et seq., and in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the secretary gives notice that rulemaking procedures have been initiated to amend the Radiation Protection regulations, LAC 33:XV.763 and 1599 (Log #RP054ft).

This rule is identical to federal regulations found in 10 CFR 35 and 71, which are applicable in Louisiana. For more information regarding the federal requirement, contact the Regulation Development Section at (225) 219-3985 or Box 4302, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4302. No fiscal or economic impact will result from the rule. This rule will be promulgated in accordance with the procedures in R.S. 49:953(F)(3) and (4).

This rule will update the state regulations to be compatible with changes in the federal regulations. This rule clarifies the training requirements for radiation safety officers, authorized medical physicists, authorized users and authorized nuclear pharmacists. This rule also updates an incorporation by reference to remain compatible with 10 CFR Part 71. The changes in the state regulations are category B & C requirements for the State of Louisiana to remain a Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Agreement State. The basis and rationale for this rule is to mirror the federal regulations and maintain an adequate NRC Agreement State Program. This rule meets an exception listed in R.S. 30:2019(D)(2) and R.S. 49:953(G)(3); therefore, no report regarding environmental/health benefits and social/economic costs is required.

This rule has no known impact on family formation, stability, and autonomy as described in R.S. 49:972.

A public hearing will be held on September 26, 2012, at 1:30 p.m. in the Galvez Building, Oliver Pollock Conference Room, 602 N. Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802. Interested persons are invited to attend and submit oral comments on the proposed amendments. Should individuals with a disability need an accommodation in order to participate, contact Deidra Johnson at the address given below or at (225) 219-3985. Two hours of free parking are allowed in the Galvez Garage with a validated parking ticket.

All interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed regulation. Persons commenting should reference this proposed regulation by RP054ft. Such comments must be received no later than September 26, 2012, at 4:30 p.m., and should be sent to Deidra Johnson, Attorney Supervisor, Office of the Secretary, Legal Division, Box 4302, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4302 or to FAX (225) 219-4068 or by e-mail to deidra.johnson@la.gov. The comment...
period for this rule ends on the same date as the public hearing. Copies of this proposed regulation can be purchased by contacting the DEQ Public Records Center at (225) 219-3168. Check or money order is required in advance for each copy of RP054ft. This regulation is available on the Internet at www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/1669/default.aspx.

This proposed regulation is available for inspection at the following DEQ office locations from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.: 602 N. Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802; 1823 Highway 546, West Monroe, LA 71292; State Office Building, 1525 Fairfield Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71101; 1301 Gadwall Street, Lake Charles, LA 70615; 111 New Center Drive, Lafayette, LA 70508; 110 Barataria Street, Lockport, LA 70374; 201 Evans Road, Bldg. 4, Suite 420, New Orleans, LA 70123.

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Title 33
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
Part XV. Radiation Protection

Chapter 7. Use of Radionuclides in the Healing Arts

§763. Training

A. – B.6. …

7. Individuals who need not comply with training requirements as described in this Section may serve as preceptors for, and supervisors of, applicants seeking authorizations on Agreement State or NRC licenses for the same uses for which these individuals are authorized.

C. – M. …


Chapter 15. Transportation of Radioactive Material


[Formerly §1517]

A. Tables A-1, A-2, A-3, and A-4 in 10 CFR Part 71, Appendix A, January 1, 2009 June 13, 2012, are hereby incorporated by reference. These tables are used to determine the values of A₁ and A₂, as described in Subsections B-F of this Section.

B. – F. …

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:2104 and 2113.