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INFORMATION NOTICE: X-4: Notification of forthcoming documents that will highlight certain parts of the Iowa Radiation Machines and Radioactive Materials Rules

ADDRESSES: All registrants of radiation producing machines

PURPOSE:

This Information Notice is to advise all registrants of radiation producing equipment that over the next several months, multiple information notices will be issued. These notices will review specific requirements of the Iowa Radiation Machines and Radioactive Materials Rules. Each of these notices should be reviewed carefully by all appropriate staff members and action taken as needed in order for each registrant to remain in compliance with the rules.

DISCUSSION

1. In the last few months, IDPH has received a number of calls regarding the current interpretation of certain rules. As IDPH works through a written interpretation, information notices will be issued so that all registrants are informed and the rules can be uniformly applied and enforced.
2. IDPH is also starting on a complete revision of the rules governing radiation producing machines. This revision is intended to make the rules easier to read and apply in light of new technologies. Some of the notices may ask that the registrant complete a survey. These surveys are an important way for the registrants to have an input into the revisions; however, IDPH also intends to work closely with stakeholders throughout this revision process.
3. Effective March, 2013, the requirement for permit to operate holders to obtain 1.0 hour of radiation protection training was removed. The machine registrants are responsible for including the radiation protection training as part of their facility radiation protection programs. A future information notice will provide additional details on the radiation protection program requirements.
4. All information notices will be published on the IDPH website as well as sent to each registrant. Please visit the website www.idph.state.ia.us/eh/xray_machines.asp frequently for updated notices and news items.

CONCLUSION

Information Notices are an important method of communication between the IDPH and the registrants. Please pass the notices on to all of those within your facility who might be affected by the information.

Please contact Charlene Craig if you have any questions. 515-281-0415 or email to charlene.craig@idph.iowa.gov.

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