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(STP-06-056, June, Other, Authorized Medical Physicists)

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ALL AGREEMENT STATES, NEW JERSEY, PENNSYLVANIA, VIRGINIA

INFORMATION REQUEST: LISTING AUTHORIZED MEDICAL PHYSICISTS ON CERTAIN BYPRODUCT MATERIAL MEDICAL USE LICENSES (STP-06-056)

Purpose: To seek information from the Agreement States regarding the listing of Authorized Medical Physicists (AMP) on certain limited specific licenses.

Background: The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) has identified an issue regarding the listing of AMPs on Agreement State limited specific licenses for the following medical uses: Remote Afterloader Units, Teletherapy Units, Strontium-90 (Sr-90) Eye Applicators and Gamma Stereotactic Radiosurgery (Gammaknife) Units.

If AMPs working exclusively in Agreement States are not specifically listed on an Agreement State medical-use license or permit issued by an Agreement State medical-use broadscope licensee, the AMP is not eligible to use the grandfather provision in 10 CFR 35.57. This is important because medical physicists working as authorized medical physicists on April 29, 2008 that are not grandfathered under 10 CFR 35.57 will need to apply for recognition as AMPs by either the board certification or alternative pathways described in 10 CFR 35.51. In addition, board certified medical physicists may not be able to use the board certification pathway to be recognized as an AMP if their certification board and certification year are not listed on NRC's website. Further, medical physicists applying for recognition as AMPs by both the board certification and alternative pathways are subject to the recentness of training provision in the current 10 CFR 35.59.

Note: The regulatory use of the term "authorized medical physicist," does not include diagnostic, manual brachytherapy, or linear accelerator medical physicists.

Note: Board certifications listed in the former 10 CFR Part 35, Subpart J will not be recognized after April 29, 2008, unless they are currently listed on the NRC website for specific time periods.

NRC staff requests your assistance with the following questions:

1. Does your State currently list each AMP on limited specific (non-broadscope) licenses for the use of the appropriate medical therapy devices?
2. If your State already lists AMPs on limited specific licenses, as identified above, please indicate the number of licenses authorizing medical use of these devices in your State and the number of AMPs listed per license.

3. If your State does not currently list AMPs on limited specific medical use licenses, will you be listing them for the above categories of therapy devices by April 29, 2008, the effective date for Agreement States to implement the Training and Experience amendments to 10 CFR Part 35?

4. Please provide the number of medical use broadscope licenses which authorize the above listed devices and the number of AMP permit holders in your State.

We strongly encourage you to specifically list each AMP on licenses authorizing the medical-use of: Remote Afterloader Units, Teletherapy Units, Strontium-90 Eye Applicators or Gamma Stereotactic Radiosurgery Units. Listing AMPs on the license would allow them to meet the requirements of 10 CFR 35.57, "Training for Experienced Radiation Safety Officer, Teletherapy or Medical Physicist, **Authorized Medical Physicist**, Authorized User, Nuclear Pharmacist, and Authorized Nuclear Pharmacist."

NRC Point of Contact: If you have any questions on this correspondence, please contact Lloyd Bolling, Office of State and Tribal Programs, at the telephone number listed below. We would appreciate receiving your **response by COB July 21, 2006.***

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*The information requested has been approved by OMB 3150-0029, expiration 06/30/07. The estimated burden per response to comply with this voluntary collection is approximately 8 hours. Send comments regarding the burden estimate to the Records and FOIA/Privacy Services Branch (T-5F52), U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555-0001, or by Internet e-mail to infocollects@nrc.gov, and to the Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, NEOB-10202 (3150-0029), Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503. If a means used to impose an information collection does not display a currently valid OMB control number, the NRC may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, the information collection