

## Arkansas Department of Health

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## **ARKANSAS INFORMATION NOTICE 21-01**

To:

Radioactive Material Licensees, Accelerator Licensees, X-ray Registrants,

General License Registrants, Vendors, and other Interested Parties

From:

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Radiation Control Section

Date:

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Subject:

Proposed revisions to the Arkansas State Board of Health Rules for Control

of Sources of Ionizing Radiation - July 2021 package

The Arkansas Department of Health is holding a public comment period to allow interested persons to comment on the proposed adoption of revisions to the Arkansas State Board of Health Rules for Control of Sources of Ionizing Radiation pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act as amended, Ark. Code Ann. 25-15-201 et seq., by the authority of Ark. Code Ann. 20-21-201-222.

The proposed revisions are available for inspection online through the ADH website at <a href="https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov">www.healthy.arkansas.gov</a>, "Rules" link. Copies may be obtained by calling the Radiation Control Section at (501) 661-2301. The proposed revisions will also be available for public inspection and copying at the Arkansas Department of Health, Radiation Control Section, Freeway Medical Tower, 5800 West 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 401.

A brief summary of the revisions is attached.

The public may submit written comments to <a href="mailto:adh.ram@arkansas.gov">adh.ram@arkansas.gov</a>, in person at 5800 West 10<sup>th</sup> Street – Suite 401, or to the Radiation Control Section Chief, Radiation Control Section, Arkansas Department of Health, 4815 West Markham Street, Slot #30, Little Rock, Arkansas, 72205-3867, no later than 10:00 a.m. on September 30, 2021.

If you have any questions, please call Radiation Control at (501) 661-2301.

## PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE ASBH RULES FOR CONTROL OF SOURCES OF IONIZING RADIATION

## **JULY 2021 RULE PACKAGE**

The Radiation Control Section is initiating the process for the revision of the Arkansas State Board of Health Rules for Control of Sources of Ionizing Radiation. The Section regulates the possession and use of x-ray machines, accelerators, and radioactive material in the State of Arkansas. Revisions to radioactive material rules are driven by our agreement with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). The State of Arkansas, as an Agreement State, must have rules that are compatible with NRC regulations. The following revisions are being proposed.

• Revisions concerning NRC regulation amendments:

Miscellaneous Corrections Amendments (3) – 10 CFR Parts 1, 2, 21, 34, 37, 40, 50, 52, 70, 71, 73, 110, and 140:

The objective of these three rules is to make miscellaneous corrections concerning office, division, and agency references and functions; remove a follow up reporting instruction; correct cross reference, typographical, and grammatical errors; add a certification recipient and clarifying language; remove obsolete language; and correct mailing, email, and web page addresses. (Sections 2, 3, 4, and 12)

Revisions due to Act 268 of 2021:

Changes include those provisions presented in Section 1 (Registration of Sources of Radiation), definitions of "person" and "physician," and provisions presented in Section 5 (Rules of Practice).

• Revisions not in conjunction with a particular NRC regulation amendment (general clean up):

Changes include deletion or revision of two radioactive material healing arts definitions, correction of references found in RH-7083.b., and addition of form numbers to RH-23.