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To: Texas Industrial Radiography Licensees and Registrants

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Subject: Reciprocal Recognition of Industrial Radiographer Certifications

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Texas now accepts all industrial radiographer certifications issued by the American Society for Nondestructive Testing, Inc. (ASNT), regardless of the date issued by ASNT. Texas' recent recognition of ASNT's x-ray only and combination certifications is based on the completion of the review of ASNT's programs by the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc. (CRCPD) Committee on Industrial Radiography (G-34), and its recommendation that ASNT be recognized as an independent certifying organization for those two types of certification. The G-34 Committee determined that ASNT's programs met the criteria established by the committee and that ASNT's programs were comparable to existing recognized x-ray and combination certification programs.

ASNT agreed during the review process to formally incorporate the following practices and procedures into its working documents:

1. In order for ASNT to receive approval from the committee to conduct examinations at non-neutral sites (such as licensee/registrant facilities), ASNT agreed to notify the state regulatory body 30 days prior to testing at that site. That regulatory body has the option of auditing the test session.
2. ASNT will use Part E of the Suggested State Radiation Control Regulations (SSRCR) as the regulatory basis for examination questions pertaining to x-ray regulation. Furthermore, ASNT will advertise and make available Part E to individuals who are studying to take the examinations.
3. ASNT has revised its procedures to require that assistant examination proctors have the same training as senior examination proctors. Further, ASNT has stated that its proctors shall

not be employed by the same company, agency, or corporation (or a wholly-owned subsidiary of such) as any examinee.

4. ASNT has agreed to not be an accreditation body for radiation safety training. ASNT will contact states to verify that 40-hour radiation safety courses have been accepted by the state regulatory agencies prior to issuing industrial radiographer certifications.

5. ASNT has agreed to notify all states and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission of any sanctions imposed on ASNT-certified industrial radiographers.

6. ASNT has agreed to submit to the Committee on Industrial Radiography (G-34) for review any changes to its programs or procedures that were used to form the underlying basis for CRCPD's recognition of its programs in order to ensure that the acceptance of ASNT's programs is not affected by the changes.

Texas also currently accepts the industrial radiographer certifications issued by the following states:

- Georgia - radioactive materials only
- Illinois - radioactive materials, x-ray, and combination
- Iowa - radioactive materials, x-ray, and combination
- Louisiana - radioactive materials, x-ray, and combination
- Maine - radioactive materials only
- North Dakota - radioactive materials, x-ray, and combination

Additional states will be added to this list as they implement their certification programs. You may view the updated information at:

<http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/ech/rad/pages/page8.htm>

If you have questions regarding this information, please contact Jan Endahl of the bureau's Industrial Radiographer Certification Program at (512)834-6688 ext. 2229, or email Jan.Endahl@tdh.state.tx.us.

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