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PART G

USE OF RADIONUCLIDES IN THE HEALING ARTS

Sec. G.1 - Purpose and Scope. Part G establishes requirements and provisions for the production, preparation, compounding and use of radionuclides in the healing arts and for issuance of licenses authorizing these activities. These requirements and provisions provide for the radiation safety of workers, the general public, patients, and human research subjects. The requirements and provisions of Part G are in addition to, and not in substitution for, others in these regulations unless specifically exempted.

Sec. G.2 - Definitions.

["Accredited institution" means a teaching facility for nuclear medicine technology or radiation therapy technology whose standards are accepted by the United States Department of Education.-]

"Address of use" means the building or buildings that are identified on the license and where radioactive material may be produced, prepared, received, used, or stored.

"Area of use" means a portion of an address of use that has been set aside for the purpose of receiving, using, or storing radioactive material.

"Authorized medical physicist" means an individual who:

- (1) Meets the requirements in G.26 or G.29; or
- (2) Is identified as an authorized medical physicist on a specific medical use license or equivalent permit issued by the Agency, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Agreement State or Licensing State; or
- (3) Is identified as an authorized medical physicist on a permit issued by an Agency, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Agreement State or Licensing State specific medical use license of broad scope that is authorized to permit the use of radioactive material.

"Authorized nuclear pharmacist" means a pharmacist who:

- (1) Meets the requirements in G.27 or G.29; or[and]
- (2) Is identified as an authorized nuclear pharmacist on a specific license or equivalent permit that authorizes medical use, the practice of nuclear pharmacy, commercial nuclear pharmacy or the manufacture and distribution of radiopharmaceuticals issued

by the Agency, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Agreement State or Licensing State;
or

- (3) Is identified as an authorized nuclear pharmacist on a permit issued by an Agency, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Agreement State or Licensing State specific license of broad scope that is authorized to permit the use of radioactive material.

"Authorized user" means a physician, dentist, or podiatrist who:

- (1) Meets the requirements in G.30 and G.46a, G. 51a, G.56a, G.57a, G.58a, G.67a, G.68, G.70a, or G.88a; or
- (2) Is identified as an authorized user on a license or equivalent permit issued by the Agency, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Agreement State or Licensing State; or
- (3) Is identified as an authorized user on a permit issued by an Agency, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Agreement State or Licensing State specific license of broad scope that is authorized to permit the medical use of radioactive material

"Brachytherapy" means a method of radiation therapy in which plated, embedded, activated, or sealed sources are utilized to deliver a radiation dose at a distance of up to a few centimeters, by surface, intracavitary, intraluminal or interstitial application.

"Brachytherapy source" means a radioactive source or a manufacturer-assembled source train or a combination of these sources that is designed to deliver a therapeutic dose within a distance of a few centimeters.

"Client's address" means the address of use or a temporary jobsite for the purpose of providing mobile medical service in accordance with G.41.

"Dedicated check source" means a radioactive source that is used to assure the consistent response of a radiation detection or measurement device over several months or years.

"Dentist" means an individual licensed to practice dentistry by the state in which the Agency is located.

"Diagnostic clinical procedures manual" means a collection of written procedures that describes each method (and other instructions and precautions) by which the licensee performs diagnostic clinical procedures; where each diagnostic clinical procedure has been approved by the authorized user and includes the radiopharmaceutical, dosage, and route of administration, or in the case of sealed sources for diagnosis, the procedure.

"High dose-rate remote afterloader" (HDR) means a device that remotely delivers a dose rate in excess of 12 gray (1200 rads) per hour at the point or surface where the dose is prescribed treatment site.

"Low dose-rate remote afterloader"(LDR) means a device that remotely delivers a dose rate of less than or equal to 2 gray (200 rads) per hour at the point or surface where the dose is prescribed treatment site.

"Management" means the chief executive officer or other individual having the authority to manage, direct, or administer the licensee's activities, or those persons' delegate or delegates.

"Manual brachytherapy" means a type of therapy in which brachytherapy sources are manually applied or inserted .

"Misadministration" means an event that meets the criteria in G.119a.

"Medical institution" means an organization in which several medical disciplines are practiced.

"Medical use" means the intentional internal or external administration of radioactive material or the radiation from radioactive material to patients or human research subjects under the supervision of an authorized user.

"Medium dose-rate remote afterloader" (MDR) means a device that remotely delivers a dose rate of greater than 2 gray (200 rads), but less than, or equal to, 12 gray (1200 rads) per hour at the point or surface where the dose is prescribed treatment site.

"Mobile medical service" means the transportation of radioactive material or and its medical use at the client's address.

["Nuclear medicine technologist" means an individual who meets the requirements of G.28a. and ; is under the supervision of an authorized user, to prepare or administers radioactive drugs to patients or human research subjects, or perform *in vivo* or *in vitro* measurements for medical purposes.]

["Nuclear medicine technology" means the science and art of *in vivo* and *in vitro* detection and measurement of radioactivity and the administration of radioactive drugs to patients or human research subjects for diagnostic and therapeutic purposes.]

"Output" means the exposure rate, dose rate, or a quantity related in a known manner to these rates from a brachytherapy source, or a teletherapy, remote afterloader, or gamma stereotactic radiosurgery unit for a specified set of exposure conditions.

"Patient intervention" means actions by the patient or human research subject, whether intentional or unintentional, such as dislodging or removing treatment devices or prematurely terminating the administration.

"Pharmacist" means an individual licensed by the appropriate authority to practice pharmacy in the state in which the Agency is located.

"Physician" means a doctor of medicine or doctor of osteopathy licensed by the appropriate authority to prescribe drugs in the practice of medicine in the state in which the Agency is located.

"Podiatrist" means an individual licensed by the appropriate authority to practice podiatry in the state in which the Agency is located.

"Preceptor" means an individual who provides or directs the training and experience required for an individual to become an authorized user, an authorized medical physicist, an authorized nuclear pharmacist, [nuclear medicine technologist, radiation therapy technologist] or a Radiation Safety Officer.

"Prescribed dosage" means the specified activity or range of activity of a radioactive drug as documented:

- (1) In a written directive; or
- (2) In accordance with the directions of the authorized user for procedures performed pursuant to G.44, G.47 and ~~G.52~~^{G.69}.

"Prescribed dose" means:

- (1) For gamma stereotactic radiosurgery, the total dose as documented in the written directive;
- (2) For teletherapy, the total dose and dose per fraction as documented in the written directive;
- (3) For manual brachytherapy, either the total source strength and exposure time or the total dose, as documented in the written directive; or
- (4) For remote brachytherapy afterloaders, the total dose and dose per fraction as documented in the written directive.

"Pulsed dose-rate remote afterloader" (PDR) means a special type of remote afterloading device that uses a single source capable of delivering dose rates in the "high dose-rate" range, but:

- (1) Is approximately one-tenth of the activity of typical high dose-rate remote afterloader sources; and
- (2) Is used to simulate the radiobiology of a low dose rate treatment by inserting the source for a given fraction of each hour.

"Radiation Safety Officer" means an individual who:

- (1) Meets the requirements in G.25 or G.29; or
- (2) Is identified as a Radiation Safety Officer on a Nuclear Regulatory Commission or Agreement State license or other equivalent permit or license recognized by the Agency for similar types and uses of radioactive material.

["Radiation therapist" means an individual who meets the requirements of G.28b. and is under the supervision of an authorized user to perform procedures and apply radiation emitted from sealed radioactive sources to human beings for therapeutic purposes.]

["Radiation therapy technology" means the science and art of applying radiation emitted from sealed radioactive sources to patients or human research subjects for therapeutic purposes.]

"Radioactive drug" means any chemical compound containing radioactive material that may be used on or administered to patients or human research subjects as an aid in the diagnosis, treatment, or prevention of disease or other abnormal condition.

"Sealed source" means any radioactive material that is encased in a capsule designed to prevent leakage or escape of the radioactive material.

"Sealed Source and Device Registry" means the national registry that contains the registration certificates maintained by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, that summarize the radiation safety information for the sealed sources and devices and describe the licensing and use conditions approved for the product.

"Stereotactic radiosurgery" means the use of external radiation in conjunction with a stereotactic guidance device to very precisely deliver a dose to a treatment site.

"Structured educational program" means an educational program designed to impart particular knowledge and practical education through interrelated studies and supervised training.

"Teletherapy" as used in this Part, means a method of radiation therapy in which collimated gamma rays are delivered at a distance from the patient or human research subject.

"Temporary jobsite" as used in this Part, means a location where mobile medical services are conducted other than the location(s) of use authorized on the license.

"Therapeutic dosage" means a dosage of unsealed radioactive material that is intended to deliver a radiation dose to a patient or human research subject for palliative or curative treatment.

"Therapeutic dose" means a radiation dose delivered from a sealed source containing radioactive material to a patient or human research subject for palliative or curative treatment.

"Treatment site" means the anatomical description of the tissue intended to receive a radiation dose, as described in a written directive.

"Type of use" means use of radioactive material as specified under G.44, G.47, G.52, G.59, G.69 G.71 or G.89.

"Unit dosage" means a dosage that:

- (1) Is obtained or prepared in accordance with the regulations for uses described in G.44, G.47, or G.52; and

- (2) Is to be administered as a single dosage to a patient or human research subject without any further manipulation of the dosage after it is initially prepared.

"Written directive" means an authorized user's written order for the administration of radioactive material or radiation from radioactive material to a specific patient or human research subject, as specified in G.22.

Sec. G.3. - Maintenance of Records. Each record required by Part G must be legible throughout the retention period specified by each Agency regulation. The record may be the original, a reproduced copy, or a microform provided that the copy or microform is authenticated by authorized personnel and the microform is capable of producing a clear copy throughout the required retention period. The record may also be stored in electronic media with the capability for producing legible, accurate, and complete records during the required retention period. Records such as letters, drawings, and specifications, must include all pertinent information such as stamps, initials, and signatures. The licensee shall maintain adequate safeguards against tampering with and loss of records.

Sec. G.4. - Provisions for Research Involving Human Subjects. A licensee may conduct research involving human subjects using radioactive material provided:

- a. That the research is conducted, funded, supported, or regulated by a Federal agency which has implemented the Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects. Otherwise, a licensee shall apply for and receive approval of a specific amendment to its ~~Agency Nuclear Regulatory Commission~~ license before conducting such research. Both types of licensees shall, at a minimum, obtain prior informed consent from the human subjects and obtain prior review and approval of the research activities by an "Institutional Review Board" in accordance with the meaning of these terms as defined and described in the Federal Policy for the Protection of Human Subjects;
- b. The research involving human subjects authorized in G.4a shall be conducted using radioactive material authorized for medical use in the license; and
- c. Nothing in G.4 relieves licensees from complying with the other requirements in Part G .

Sec. G.5 - U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Federal, and State Requirements. Nothing in this Part relieves the licensee from complying with applicable U.S. Food and Drug Administration, other Federal, and State requirements governing radioactive drugs or devices.

Sec. G.6 - Implementation.

- a. A licensee shall implement the provisions in Part G on [insert date 6 months from publication of the Final Rule].
- b. When a requirement in Part G differs from the requirement in an existing license condition, the requirement in this Part shall govern.

- c. Any existing license condition that is not affected by a requirement in Part G remains in effect until there is a license amendment or license renewal.
- d. If a license condition exempted a licensee from a provision of Part G on [insert date-- 6 months from publication of the Final Rule], it will continue to exempt a licensee from the corresponding provision in Part G.
- e. If a license condition cites provisions in Part G that will be deleted on [insert date-- 6 months from publication of the Final Rule], then the license condition remains in effect until there is a license amendment or license renewal that modifies or removes this condition.
- f. Licensees shall continue to comply with any license condition that requires it to implement procedures required by G.74, G.80, G.81 and G.82 until there is a license amendment or renewal that modifies the license condition.

Sec. G.7 - License Required.

- a. A person shall only manufacture, produce, prepare, acquire, receive, possess, use, or transfer radioactive material for medical use in accordance with a specific license issued by the Agency, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission or an Agreement State, or as allowed in G.7b. or G.7c.
- b. An individual may receive, possess, use, or transfer radioactive material in accordance with the regulations in Part G under the supervision of an authorized user as provided in G.21, unless prohibited by license condition.
- c. An individual may prepare unsealed radioactive material for medical use in accordance with the regulations in Part G under the supervision of an authorized nuclear pharmacist or authorized user as provided in G.21, unless prohibited by license condition.

Sec. G.8 - Application for License, Amendment, or Renewal.

- a. An application must be signed by the applicant's or licensee's management.
- b. An application for a license for medical use of radioactive material as described in G.44, G.47, G.52, G.59, G.69, G.71 or G.89 must be made by:
 - i. Filing an original [and one copy] of [insert Agency application form name], and
 - ii. Submitting procedures required by sections G.74, G.80, G.81 and G.82, as applicable.
- c. A request for a license amendment or renewal must be made by:
 - i. Submitting an original [and one copy] in letter format.
 - ii. Submitting procedures required by sections G.74, G.80, G.81 and G.82, as applicable.

- d. In addition to the requirements in G.8b. and G.8c., an application for a license or amendment for medical use of radioactive material as described in G.89 of this Part must also include information regarding any radiation safety aspects of the medical use of the material that is not addressed in G.1 through G.43, as well as any specific information on:
 - i. Radiation safety precautions and instructions;
 - ii. Training and experience of proposed users;
 - iii. Methodology for measurement of dosages or doses to be administered to patients or human research subjects; and
 - iv. Calibration, maintenance, and repair of instruments and equipment necessary for radiation safety.
 - a. The applicant or licensee shall also provide any other information requested by the Agency in its review of the application.
- f. An applicant that satisfies the requirements specified in C.27b. may apply for a Type A specific license of broad scope.

Sec. G.9 - Mobile Medical Service Administrative Requirements.

- a. The Agency shall license mobile medical services or clients of such services. The mobile medical service shall be licensed if the service receives, uses or possesses radioactive material. The client of the mobile medical service shall be licensed if the client receives or possesses radioactive material to be used by a mobile medical service.
- b. Mobile medical service licensees shall obtain a letter signed by the management of each location where services are rendered that authorizes use of radioactive material. This letter shall clearly delineate the authority and responsibility of both the client and the mobile medical service. If the client is licensed, the letter shall document procedures for notification, receipt, storage and documentation of transfer of radioactive material delivered to the client's address for use by the mobile medical service.
- c. A mobile medical service shall not have radioactive material delivered directly from the manufacturer or the distributor to the client's address of use, unless the client has a license allowing possession of the radioactive material. Radioactive material delivered to the client's address of use shall be received and handled in conformance with the client's license.
- d. A mobile medical service shall inform the client's management who is on site at each client's address of use at the time that radioactive material is being administered.
- e. A licensee providing mobile medical services shall retain the letter required in G.9b. in accordance with G.101.

- f. A mobile medical service licensee shall, at a minimum, maintain the following documents on each mobile unit:
- i. The current operating and emergency procedures;
 - ii. A copy of the license;
 - iii. Copies of the letter required by G.9b.;
 - iv. Current calibration records for each survey instrument and diagnostic equipment or dose delivery device in use; and
 - v. Survey records covering uses associated with the mobile unit during, at a minimum, the preceding 30 calendar days.
- g. A mobile medical service licensee shall maintain all records required by Parts D and G of these regulations at a location within the Agency's jurisdiction that is that is:
- i. ~~AA~~ A single address of use:
 - (1) Identified as the records retention location; and
 - (2) Staffed at all reasonable hours by individual(s) authorized to provide the Agency with access for purposes of inspection; or
 - ii. When no address of use is identified on the license for records retention, the mobile unit:
 - (1) Identified in the license; and
 - (2) Whose current client's address schedule and location schedule is reported to the Agency.

Sec. G.10 - License Amendments. A licensee shall apply for and must receive a license amendment:

- a. Before it receives, prepares or uses radioactive material for a type of use that is permitted under Part G, but that is not authorized on the licensee's current license issued pursuant to Part G;
- b. Before it permits anyone to work as an authorized user, authorized nuclear pharmacist, or authorized medical physicist under the license, except an individual who is:
 - i. For an authorized user, an individual who meets the requirements in G.30 and G.46a, G.50a, G.51a, G.56a, G.57a, G.58a, G.67a, G.70a, or G.88a or;

- ii. For an authorized nuclear pharmacist, an individual who meets the requirements in G.27a and G.30;
 - iii. For an authorized medical physicist, an individual who meets the requirements in G.26a and G.30;
 - iv. Identified as an authorized user, an authorized nuclear pharmacist, or authorized medical physicist on a Nuclear Regulatory Commission or Agreement State license or Licensing State or other equivalent permit or license recognized by the Agency that authorizes the use of radioactive material in medical use or in the practice of nuclear pharmacy, respectively; or
 - v. Identified as an authorized user, an authorized nuclear pharmacist, or authorized medical physicist on a permit issued by a Nuclear Regulatory Commission or Agreement State or Licensing State specific licensee of broad scope that is authorized to permit the use of radioactive material in medical use or in the practice of nuclear pharmacy, respectively.
- c. Before it changes Radiation Safety Officers, except as provided in G.18c.;
 - d. Before it receives radioactive material in excess of the amount, or in a different physical or chemical form than is authorized on the license;
 - e. Before it adds to or changes the areas of use identified in the application or on the license, except as specified in G.11b.iv.;
 - f. Before it changes the address(es) of use identified in the application or on the license; and
 - g. Before it changes statements, representations, and procedures which are incorporated into the license; and
 - h. Before it releases licensed facilities for unrestricted use.

Sec. G 11 - Notifications.

- a. A licensee shall provide to the Agency a copy of the board certification, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Agreement State license or Licensing State license, or the permit issued by a licensee of broad scope for each individual no later than 30 days after the date that the licensee permits the individual to work as an authorized user, an authorized nuclear pharmacist or an authorized medical physicist, pursuant to G.10b.
- b. A licensee shall notify the Agency by letter no later than 30 days after:
 - i. A Radiation Safety Officer permanently discontinues performance of duties under the license or has a name change;
 - ii. The licensee's mailing address changes;
 - iii. The licensee's name changes, but the name change does not constitute a transfer of control of the license as described in C.31b. of these regulations; or

- iv. The licensee has added to or changed the areas where radioactive material is used in accordance with G.44,- G.47 and G.69.

Sec. G 12 - Visiting Authorized User:

- a. ~~A licensee may permit any visiting authorized user to use licensed material for medical use under the terms of the licensee's license for 60 days each year if:~~
 - i. ~~The visiting authorized user has the prior written permission of the licensee's management and Radiation Safety Committee if one is required;~~
 - ii. ~~The licensee has a copy of an Agency license that identifies the visiting authorized user by name as an authorized user for medical use; and~~
 - iii. ~~Only those procedures for which the visiting authorized user is specifically authorized by an Agency license are performed by that individual.~~
- b. ~~A licensee need not apply for a license amendment in order to permit a visiting authorized user to use licensed material as described in G.12a:~~
- c. ~~A licensee shall retain copies of the records specified in G.12a. [for 3 years from the date of the last visit].~~

Sec G 13 - Visiting Authorized Medical Physicist

- a. ~~A licensee may permit any visiting authorized medical physicist to perform the duties of a medical physicist under the terms of the licensee's license for 60 days each year if:~~
 - i. ~~The visiting authorized medical physicist has the prior written permission of the licensee's management and Radiation Safety Committee, if one is required; and~~
 - ii. ~~The licensee has a copy of an Agency[, Agreement State, Licensing State or the Nuclear Regulatory Commission] license that identifies the individual as an authorized medical physicist; and~~
- b. ~~A licensee need not apply for a license amendment in order to permit a visiting authorized medical physicist to perform licensed duties as described in G.13a:~~
- c. ~~A licensee shall retain copies of the records specified in G.13a. [for 3 years from the date of the last visit].~~

Sec. G 14 - Visiting Authorized Nuclear Pharmacist:

- a. ~~A licensee may permit any visiting authorized nuclear pharmacist to perform the duties of a nuclear pharmacist under the terms of the licensee's license for 60 days each year if:~~
 - i. ~~The visiting authorized nuclear pharmacist has the prior written permission of the licensee's management and Radiation Safety Committee, if one is required; and~~
 - ii. ~~The licensee has a copy of an Agency license that identifies the individual as a authorized nuclear pharmacist; and~~
- b. ~~A licensee need not apply for a license amendment in order to permit a visiting authorized nuclear pharmacist to perform licensed duties as described in G.14a:~~
- c. ~~A licensee shall retain copies of the records specified in G.14a. [for 3 years from the date of the last visit].~~

Sec. G.15 - Exemptions Regarding Type A Specific Licenses of Broad Scope. A licensee possessing a Type A specific license of broad scope for medical use is exempt from:

- a. The provisions of G.8d. of these regulations, regarding the need to file an amendment to the license for medical uses of radioactive material, as described in G.89;
- b. The provisions of G.10b.;
- c. The provisions of G.10e. regarding additions to or changes in the areas of use at the addresses specified in the license;
- d. The provisions of G.11a ;
- e. The provisions of G.24a.

Sec. G 16 - License Issuance.

- a. The Agency shall issue a license for the medical use of radioactive material if:
 - i. The applicant has filed [insert proper license application form ID] in accordance with the instructions in G.8;
 - ii. The applicant has paid any applicable fee;
 - iii. The applicant meets the requirements of Part C of these regulations; and
 - iv. The Agency finds the applicant equipped and committed to observe the safety standards established by the Agency in these regulations for the protection of the public health and safety.
- b. The Agency shall issue a license for mobile services if the applicant:
 - i. Meets the requirements in G.16a; and
 - ii. Assures that individuals to whom radioactive drugs or radiation from implants containing radioactive material will be administered, may be released following treatment in accordance with G.40.

Sec. G.17 - Specific Exemptions The Agency may, upon application of any interested person or upon its own initiative, grant such exemptions from the regulations in Part G as it determines are authorized by law and will not endanger life or property or the common defense and security and are otherwise in the public interest.

Subpart B--General Administrative Requirements

Sec. G.18 - Authority and Responsibilities for the Radiation Protection Program.

- a. In addition to the radiation protection program requirements of D.101 of these regulations, a licensee's management must approve in writing:
 - i. Requests for license application, renewal, or amendments before submittal to the Agency;
 - ii. Any individual before allowing that individual to work as an authorized user, authorized nuclear pharmacist or authorized medical physicist; and

- iii. Radiation protection program changes that do not require a license amendment and are permitted under G.19.;
- b. A licensee's management shall appoint a Radiation Safety Officer, who agrees in writing to be responsible for implementing the radiation protection program. The licensee, through the Radiation Safety Officer, shall ensure that radiation safety activities are being performed in accordance with licensee-approved procedures and regulatory requirements.
- c. For up to sixty days each year, a licensee may permit an authorized user or an individual qualified to be a radiation safety officer to function as a temporary Radiation Safety Officer and to perform the functions of a Radiation Safety Officer, as provided in G.18e., provided the licensee takes the actions required in G.18b.,d ,e. and h. A licensee may simultaneously appoint more than one temporary RSO, if needed, to ensure that the licensee has a temporary RSO that satisfies the requirements to be an RSO for each of the different uses of radioactive material permitted by the license.
- d. A licensee shall establish in writing the authority, duties, and responsibilities of the Radiation Safety Officer.
- e. A licensee shall provide the Radiation Safety Officer sufficient authority, organizational freedom, time, resources, and management prerogative, to:
 - i. Identify radiation safety problems;
 - ii. Initiate, recommend, or provide corrective actions;
 - iii. Stop unsafe operations; and,
 - iv. Verify implementation of corrective actions.
- f. Licensees that are authorized for two or more different types of radioactive material use under G.52, G.59, G.71, and G.89, or two or more types of units under G.71³ shall establish a Radiation Safety Committee to oversee all uses of radioactive material permitted by the license. The Committee must include an authorized user of each type of use permitted by the license, the Radiation Safety Officer, a representative of the nursing service, and a representative of management who is neither an authorized user nor a Radiation Safety Officer, and may include other members as the licensee deems appropriate.
- [g. A licensee's Radiation Safety Committee shall meet as necessary, but at a minimum shall meet at intervals not to exceed 12 [6] months. The Licensee shall maintain minutes of each ~~required~~ meeting in accordance with G.90.]
- h. A licensee shall retain a record of actions taken pursuant to G.18a., G.18b. and G.18d. in accordance with G.90.

Sec. G.19 - Radiation Protection Program Changes.

- a. A licensee may revise its radiation protection program without Agency approval if:
 - i. The revision does not require an amendment under G.10;
 - ii. The revision is in compliance with the regulations and the license;
 - iii. The revision has been reviewed and approved by the Radiation Safety Officer, licensee management and licensee's Radiation Safety Committee (if applicable); and
 - iv. The affected individuals are instructed on the revised program before the changes are implemented.

- b. A licensee shall retain a record of each change in accordance with G.91.

Sec. G.20 - Duties of Authorized User, Authorized Medical Physicist, and Authorized Nuclear Pharmacist.

- a. A licensee shall assure that only authorized users for the type of radioactive material used:
 - i. Prescribe the radiopharmaceutical dosage and/or dose to be administered through the issuance of a written directive or reference to the diagnostic clinical procedures manual; and
 - ii. Direct, as specified in G.21 and G.22, or in license conditions, the administration of radioactive material for medical use to patients or human research subjects;
 - iii. Prepare and administer, or supervise the preparation and administration of radioactive material for medical use, in accordance with G.7b. and G.7c. and G.21;
 - [iv. Perform the final interpretation of the results of tests, studies, or treatments]
- b. A licensee shall assure that only authorized medical physicists perform, as applicable:
 - i. Full calibration measurements as described in G.77, G.78, and G.79;
 - ii. Periodic spot checks as described in G.80, G.81, and G.82; and
 - iii. Radiation surveys as described in G.84.

Sec G.21 - Supervision.

- a. A licensee that permits the receipt, possession, use, or transfer of radioactive material by an individual under the supervision of an authorized user or as allowed by G.7b. shall:
 - i. Instruct the supervised individual in the licensee's written radiation protection procedures, written directive procedures, regulations of Part G, and license conditions with respect to the use of radioactive material; and
 - ii. Require the supervised individual to follow the instructions of the supervising authorized user for medical uses of radioactive material, written radiation protection procedures, written directive procedures, regulations of Part G, and license conditions with respect to the medical use of radioactive material.
- b. A licensee that permits the preparation of radioactive material for medical use by an individual under the supervision of an authorized nuclear pharmacist or physician who is an authorized user, as allowed by G.7c., shall:
 - i. Instruct the supervised individual in the preparation of radioactive material for medical use, as appropriate to that individual's involvement with radioactive material; and
 - ii. Require the supervised individual to follow the instructions of the supervising authorized user or authorized nuclear pharmacist regarding the preparation of radioactive material for medical use, the written radiation protection procedures, the regulations of Part G, and license conditions.
- [c. Unless physical presence as described in other sections of Part G is required, a licensee who permits supervised activities under G.21a. and G.21b. shall require an authorized user to be immediately available (by telephone within ten minutes) to communicate with the supervised individual, and able to be physically present within one hour of notification;] and

- d. A licensee that permits supervised activities under G.21a. and G.21b. is responsible for the acts and omissions of the supervised individual.

Sec. G.22 - Written Directives.

- a. A written directive must be dated and signed by an authorized user prior to administration of I-131 sodium iodide greater than 1.11 megabecquerel (30 μ Ci), any therapeutic dosage of radioactive material or any therapeutic dose of radiation from radioactive material.
 - i. If, because of the emergent nature of the patient's condition, a delay in order to provide a written directive would jeopardize the patient's health, an oral directive will be acceptable, provided that the information contained in the oral directive is documented as soon as possible in writing in the patient's record and a written directive is prepared within 48 hours of the oral directive.
 - ii. A written revision to an existing written directive may be made provided that the revision is dated and signed by an authorized user prior to the administration of the dosage of radioactive drug containing radioactive material, the brachytherapy dose, the gamma stereotactic radiosurgery dose, the teletherapy dose, or the next fractional dose.
 - iii. If, because of the patient's condition, a delay in order to provide a written revision to an existing written directive would jeopardize the patient's health, an oral revision to an existing written directive will be acceptable, provided that the oral revision is documented as soon as possible in the patient's record and a revised written directive is signed by the authorized user within 48 hours of the oral revision.
- b. The written directive must contain the patient or human research subject's name and the following:
 - i. For an administration of a dosage of radioactive drug containing radioactive material, the radioactive drug containing radioactive material, dosage, and route of administration;
 - ii. For gamma stereotactic radiosurgery, the total dose, treatment site, and number of target coordinate settings per treatment for each anatomically distinct treatment site;
 - iii. For teletherapy, the total dose, dose per fraction, number of fractions, and treatment site;
 - iv. For high dose rate remote afterloading brachytherapy, the radionuclide, treatment site, dose per fraction, number of fractions, and total dose; or
 - v. For all other brachytherapy including LDR, MDR, and PDR:
 - (1) Prior to implantation: treatment site, the radionuclide, and dose; and
 - (2) After implantation but prior to completion of the procedure: the radioisotope, treatment site, number of sources, and total source strength and exposure time (or, the total dose).
- c. The licensee shall retain the written directive in accordance with G.92.

Sec. G.23 - Procedures for Administrations Requiring a Written Directive.

- a. For any administration requiring a written directive, the licensee shall develop, implement, and maintain written procedures to provide high confidence that:
 - i. The patient's or human research subject's identity is verified before each administration; and

- ii. Each administration is in accordance with the written directive.
- b. The procedures required by G.23a. must, at a minimum, address the following items that are applicable for the licensee's use of radioactive material:
 - i. Verifying the identity of the patient or human research subject;
 - ii. Verifying that the specific details of the administration are in accordance with the treatment plan, if applicable, and the written directive;
 - iii. Checking both manual and computer-generated dose calculations; and
 - iv. Verifying that any computer-generated dose calculations are correctly transferred into the consoles of therapeutic medical units authorized by G.71.

Sec. G.24 - Suppliers for Sealed Sources or Devices for Medical Use. For medical use, a licensee may only use:

- a. Sealed sources or devices initially manufactured, labeled, packaged, and distributed in accordance with a license issued pursuant to Part C of these regulations or the equivalent requirements of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, an Agreement State or a Licensing State; or
- b. Teletherapy sources manufactured and distributed in accordance with a license issued pursuant to Part C of these regulations or the equivalent requirements of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, an Agreement State or a Licensing State.

Sec. G.25 - Training for Radiation Safety Officer. Except as provided in G.29, the licensee shall require an individual fulfilling the responsibilities of the Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) as provided in G.18 to be an individual who:

- a. Is certified by a speciality board whose certification process includes all of the requirements in G.25b. and whose certification has been recognized by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission or an Agreement State, or;⁷
- b. i. Has completed a structured educational program consisting of both:
 - (1) 200 hours of didactic training in the following areas:
 - (a) Radiation physics and instrumentation;
 - (b) Radiation protection;
 - (c) Mathematics pertaining to the use and measurement of radioactivity;
 - (d) Radiation biology; and
 - (e) Radiation dosimetry; and
 - (2) One year of full-time radiation safety experience under the supervision of the individual identified as the RSO on a Nuclear Regulatory Commission or Agreement State license that authorizes similar type(s) of use(s) of radioactive material involving the following:
 - (a) Shipping, receiving, and performing related radiation surveys;

⁷ Licensing State not included because compatibility B. State may want to recognize the Licensing State certification for NARM.

- (b) Using and performing checks for proper operation of dose calibrators, survey meters, and instruments used to measure radionuclides;
- (c) Securing and controlling radioactive material;
- (d) Using administrative controls to avoid mistakes in the administration of radioactive material;
- ~~(a) – (c) —~~ Using procedures to prevent or minimize radioactive contamination and using proper decontamination procedures; ~~and~~
- (b) Using emergency procedures to control radioactive material;
- ~~(f)~~^(g) Disposing of radioactive material; and

- ii. Has obtained written certification, signed by a preceptor RSO, that the individual has satisfactorily completed the requirements in G.25b.i. and has achieved a level of radiation safety knowledge sufficient to independently function as an RSO for medical uses of radioactive material; or
- c. Is an authorized user, authorized medical physicist, or authorized nuclear pharmacist identified on the licensee’s license and has experience with the radiation safety aspects of similar types of use of radioactive material for which the individual has Radiation Safety Officer responsibilities.

G.26 - Training for Authorized Medical Physicist. The licensee shall require the authorized medical physicist to be an individual who:

- a. Is certified by a speciality board whose certification process includes all of the training and experience requirements in G.26b. and whose certification has been recognized by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission or an Agreement State^{*}; or
- b.
 - i. Holds a master’s or doctor’s degree in physics, biophysics, radiological physics, medical physics, or health physics, or an equivalent training program approved by the Agency, another Agreement State or the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and has completed one year of full-time training in therapeutic radiological physics and an additional year of full-time practical experience under the supervision of a medical physicist at a medical institution that includes the tasks listed in G.36, G.64e., G.77, G.78, G.79, G.80, G.81, G.82 and G.84, as applicable; and
 - ii. Has obtained written certification, signed by a preceptor authorized medical physicist, that the individual has satisfactorily completed the requirements in G.26b.i. and has achieved a level of competency sufficient to independently function as an authorized medical physicist for each type of therapeutic medical unit for which the individual is requesting authorized medical physicist status

Sec. G.27 - Training for an Authorized Nuclear Pharmacist. The licensee shall require the authorized nuclear pharmacist to be a pharmacist who:

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- a. Is certified as a nuclear pharmacist by a specialty board whose certification process includes all of the requirements in G.27b. and whose certification has been recognized by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission or an Agreement State^{*/}, or
- b. i. Has completed 700 hours in a structured educational program consisting of both:
 - (1) Didactic training in the following areas:
 - (a) Radiation physics and instrumentation;
 - (b) Radiation protection;
 - (c) Mathematics pertaining to the use and measurement of radioactivity;
 - (d) Chemistry of radioactive material for medical use; and
 - (e) Radiation biology; and
 - (2) Supervised practical experience in a nuclear pharmacy involving:
 - (a) Shipping, receiving, and performing related radiation surveys;
 - (b) Using and performing checks for proper operation of dose calibrators, survey meters, and, if appropriate, instruments used to measure alpha- or beta-emitting radionuclides;
 - (c) Calculating, assaying, and safely preparing dosages for patients or human research subjects;
 - (d) Using administrative controls to avoid misadministrations in the administration of radioactive material; and
 - (e) Using procedures to prevent or minimize radioactive contamination and using proper decontamination procedures; and
- ii. Has obtained written certification, signed by a preceptor authorized nuclear pharmacist, that the individual has satisfactorily completed the requirements in G.27b.i. and has achieved a level of competency sufficient to independently operate a nuclear pharmacy.

G.28 - Training and Technical Requirements for Nuclear Medicine Technologists and Radiation Therapists

- a. The licensee shall require a nuclear medicine technologist using radioactive materials under the supervision of an authorized user to be an individual who:
 - i. Is certified in:
 - (1) Nuclear Medicine by the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board;
 - (2) Nuclear Medicine by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists with competency in Nuclear Medicine; or,

^{*/} Licensing State not included because compatibility B. State may want to recognize the Licensing State certification for NARM.

- ii. Be board eligible to take the CNMT or ARRT(N) examinations; or,
 - iii. Has successfully completed a training program in nuclear medicine which has resulted in a certificate, associate degree, or baccalaureate degree in a nuclear medicine technology program from an accredited institution; or,
 - iv. Has performed as a full-time nuclear medicine technologist for a minimum of two years during the past five-year period under the supervision of an authorized user who certifies the experience in writing; or,
 - v. Has completed 80 hours of training and experience in basic radionuclide handling techniques applicable to the medical use of unsealed radioactive material that includes:
 - (1) Classroom and laboratory training in the following areas:
 - (a) Radiation physics and instrumentation;
 - (b) Radiation protection;
 - (c) Mathematics pertaining to the use and measurement of radioactivity;
 - (d) Chemistry of radioactive material for medical use; and
 - (e) Radiation biology; and
 - (2) Work experience, under the supervision of an authorized user involving:
 - (a) Ordering, receiving, and unpacking radioactive materials safely and performing the related radiation surveys;
 - (b) Quality Control checking of instruments used to determine the activity of dosages and performing checks for proper operation of survey meters;
 - (c) Calculating, measuring, and safely preparing patient or human research subject dosages;
 - (d) Using administrative controls to prevent a misadministration involving the use of unsealed radioactive material;
 - (e) Using procedures to contain spilled radioactive material safely and using proper decontamination procedures;
 - (f) Administering dosages to patients or human research subjects; and
 - (3) Has obtained written certification, signed by a preceptor authorized user that the individual has satisfactorily completed the requirements of this section and has achieved a level of competency sufficient to independently function as a nuclear medicine technologist.
- b. The licensee shall require a radiation therapist using radioactive materials under the supervision of an authorized user to be an individual who:
- i. Is certified in Radiation Therapy by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT(T)); or
 - ii. Be board eligible to take the ARRT(T) examination; or,

- iii. Has successfully completed a training program in radiation therapy which has resulted in a certificate, associate degree, or baccalaureate degree in a radiologic technology program that complies with the requirements of the Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology;¹¹ or,
- iv. Has performed as a full-time radiation therapist for a minimum of two years during the past five-year period under the supervision of an authorized user who certifies the experience in writing; or
- v. Has completed 200 hours of training and experience in basic radionuclide handling techniques applicable to the medical use of radioactive material that includes:
 - (1) Classroom and laboratory training in the following areas:
 - (a) Radiation physics and instrumentation;
 - (b) Radiation protection;
 - (c) Mathematics pertaining to the use and measurement of radioactivity; and
 - (d) Radiation biology; and
 - (2) Work experience, under the supervision of an authorized user, involving:
 - (a) Ordering, receiving, and unpacking radioactive materials safely and performing the related radiation surveys;
 - (b) Assisting the authorized user in simulating the patient for treatment;
 - (c) Preparing the patient for treatment;
 - (d) Implementing treatment plans as prescribed by the authorized user;
 - (e) Providing written documentation of treatment setup and patient treatments;
 - (f) Quality control checking to determine that of instruments devices used to deliver the radiation doses are in compliance with institutional standards and performing checks for proper operation of survey meters;
 - (g) Preparing or assisting in the preparation of sources, and implantation implanting, and removal removing of sealed sources;
 - (h) Delivering dose to patients or human research subjects under the supervision of the authorized user;
 - (i) Maintaining running inventories of radioactive material on hand;
 - (j) Using administrative controls to prevent a misadministration involving the use of radioactive material; and,
 - (k) Properly implementing emergency procedures; and
 - (3) Has obtained written certification, signed by a preceptor authorized user that the individual has satisfactorily completed the requirements of this section and

¹¹ "Essentials and guidelines of an Accredited Educational Program for the Radiation Therapy Technologist", Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology, 1988.

has achieved a level of competency sufficient to independently function as a radiation therapist

- c. Individuals working as nuclear medicine technologists or radiation therapists-for a facility holding an Agency license prior to [(effective date of these rules)] need not comply with the training requirements of this section.
- d. The licensee shall maintain records of the above training as specified in G.104.]

Sec. G.29 - Provisions for Experienced Radiation Safety Officer, (Teletherapy or) Medical Physicist, Authorized User, and Nuclear Pharmacist.

- a. An individual identified as a Radiation Safety Officer, a medical physicist, or a nuclear pharmacist on a Nuclear Regulatory Commission or- an Agreement State license or on a permit issued by a Nuclear Regulatory Commission or Agreement State broad scope licensee that authorizes medical use or the practice of nuclear pharmacy; before [insert date--6 months prior to after publication of the Final Rule] need not comply with the training requirements of G.25, G.26 and G.27, respectively.
- b. Physicians, dentists, or podiatrists identified as authorized users for the medical, dental, or podiatric use of radioactive material on a Nuclear Regulatory Commission or Agreement State license or on a permit issued by a Nuclear Regulatory Commission or Agreement State broad scope licensee that authorizes medical use or the practice of nuclear pharmacy, issued before [insert date--6 months prior to after publication of the Final Rule] who perform only those medical uses for which they were authorized on that date need not comply with the training requirements of G.46, G.51, G.56, G.57, G.58 G.67, G.68, G.70 and G.88.

Sec. G.30 - Recency of Training. The training and experience specified in Part G must have been obtained within the 7 years preceding the date of application or the individual must have had related continuing education and experience since the required training and experience was completed.

[Sec. G.31 - Quality Control of Diagnostic Equipment. Each licensee shall establish written quality control procedures for all diagnostic equipment used for radionuclide studies. As a minimum, quality control procedures and frequencies shall be those recommended by equipment manufacturers or procedures which have been approved by the Agency. The licensee shall conduct quality control procedures in accordance with written procedures.]

Sec.G.32 - Possession, Use, and Testing of Instruments to Measure the Activity of Unsealed Radioactive Materials.

- a. For direct measurements performed in accordance with G.34, a licensee shall possess and use instrumentation to measure the activity of unsealed radioactive materials prior to administration to each patient or human research subject.
- b. A licensee shall test the instrumentation required in G.32a. in accordance with nationally recognized standards or the manufacturer's instructions.
- c. [The tests required in G.32b. shall include tests for constancy, linearity, accuracy and geometry dependence, as appropriate to demonstrate proper operation of the instrument.
- d.] A licensee shall retain a record of each instrument test calibration required by G.32 in accordance with G.95.

Sec. G.33 - Calibration of Survey Instruments

- a. A licensee shall ensure that the survey instruments used to show compliance with Part G and Part D of these regulations have been calibrated before first use, annually, and following any repair that will affect the calibration.
- b. To satisfy the requirements of G.33a., the licensee shall:

- i. Calibrate all required scale readings up to 10 millisieverts (1000 mrem) per hour with a radiation source;
- ii. Have each radiation survey instrument calibrated:
 - (1) At energies appropriate for use and at intervals not to exceed 12 months or after instrument servicing, except for battery changes;
 - (2) For linear scale instruments, at two points located approximately one-third and two-thirds of full-scale on each scale; for logarithmic scale instruments, at mid-range of each decade, and at two points of at least one decade; and for digital instruments, at 3 points between 0.02 and 10 millisieverts (2 and 1000 mrem) per hour; and
 - (3) For dose rate instruments, so that an accuracy within plus or minus 20 percent of the true radiation dose rate can be demonstrated at each point checked.
- iii. Conspicuously note on the instrument the date of calibration.
- c. The licensee shall not use survey instruments if the difference between the indicated exposure rate and the calculated exposure rate is greater than 20 percent.
- d. [A licensee shall check each survey instrument for consistent response with a dedicated check source before each use. The licensee is not required to keep records of these checks.
- e.] The licensee shall retain a record of each survey instrument calibration in accordance with G.96.

Sec. G.34 - Determination of Dosages of Radioactive Material for Medical Use.

- a. A licensee shall determine and record the activity of each dosage prior to medical use. [For photon-emitting radioactive material, this determination shall be within 30 minutes prior to medical use. For all other radioactive material, this determination shall be within the period before medical use that is no greater than 10 percent of the physical half-life of the radioactive material.]
- b. For a unit dosage, this determination must be made either by direct measurement or by a decay correction, based on the measurement made by a manufacturer or preparer licensed pursuant to Part C of these regulations or equivalent provisions of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Agreement State or Licensing State.
- c. For other than unit dosages, this determination must be made by direct measurement of radioactivity or by a combination of measurements of radioactivity and mathematical calculations or combination of volumetric measurements and mathematical calculations, based on the measurement made by a manufacturer or preparer licensed pursuant to Part C of these regulations or equivalent provisions of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Agreement State or Licensing State.

- d. Unless otherwise directed by the authorized user, a licensee shall not use a dosage if the dosage differs from the prescribed dosage by more than 20 percent.
- e. A licensee shall retain a record of the dosage determination required by Part G in accordance with G.97.

Sec. G.35 - Authorization for Calibration and Reference Sources. Any person authorized by G.7 for medical use of radioactive material may receive, possess, and use the following radioactive material for check, calibration and reference use:

- a. Sealed sources manufactured and distributed by persons specifically licensed pursuant to Part C of these regulations or equivalent provisions of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Agreement State or Licensing State and that do not exceed 1.11 gigabecquerels (30 mCi) each;
- b. Any radioactive material with a half-life of 120 days or less in individual amounts not to exceed 555 megabecquerels (15 mCi);
- c. Any radioactive material with a half-life greater than 120 days in individual amounts not to exceed the smaller of:
 - i. 7.4 megabecquerels (200 μ Ci); or
 - ii. 1000 times the quantities in Appendix B of Part C of these regulations; and
- d. Technetium-99m in amounts as needed.

Sec. G.36 - Requirements for Possession of Sealed Sources and Brachytherapy Sources.

- a. A licensee in possession of any sealed source or brachytherapy source shall follow the radiation safety and handling instructions supplied by the manufacturer or equivalent instructions approved by the Agency.
- b. A licensee in possession of a sealed source shall:
 - i. Test the source for leakage in accordance with Part D of these regulations.
 - ii. Test the source for leakage at intervals not to exceed 6 months or at other intervals approved by the Agency, an Agreement State, a Licensing State, or the Nuclear Regulatory Commission in the Sealed Source and Device Registry.
- ~~c.~~ ~~c.~~ If the leak test reveals the presence of 1-85 becquerels (0.005 μ Ci) or more of removable contamination, the licensee shall:
 - a. i. Immediately withdraw the sealed source from use and store, dispose, or cause it to be repaired in accordance with the requirements of Parts C and D of these regulations;
 - b. ii. File a report with the Agency within 5 days of receiving the leak tests results

in accordance with G.121.

- d. A licensee in possession of a sealed source or brachytherapy source, except for gamma stereotactic radiosurgery sources, shall conduct a semi-annual physical inventory of all such sources. The licensee shall retain each inventory record in accordance with G. 95.

Sec. G.37 - Labels. Each syringe and vial that contains a radioactive drug shall be labeled to identify the radioactive drug. Each syringe shield and vial shield shall also be labeled unless the label on the syringe or vial is visible when shielded.

[Sec. G.38 - Vial Shields. A licensee shall require each individual preparing or handling a vial that contains a radioactive drug to keep the vial in a vial radiation shield.]

Sec. G.39 - Surveys for Ambient Radiation Dose Rate and Contamination.

- a. Except as provided in G.39b., a licensee shall survey with a radiation detection survey instrument at the end of each day of use all areas where radioactive drugs containing radioactive material requiring a written directive were prepared for use or administered.
- [b. A licensee shall survey with a radiation detection survey instrument at least once each week all areas where radioactive drugs or radioactive wastes are stored.
- c. A licensee shall conduct the surveys required by G.39a. and b. so as to be able to measure dose rates as low as 1 microsievert (0.1 mrem) per hour.
- d. A licensee shall establish dose rate action levels for the surveys required by G.39a. and G.39b. and shall require that the individual performing the survey immediately notify the Radiation Safety Officer if a dose rate exceeds an action level.
- e. A licensee shall survey for removable contamination each day of use all areas where generators and bulk radioactive drugs are prepared for use or administered and each week where radioactive materials are stored.
- f. A licensee shall conduct the surveys required by G.39e. so as to be able to detect contamination on each wipe sample of 33.3 becquerels (2000 dpm).
- g. A licensee shall establish removable contamination action levels for the surveys required by G.39e. and shall require that the individual performing the survey immediately notify the Radiation Safety Officer if contamination exceeds action levels.]
- h. A licensee does not need to perform the surveys required by G.39a. in area(s) where patients or human research subjects are confined when they can not be released pursuant to G.40.
- i. A licensee shall retain a record of each survey in accordance with G.99.

Sec. G.40 - Release of Individuals Containing Radioactive Drugs or Implants.

- a. A licensee may authorize the release [from its control] of any individual who has been administered radioactive drugs or implants containing radioactive material if the total effective dose equivalent to any other individual from exposure to the released individual is not likely to exceed 5 mSv (0.5 rem).
- b. For patients administered radioactive material for which a written directive is required, a licensee shall provide the released individual, or the individual's parent or guardian, with oral and written instructions on actions recommended to maintain doses to other individuals as low as is reasonably achievable if the total effective dose equivalent to any other individual is likely to exceed 1 mSv (0.1 rem). If the total effective dose equivalent to a breast-feeding infant or child could exceed 1 mSv (0.1 rem) assuming there were no interruption of breast-feeding, the instructions shall also include:
 - i. Guidance on the interruption or discontinuation of breast-feeding; and
 - ii. Information on the potential consequences, if any, of failure to follow the guidance.
- [c. Release of the patient must be approved by an individual listed as an authorized user on the Agency license, and who is approved for the type of radioactive material use for which the patient being released has received.]
- d. The licensee shall maintain a record of the basis for authorizing the release of an individual in accordance with G.100.
- e. The licensee shall maintain a record of instructions provided to breast-feeding women in accordance with G.100.
- [f. Notwithstanding G.40a, the licensee may be held responsible for the proper disposal of any individual's radioactive waste discovered in a solid waste stream that can be traced to the licensee.
- g. The licensee shall immediately notify the Agency in accordance with G.122 if a patient departs prior to an authorized release.
- h. The licensee shall notify the Agency in accordance with G.123:
 - i. When they are aware that a patient containing radioactive material and who has been released in accordance with G.40 dies; and,
 - ii. If it is possible that any individual could receive exposures in excess of 5 mSv (500 mrem) as a result of the deceased's body.]

Sec. G.41 - Mobile Medical Service Technical Requirements. A licensee providing mobile medical service shall:

**/ This may have health and safety implications, see Rational for Part G 2000*

- a. Transport to each client's address only syringes or vials containing prepared drugs or radioactive materials that are intended for reconstitution of radioactive drug kits;
- b. Bring into each client's address all radioactive material to be used and, before leaving, remove all unused radioactive material and associated radioactive waste;
- c. Secure or keep under constant surveillance and immediate control all radioactive material when in transit or at a client's address;
- d. Check instruments used to measure the activity of unsealed radioactive material for proper function before medical use at each client's address or on each day of use, whichever is more frequent. At a minimum, the check for proper function shall include a constancy check.
- e. Check survey instruments for consistent response with a dedicated check source before use at each client's address;
- f. Prior to leaving a client's address, perform area surveys and survey for removable contamination in all areas of use, to ensure compliance with Part D of these regulations;
- [g. Use radioactive gases only in areas of use and under conditions which have been evaluated and approved by the Agency for compliance with airborne release standards;] and,
- h. Retain a record of each survey required by G.41f. in accordance with G.101.

[Sec. G.42 - Storage of Volatiles and Gases.

- a. A licensee shall store volatile radioactive materials and radioactive gases in ~~the shippers'~~ a radiation shield and container.
- b. A licensee shall store and use a multi-dose container in a properly functioning fume hood.]

Sec. G.43 - Decay-in-Storage.

- a. A licensee may hold radioactive material with a physical half-life of less than 120 days for decay-in-storage before disposal without regard to its radioactivity if the licensee:
 - i. Monitors radioactive material at the container surface before disposal and determines that its radioactivity cannot be distinguished from the background radiation level with an appropriate radiation detection survey instrument set on its most sensitive scale and with no interposed shielding;
 - ii. Removes or obliterates all radiation labels, except for material that will be handled as biomedical waste after release; and
 - iii. Separates and monitors each generator column individually with all radiation shielding removed to ensure that its contents have decayed to background radiation level before disposal.

- b. For radioactive material disposed in accordance with G.43a. of this section, the licensee shall retain a record of each disposal in accordance with G.102.

**Specific Requirements for the Use of Radioactive Material for
Uptake, Dilution, or Excretion Studies**

Sec. G.44 - Use of Unsealed Radioactive Material for Uptake, Dilution, or Excretion Studies for Which a Written Directive is Not Required. A licensee may use any unsealed radioactive material, in quantities that do not require a written directive, for a diagnostic use involving measurements of uptake, dilution, or excretion that is:

- a. Obtained from a manufacturer or preparer licensed pursuant to Part C of these regulations or equivalent regulations of another Agreement State, a Licensing State, or the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; or
- b. Prepared by an authorized nuclear pharmacist, a physician who is an authorized user and who meets the requirements specified in G.46, G.51, or an individual under the supervision of either as specified in G.21; or
- c. Obtained from and prepared by an Agency, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Agreement State or Licensing State licensee for use in research in accordance with a Radioactive Drug Research Committee-approved protocol or an Investigational New Drug (IND) protocol accepted by FDA; or
- d. Prepared by the licensee in accordance with a Radioactive Drug Research Committee-approved application or an Investigational New Drug (IND) protocol accepted by FDA for use in research.

[Sec. G.45 - Possession of Survey Instrument. A licensee authorized to use radioactive material for uptake, dilution, and excretion studies shall possess a portable radiation detection survey instrument capable of detecting dose rates over the range 1 microsievert (0.1 mrem) per hour to 500 microsieverts (50 mrems) per hour. The instrument shall be operable and calibrated in accordance with G.33.]

Sec. G.46 - Training for Uptake, Dilution, and Excretion Studies. Except as provided in G.29, the licensee shall require an authorized user of a unsealed radioactive material for the uses authorized under G.44 to be a physician who:

- a. Is certified by a medical specialty board whose certification process includes all of the requirements in G.46c. and whose certification has been recognized by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, or an Agreement State; or
- b. ~~Is listed as an authorized user under G.51 or G.56, on an Agency, Agreement State, or Nuclear Regulatory Commission license for medical uses approved in G.47, or equivalent Agreement State or Nuclear Regulatory Commission requirements; or~~

- c.
 - i. Has completed 60 hours of training and experience in basic radionuclide handling techniques applicable to the medical use of unsealed radioactive material for uptake, dilution, and excretion studies that includes:
 - (1) Classroom and laboratory training in the following areas:
 - (a) Radiation physics and instrumentation;
 - (b) Radiation protection;
 - (c) Mathematics pertaining to the use and measurement of radioactivity;
 - (d) Chemistry of radioactive material for medical use; and
 - (e) Radiation biology; and
 - (2) Work experience, under the supervision of an authorized user who meets the requirements in G.46, G.51 or G.56 or equivalent Agreement State, or Nuclear Regulatory Commission requirements, involving:
 - (a) Ordering, receiving, and unpacking radioactive materials safely and performing the related radiation surveys;
 - (b) Calibrating*/ instruments used to determine the activity of dosages and performing checks for proper operation of survey meters;
 - (c) Calculating, measuring, and safely preparing patient or human research subject dosages;
 - (d) Using administrative controls to prevent a medical event involving the use of unsealed radioactive material;
 - (e) Using procedures to contain spilled radioactive material safely and using proper decontamination procedures; and
 - (f) Administering dosages to patients or human research subjects; and
 - ii. Has obtained written certification, signed by a preceptor authorized user, who meets the requirements in G.46, G.51 or G.56 or equivalent Agreement State, or Nuclear Regulatory Commission requirements, that the individual has satisfactorily completed the requirements in G.46c.i. and has achieved a level of competency sufficient to independently function as an authorized user for the medical uses authorized under

**/ Because this is a compatibility "B", the word "calibrating" is not changed to "quality control^{checks}checking of". See Rationale for Part G 2000 for additional information.

G.44.*1

Specific Requirements for the Use Radioactive Material for Imaging and Localization Studies

Sec. G.47 - Use of Unsealed Radioactive Material for Imaging and Localization Studies for Which a Written Directive is Not Required. A licensee may use, for imaging and localization studies, any radioactive material prepared for medical use, in quantities that do not require a written directive as described in G.22 that is:

- a. Obtained from a manufacturer or preparer licensed pursuant to Part C of these regulations or equivalent regulations of another Agreement State, a Licensing State, or the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; or
- b. Prepared by an authorized nuclear pharmacist, a physician who is an authorized user and who meets the requirements specified in G.51, or an individual under the supervision of either as specified in G.21; or
- c. Obtained from and prepared by an Agency, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Agreement State or Licensing State licensee for use in research in accordance with a Radioactive Drug Research Committee-approved protocol or an Investigational New Drug (IND) protocol accepted by FDA; or
- d. Provided the conditions of G.49 are met, a licensee shall use radioactive aerosols or gases only if specific application is made to and approved by the Agency.

Sec. G.48 - Radionuclide Contaminants.

- a. A licensee shall not administer to humans a radioactive drug containing:
 - i. More than 0.15 kilobecquerel of molybdenum-99 per megabecquerel of technetium-99m (0.15 μ Ci of Mo-99 per mCi of Tc-99m);
 - ii. More than 0.02 kilobecquerel of strontium-82 per megabecquerel of rubidium-82 chloride injection (0.02 μ Ci of Sr-82 per mCi of Rb-82 chloride);
 - iii. More than 0.2 kilobecquerel of strontium-85 per megabecquerel of rubidium-82 chloride injection (0.2 μ Ci of Sr-85 per mCi of Rb-82);
 - iv. More than 1.0 microgram (μ g) of tin per milliliter of rubidium-82 chloride injection.
- b. To demonstrate compliance with G.48a., the licensee preparing radioactive drugs from radionuclide generators shall:

*1 Licensing State not included because compatibility B. State may want to recognize the Licensing State certification for NARM.

- i. Measure the concentration of radionuclide contaminant in the first eluate after receipt of a molybdenum-99/technetium-99m generator;
 - ii. Measure the concentration of radionuclide contaminant in each eluate or extract, as appropriate for other generator systems.
- c. A licensee who must measure radionuclide contaminant concentration shall retain a record of each measurement in accordance with G.103.
 - d. A licensee shall report immediately to the Agency each occurrence of radionuclide contaminant concentration exceeding the limits specified in G.48a.

[Sec. G.49 - Control of Aerosols and Gases.]

- a. A licensee who administers radioactive aerosols or gases shall do so with a system that will keep airborne concentrations within the limits prescribed in Part D of these regulations.
- b. The system shall either be directly vented to the atmosphere through an air exhaust or provide for collection and decay or disposal of the aerosol or gas in a shielded container.
- c. ~~A licensee shall only administer radioactive gases in rooms that are at negative pressure with respect to surrounding rooms.~~
- d. ~~Before receiving, using, or storing a radioactive gas, the licensee shall calculate the amount of time needed after a release to reduce the concentration in the area of use to the occupational limit listed in Appendix B of Part D of these regulations. The calculation shall be based on the highest activity of gas handled in a single container and the measured available air exhaust rate.~~
- e. ~~A licensee shall post the time calculated in G.49d. at the area of use and require that, in case of a gas spill, individuals evacuate the room until the posted time has elapsed.~~
- f. A licensee shall check the operation of collection systems monthly and measure the ventilation rates in areas of use at intervals not to exceed 6 months. Records of these checks and measurements shall be maintained for 3 years.
- g. ~~A copy of the calculations required in G.49d. shall be recorded and retained for the duration of the license.]~~

[Sec. G.50 - Possession of Survey Instruments.] A licensee authorized to use radioactive material for imaging and localization studies shall possess a portable radiation detection survey instrument capable of detecting dose rates over the range of 1 microsievert (0.1 mrem) per hour to 500 microsieverts (50 mrem) per hour, and a portable radiation measurement survey instrument capable of measuring dose rates over the range 10 microsieverts (1 mrem) per hour to 10 millisieverts (1000 mrem) per hour. The instruments shall be operable and calibrated in accordance with G.33.]

Sec. G.51 - Training for Imaging and Localization Studies. Except as provided in G.29, the licensee shall require an authorized user of unsealed radioactive material for the uses authorized under G.47 to be a physician who:

- a. Is certified by a medical specialty board whose certification process includes all of the requirements in G.51c. and whose certification has been recognized by an Agreement State or the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; or
- b. ~~Is listed as an authorized user under G.56, on an Agency, Agreement State, or Nuclear Regulatory Commission license for medical uses approved in G.52, or equivalent Agreement State, or Nuclear Regulatory Commission requirements; or~~
- c.
 - i. Has completed 700 hours of training and experience in basic radionuclide handling techniques applicable to the medical use of unsealed radioactive material for imaging and localization studies that includes, at a minimum:
 - (1) Classroom and laboratory training in the following areas:
 - (a) Radiation physics and instrumentation;
 - (b) Radiation protection;
 - (c) Mathematics pertaining to the use and measurement of radioactivity;
 - (d) Chemistry of radioactive material for medical use;
 - (e) Radiation biology; and
 - (2) Work experience, under the supervision of an authorized user, who meets the requirements in, G.51 or G.56, or equivalent Agreement State, or Nuclear Regulatory Commission requirements, involving:
 - (a) Ordering, receiving, and unpacking radioactive materials safely and performing the related radiation surveys;
 - (b) Calibrating*/ instruments used to determine the activity of dosages and performing checks for proper operation of survey meters;
 - (c) Calculating, measuring, and safely preparing patient or human research subject dosages;
 - (d) Using administrative controls to prevent a medical event involving the use of unsealed radioactive material;

*I Can not change "calibrating" to "quality control checks-checking of" because of compatibility requirements, see 2000 Rationale for Part G.

- (e) Using procedures to contain spilled radioactive material safely and using proper decontamination procedures;
 - (f) Administering radiopharmaceutical dosages to patients or human research subjects; and
 - (g) Eluting generator systems appropriate for preparation of radioactive drugs for imaging and localization studies, measuring and testing the eluate for radiochemical purity, and processing the eluate with reagent kits to prepare labeled radioactive drugs containing radioactive material; and
- ii. Has obtained written certification, signed by a preceptor authorized user, who meets the requirements in G.51 or G.56, or equivalent Agreement State, or Nuclear Regulatory Commission requirements, that the individual has satisfactorily completed the requirements in G.51c.i. and has achieved a level of competency sufficient to independently function as an authorized user for the medical uses authorized under G.47.*1

Sec. G.52 - Use of Unsealed Radioactive Material for Which a Written Directive is Required. A licensee may use any unsealed radioactive material for diagnostic or therapeutic medical use for which a written directive is required that has been:

- a. Obtained from a manufacturer or preparer licensed in accordance with Part C of these regulations; or
- b. Prepared by an authorized nuclear pharmacist, a physician who is an authorized user and who meets the requirements specified in G.51 or G.55, or an individual under the supervision of either as specified in G.29; or
- c. Obtained from and prepared by an Agency, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Agreement State, or Licensing State licensee in accordance with a Radioactive Drug Research Committee-approved protocol or an Investigational New Drug (IND) protocol accepted by the FDA for use in research; or
- d. Prepared by the licensee in accordance with a Radioactive Drug Research Committee-approved application or an IND protocol accepted by FDA for use in research.

Sec. G.53 - Safety Instruction. In addition to the requirements of J.12 of these regulations:

- a. A licensee shall provide radiation safety instruction to personnel caring for patients or human research subjects that have received therapy with a radioactive drug, and cannot be released in accordance with G.40. The training must be provided initially and at least annually. The instruction must be appropriate to the personnel's assigned duties and include the following:

*1 Licensing State not included because compatibility B. State may want to recognize the Licensing State certification for NARM.

- i. Patient or human research subject control;
- ii. Visitor control to include the following:
 - (1) Routine visitation to hospitalized individuals in accordance with Part D of these regulations;
 - (2) Contamination control;
 - (3) Waste control; and
 - (4) Notification of the RSO, or his or her designee, and the authorized user if the patient or the human research subject dies or has a medical emergency.
- b. A licensee shall retain a record of individuals receiving instruction in accordance with G.105.

Sec. G.54 - Safety Precautions.

- a. For each patient or human research subject receiving radiopharmaceutical therapy and hospitalized for compliance with G.40, a licensee shall:
 - i. Quarter the patient or the human research subject either in:
 - (1) A private room with a private sanitary facility; or
 - (2) A room, with a private sanitary facility, with another individual who also has received radiopharmaceutical therapy and who cannot be released in accordance with G.40; and,
 - ii. Visibly post the patient's or the human research subject's room with a "Radioactive Materials" sign and note on the door or in the patient's or human research subject's chart where and how long visitors may stay in the patient's or the human research subject's room; and
 - iii. Either monitor material and items removed from the patient's or the human research subject's room to determine that their radioactivity cannot be distinguished from the natural background radiation level with a radiation detection survey instrument set on its most sensitive scale and with no interposed shielding, or handle such material and items as radioactive waste.
- b. The Radiation Safety Officer, or his or her designee, and the authorized user shall be notified immediately if the hospitalized patient dies or has a medical emergency. The licensee shall also notify the Agency in accordance with G.123 if it is possible that any individual could receive exposures in excess of Part D.301 as a result of the deceased's body.

[Sec. G.55 - Possession of Survey Instruments. A licensee authorized to use radioactive material for

~~which a written directive is required imaging and localization studies~~ shall possess a portable radiation detection survey instrument capable of detecting dose rates over the range of 1 microsievert (0.1 mrem) per hour to 500 microsieverts (50 mrems) per hour, and a portable radiation measurement survey instrument capable of measuring dose rates over the range 10 microsieverts (1 mrem) per hour to 10 millisieverts (1000 mrems) per hour. The instruments shall be operable and calibrated in accordance with G.33.]

Sec. G.56 - Training for Use of Unsealed Radioactive Material for Which a Written Directive is Required. Except as provided in G.29, the licensee shall require an authorized user of radioactive material for the uses authorized under G.52 to be a physician who:

- a. Is certified by a medical specialty board whose certification process includes all of the requirements G.56b. and whose certification has been recognized by an Agreement State or the Nuclear Regulatory Commission;*/ or
- b. i. Has completed 700 hours of training and experience in basic radionuclide handling techniques applicable to the medical use of unsealed radioactive material requiring a written directive, that includes:
 - (1) Classroom and laboratory training in the following areas:
 - (a) Radiation physics and instrumentation;
 - (b) Radiation protection;
 - (c) Mathematics pertaining to the use and measurement of radioactivity;
 - (d) Chemistry of radioactive material for medical use; and
 - (e) Radiation biology; and
 - (2) Work experience, under the supervision of an authorized user who meets the requirements in G.56 or equivalent Agreement State, or Nuclear Regulatory Commission requirements. A supervising authorized user, who meets the requirements of G.56b. must have experience in administering dosages in the same dosage category or categories listed in G.56b.ii. as the individual requesting authorized user status. The work experience must involve:
 - (a) Ordering, receiving, and unpacking radioactive materials safely and performing the related radiation surveys;

**/ Licensing State not included because compatibility B. State may want to recognize the Licensing State certification for NARM.*

- (b) Calibrating^{**/} instruments used to determine the activity of dosages, and performing checks for proper operation of survey meters;
 - (c) Calculating, measuring, and safely preparing patient or human research subject dosages;
 - (d) Using administrative controls to prevent a medical event involving the use of unsealed radioactive material;
 - (e) Using procedures to contain spilled radioactive material safely and using proper decontamination procedures;
 - (f) Administering dosages to patients or human research subjects; and
 - (g) Eluting generator systems, measuring and testing the eluate for radiochemical purity, and processing the eluate with reagent kits to prepare labeled radioactive drugs containing radioactive material; and
- ii. Administering dosages of radioactive drugs to patients or human research subjects involving a minimum of 3 cases in each of the following categories for which the individual is requesting authorized user status. This experience may be obtained concurrently with the supervised work experience required by G.56b.i.(2):
- (1) Oral administration of less than or equal to 1.22 gigabecquerels (33 millicuries) of sodium iodide I-131;
 - (2) Oral administration of greater than 1.22 gigabecquerels (33 millicuries) of sodium iodide I-131^{2/};
 - (3) Parenteral administration of any beta emitter or a photon-emitting radionuclide with a photon energy less than 150 keV; and/or
 - (4) Parenteral administration of any other radionuclide; and
- iii. Has obtained written certification, signed by a preceptor authorized user, who meets the requirements in G.56 or equivalent Agreement State, or Nuclear Regulatory Commission requirements, that the individual has satisfactorily completed the requirements G.56b.i. and G.56b.ii. and has achieved a level of competency sufficient to independently function as an authorized user for the medical uses authorized under G.56. The preceptor authorized user, who meets the requirements of G.56b. must have experience in administering dosages in the same dosage category or categories listed in G.56b.ii. as the individual requesting authorized user status.

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^{2/} Experience with at least 3 cases in category (2) also satisfies the requirement in category (1).

Sec. Sec. G.57 - Training for the Oral Administration of Sodium Iodide I-131 in Quantities Less than or Equal to 1.22 Gigabecquerels (33 millicuries) for which a Written Directive is Required.*/ Except as provided in G.29, the licensee shall require an authorized user for the oral administration of sodium iodide I-131 in quantities less than or equal to 1.22 gigabecquerels (33 millicuries), for which a written directive is required, to be a physician who:

- a. Is certified by a medical specialty board whose certification process includes all of the requirements in G.57c. and whose certification has been recognized by an Agreement State or the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; **/ or
- b. Is an authorized user under G.56a., G.56b., for uses listed in G.56b.ii.(1) or (2), or G.58 or equivalent Agreement State or Nuclear Regulatory Commission requirements; or
- c.
 - i. Has successfully completed 80 hours classroom and laboratory training, applicable to the medical use of sodium iodide I-131 for procedures requiring a written directive; the training must include:
 - (1) Radiation physics and instrumentation;
 - (2) Radiation protection;
 - (3) Mathematics pertaining to the use and measurement of radioactivity;
 - (4) Chemistry of radioactive material for medical use; and
 - (5) Radiation biology; and
 - ii. Has work experience, under the supervision of an authorized user who meets the requirements in G.56a., G.56b., G.57 or G.58, or equivalent Agreement State, or Nuclear Regulatory Commission requirements . A supervising authorized user, who meets the requirements of G.56b. must have experience in administering dosages as specified in G.56b.ii.(1) or G.56b.ii.(2); the work experience must involve:
 - (1) Ordering, receiving, and unpacking radioactive materials safely and performing the related radiation surveys;
 - (2) Calibrating*/ instruments used to determine the activity of dosages and

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- performing checks for proper operation for survey meters;
 - (3) Calculating, measuring, and safely preparing patient or human research subject dosages;
 - (4) Using administrative controls to prevent a misadministration involving the use of radioactive material;
 - (5) Using procedures to contain spilled radioactive material safely and using proper decontamination procedures;
 - (6) Administering dosages to patients or human research subjects that includes at least 3 cases involving the oral administration of less than or equal to 1.22 gigabecquerels (33 millicuries) of sodium iodide I-131; and
- iii. ~~Has obtained written certification, signed by a preceptor authorized user, who meets the requirements in G.56b., G.57 or G.58, or equivalent Agreement State, or Nuclear Regulatory Commission requirements, that the individual has satisfactorily completed the requirements in G.57c.i. and G.57c.ii., and has achieved a level of competency sufficient to independently function as an authorized user for medical uses of unsealed radioactive material using sodium iodide I-131. The written certification must be signed by a~~ The preceptor authorized user, who meets the requirements of G.56a., G.56b, G.57 or G.58, or equivalent Agreement State or Nuclear Regulatory Commission requirements. ~~The preceptor authorized user who meets the requirements of G.56b. must have experience in administering dosages as specified in G.56b.ii.(1) and/or (2).~~

Sec. G.58 - Training for the Oral Administration of Sodium Iodide I-131 in Quantities Greater than 1.22 Gigabecquerels (33 millicuries) for which a Written Directive is Required.* Except as provided in G.29, the licensee shall require an authorized user for the oral administration of sodium iodide I-131 in quantities greater than 1.22 gigabecquerels (33 millicuries), to be a physician who:

- a. Is certified by a medical specialty board whose certification process includes all of the requirements in G.57c. and whose certification has been recognized by an Agreement State or the Nuclear Regulatory Commission ; or
- b. Is an authorized user under G.56a., G.56b. for uses listed in G.56b.ii.(2), or equivalent Agreement State, Licensing State or Nuclear Regulatory Commission requirements; or
- c. i. Has successfully completed 80 hours classroom and laboratory training, applicable to the medical use of sodium iodide I-131 for procedures requiring a written directive; the training must include:

***/ This rule has possible health and safety implications, please see Rationale for Part G 2000 for more information.

- (1) Radiation physics and instrumentation;
 - (2) Radiation protection;
 - (3) Mathematics pertaining to the use and measurement of radioactivity;
 - (4) Chemistry of radioactive material for medical use; and
 - (5) Radiation biology; and
- ii. Has work experience, under the supervision of an authorized user who meets the requirements in G.56a., G.56b., G.58, or equivalent Agreement State, or Nuclear Regulatory Commission requirements. A supervising authorized user, who meets the requirements of G.56b., must have experience in administering dosages as specified in G.56b.ii.(2).; The work experience must involve:
- (1) Ordering, receiving, and unpacking radioactive materials safely and performing the related radiation surveys;
 - (2) Calibrating* / instruments used to determine the activity of dosages and performing checks for proper operation for survey meters;
 - (3) Calculating, measuring, and safely preparing patient or human research subject dosages;
 - (4) Using administrative controls to prevent a misadministration involving the use of radioactive material;
 - (5) Using procedures to contain spilled radioactive material safely and using proper decontamination procedures;
 - (6) Administering dosages to patients or human research subjects that includes at least 3 cases involving the oral administration of greater than 1.22 gigabecquerels (33 millicuries) of sodium iodide I-131; and
- iii. ~~Has obtained written certification, signed by a preceptor authorized user, who meets the requirements in G.56, or G.58, or equivalent Agreement State or Nuclear Regulatory Commission requirements, that the individual has satisfactorily completed the requirements in G.587c.i. and G.578c.ii. and has achieved a level of competency sufficient to independently function as an authorized user for medical uses of unsealed radioactive material using sodium iodide I-131 in activities greater than 1.22 gigabecquerels (33 millicuries). The written certification must be signed by a The preceptor authorized user, who meets the requirements of G.56b., G.58, or equivalent Agreement State or Nuclear Regulatory Commission requirements. A preceptor authorized user who meets the~~

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requirements of G.56b., must have experience in administering dosages as specified in G.56b.ii.(2).

Manual Brachytherapy

Sec. G.59 - Use of Sealed Sources for Manual Brachytherapy. A licensee shall use only brachytherapy sources for therapeutic medical uses:

- a. As approved in the Sealed Source and Device Registry; or
- b. In research in accordance with an effective Investigational Device Exemption (IDE) application accepted by the FDA provided the requirements of G.24a. are met.

Sec. G.60 - Surveys After Source Implant and Removal.

- a. Immediately after implanting sources in a patient or a human research subject, the licensee shall perform a survey to locate and account for all sources that have not been implanted.
- b. Immediately after removing the last temporary implant source from a patient or a human research subject, the licensee shall make a survey of the patient or the human research subject with a radiation detection survey instrument to confirm that all sources have been removed.
- c. A licensee shall retain a record of the surveys in accordance with G.106.

Sec. G. 61 - Brachytherapy Sources Inventory.

- a. A licensee shall maintain accountability at all times for all brachytherapy sources in storage or use.
- b. Promptly after removing sources from a patient or a human research subject, a licensee shall return brachytherapy sources to a secure storage area.
- c. A licensee shall maintain a record of the brachytherapy source accountability in accordance with G.107.

Sec. G.62 - Safety Instruction. In addition to the requirements of J.12 of these regulations:

- a. The licensee shall provide radiation safety instruction, initially and at least annually, to personnel caring for patients or human research subjects that are undergoing implant therapy and cannot be released in accordance with G.40. Instruction must be commensurate with the duties of the personnel and shall include the following:
 - i. Size and appearance of the brachytherapy sources;
 - ii. Safe handling and shielding instructions;

- iii. Patient or human research subject control;
 - iv. Visitor control, including both:
 - (1) Routine visitation of hospitalized individuals in accordance with D.301a.i. of these regulations; and
 - (2) Visitation authorized in accordance with D.301a.iv. of these regulations; and
 - v. Notification of the Radiation Safety Officer, or his or her designee, and an authorized user if the patient or the human research subject dies or has a medical emergency. The licensee shall also notify the Agency in accordance with G.123 if it is possible that any individual could receive exposures in excess of Part D.301 as a result of the deceased's body.
- b. A licensee shall retain a record of individuals receiving instruction in accordance with G.105.

Sec. G.63 - Safety Precautions for Patients or Human Research Subjects Receiving Brachytherapy.

- a. For each patient or human research subject that is receiving brachytherapy and can not be released in accordance with G.40, a licensee shall:
 - i. Not place the patient or human research subject in the same room as an individual who is not receiving brachytherapy;
 - ii. Visibly post the patient's or human research subject's room with a "Radioactive Materials" sign and note on the door or in the patient's or human research subject's chart where and how long visitors may stay in the patient's or human research subject's room.
- b. A licensee shall have emergency response equipment available near each treatment room to respond to a source that inadvertently becomes:
 - i. Dislodged from the patient; or
 - ii. Lodged within the patient following removal of the source applicators.
- c. Radiation Safety Officer, or his or her designee, and the authorized user shall be notified immediately if the hospitalized patient or human research subject dies or has a medical emergency.

Sec. G.64 - Calibration Measurements of Brachytherapy Sealed Sources.

- a. Prior to the first medical use of a brachytherapy sealed source on or after [insert the effective date of this rule], a licensee shall perform the following:
 - i. Determine the source output or activity using a dosimetry system that meets the

requirements of G.76a.;

- ii. Determine source positioning accuracy within applicators; and
 - iii. Use published protocols accepted by nationally recognized bodies to meet the requirements of G.64a.i. and G.64a.ii.
- b. A licensee may use measurements provided by the source manufacturer [or by a calibration laboratory accredited by the American Association of Physicists in Medicine] that are made in accordance with G.64a.
 - c. A licensee shall mathematically correct the outputs or activities determined in G.64a. of this section for physical decay at intervals consistent with 1.0 percent physical decay.
 - d. An authorized medical physicist shall perform or review the calculation measurements made pursuant to G.64a., G.64b., or G.64c.
 - e. Only an authorized medical physicist shall calculate the activity of each strontium-90 source that is used to determine the treatment times for ophthalmic treatments. The decay must be based on the activity determined in accordance with paragraphs G.64a., G.64b., and G.64c.
 - fe. A licensee shall retain a record of each calibration in accordance with G.108.
 - g. A licensee shall retain a record of decay calculations required by G.64e. in accordance with G.109.

Sec. G.65 - Therapy-related Computer Systems. The licensee shall perform acceptance testing on the treatment planning system in accordance with published protocols accepted by nationally recognized bodies. At a minimum, the acceptance testing must include, as applicable, verification of:

- a. The source-specific input parameters required by the dose calculation algorithm;
- b. The accuracy of dose, dwell time, and treatment time calculations at representative points;
- c. The accuracy of isodose plots and graphic displays; and
- d. The accuracy of the software used to determine radioactive source positions from radiographic images.

[Sec. G.66 - Possession of Survey Instruments. A licensee authorized to use manual brachytherapy sources radioactive material for imaging and localization studies shall possess a portable radiation detection survey instrument capable of detecting dose rates over the range of 1 microsievert (0.1 mrem) per hour to 500 microsieverts (50 mrem) per hour, and a portable radiation measurement survey instrument capable of measuring dose rates over the range 10 microsieverts (1 mrem) per hour to 10 millisieverts (1000 mrem) per hour. The instruments shall be operable and calibrated in accordance with G.33.]

Sec. G.67 - Training for Use of Manual Brachytherapy Sources. Except as provided in G.29, the licensee shall require an authorized user of a manual brachytherapy source for the uses authorized under G.59 to be a physician who:

- a. Is certified by a medical specialty board whose certification process includes all of the requirements in G.67b. and whose certification has been recognized by an Agreement State or the Nuclear Regulatory Commission;^{*/} or
- b. i. Has completed a structured educational program in basic radionuclide handling techniques applicable to the use of manual brachytherapy sources that includes:
 - (1) 200 hours of classroom and laboratory training in the following areas:
 - (a) Radiation physics and instrumentation;
 - (b) Radiation protection;
 - (c) Mathematics pertaining to the use and measurement of radioactivity; and
 - (d) Radiation biology; and
 - (2) 500 hours of work experience, under the supervision of an authorized user who meets the requirements in G.67 or equivalent Agreement State, or Nuclear Regulatory Commission requirements at a medical institution, involving:
 - (a) Ordering, receiving, and unpacking radioactive materials safely and performing the related radiation surveys;
 - (b) Checking survey meters for proper operation;
 - (c) Preparing, implanting, and removing brachytherapy sealed sources;
 - (d) Maintaining running inventories of material on hand;
 - (e) Using administrative controls to prevent a misadministration involving the use of radioactive material;
 - (f) Using emergency procedures to control radioactive material; and
- ii. Three years of supervised clinical experience in radiation oncology, under an authorized user who meets the requirements in G.67 or equivalent Agreement State,

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or Nuclear Regulatory Commission requirements, as part of a formal training program approved by the Residency Review Committee for Radiation Oncology of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education or the Committee on Postdoctoral Training of the American Osteopathic Association. This experience may be obtained concurrently with the supervised work experience required by G.67b.i.(2); and

- iii. Has obtained written certification, signed by a preceptor authorized user, who meets the requirements in G.67 or equivalent Agreement State or Nuclear Regulatory Commission requirements, that the individual has satisfactorily completed the requirements in G.67b.i. and G.67b.ii. and has achieved a level of competency sufficient to independently function as an authorized user of manual brachytherapy sources for the medical uses authorized under in G.59.

Sec. G.68 - Training for ophthalmic use of strontium-90. Except as provided in G.29, the licensee shall require an authorized user of a strontium-90 source for ophthalmic uses authorized under G.59 to be a physician who:

- a. Is an authorized user under G.67 or equivalent Agreement State or Nuclear Regulatory Commission requirements;*/ or,
- b.
 - i. Has completed 24 hours of classroom and laboratory training applicable to the medical use of strontium-90 for ophthalmic radiotherapy. The training must include:
 - (1) Radiation physics and instrumentation;
 - (2) Radiation protection;
 - (3) Mathematics pertaining to the use and measurement of radioactivity; and,
 - (4) Radiation biology; and,
 - ii. Supervised clinical training in ophthalmic radiotherapy under the supervision of an authorized user who meets the requirements of G.67 or G.68, and that includes the use of strontium-90 for the ophthalmic treatment of five individuals that includes:
 - (1) Examination of each individual to be treated;
 - (2) Calculation of the dose to be administered;
 - (3) Administration of the dose; and,
 - (4) Follow-up and review of each individual's case history; and,

*/ Licensing State not included because compatibility B. State may want to recognize the Licensing State certification for NORM.

- iii. Has obtained written certification, signed by a preceptor authorized user, who meets the requirements in G.67 or G.68 or equivalent Agreement State, or Nuclear Regulatory Commission requirements, that the individual has satisfactorily completed the requirements in paragraphs i. and ii. of this section and has achieved a level of competency sufficient to independently function as an authorized user of strontium-90 for ophthalmic use.

Sealed Sources For Diagnosis

Sec. G.69 - Use of Sealed Sources for Diagnosis. A licensee shall use only sealed sources for diagnostic medical uses:

- a. Approved in the Sealed Source and Device Registry; and,
- b. Handled in accordance with the manufacturer's radiation safety instructions.

Sec. G.70 - Training for Use of Sealed Sources for Diagnosis. Except as provided in G.29, the licensee shall require the authorized user of a diagnostic sealed source for the use in a device authorized under G.69 to be a physician, dentist, or podiatrist who:

- a. Is certified by a speciality board whose certification process includes all of the requirements in G.70b. and whose certification has been recognized by an Agreement State or the Nuclear Regulatory Commission; */or
- b. Has had 8 hours of classroom and laboratory training in basic radionuclide handling techniques specifically applicable to the use of the device that includes:
 - i. Radiation physics and instrumentation;
 - ii. Radiation protection;
 - iii. Mathematics pertaining to the use and measurement of radioactivity;
 - iv. Radiation biology; and
 - v. Training in the use of the device for the uses requested.

Photon Emitting Remote Afterloader Units, Teletherapy Units, and Gamma Stereotactic Radiosurgery Units

Sec. G.71 - Use of Sealed Sources in a Remote Afterloader Unit, Teletherapy Unit, or Gamma Stereotactic Radiosurgery Unit. A licensee shall use sealed sources in photon emitting remote

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afterloader units, teletherapy units, or gamma stereotactic radiosurgery units for therapeutic medical uses:

- a. As approved in the Sealed Source and Device Registry; or
- b. In research in accordance with an effective Investigational Device Exemption (IDE) application accepted by the FDA provided the requirements of G.24a. are met.

Sec. G.72 - Surveys of Patients and Human Research Subjects Treated with a Remote Afterloader Unit.

- a. Before releasing a patient or a human research subject from licensee control, a licensee shall make a survey of the patient or the human research subject and the remote afterloader unit with a portable radiation detection survey instrument to confirm that the source(s) has been removed from the patient or human research subject and returned to the safe, shielded position.
- b. A licensee shall retain a record of the surveys in accordance with G.106.

Sec. G.73 - Installation, Maintenance, Adjustment, and Repair.

- a. Only a person specifically licensed by the Agency, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission or an Agreement State shall install, maintain, adjust, or repair a remote afterloader unit, teletherapy unit, or gamma stereotactic radiosurgery unit that involves work on the source(s) shielding, the source(s) driving unit, or other electronic or mechanical component that could expose the source(s), reduce the shielding around the source(s), or compromise the radiation safety of the unit or the source(s).
- b. Except for low dose-rate remote afterloader units, only a person specifically licensed by the Agency, an Agreement State, Licensing State or the Nuclear Regulatory Commission shall install, replace, relocate, or remove a sealed source or source contained in other remote afterloader units, teletherapy units, or gamma stereotactic radiosurgery units.
- c. For a low dose-rate remote afterloader unit, only a person specifically licensed by the Agency, an Agreement State, Licensing State or the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, or an authorized medical physicist shall install, replace, relocate, or remove a sealed source(s) contained in the unit.
- d. A licensee shall retain a record of the installation, maintenance, adjustment and repair done on remote afterloader units, teletherapy units, and gamma stereotactic radiosurgery units in accordance with G.110.

Sec. G.74 - Safety Procedures and Instructions for Remote Afterloader Units, Teletherapy Units, and Gamma Stereotactic Radiosurgery Units.

- a. A licensee shall:

- i. Secure the unit, the console, the console keys, and the treatment room when not in use or unattended;
 - ii. Permit only individuals approved by the authorized user, Radiation Safety Officer, or authorized medical physicist to be present in the treatment room during treatment with the source(s);
 - iii. Prevent dual operation of more than one radiation producing device in a treatment room, if applicable; and
 - iv. Develop, implement, and maintain written procedures for responding to an abnormal situation when the operator is unable to place the source(s) in the shielded position, or remove the patient or human research subject from the radiation field with controls from outside the treatment room. This procedure must include:
 - (1) Instructions for responding to equipment failures and the names of the individuals responsible for implementing corrective actions;
 - (2) The process for restricting access to and posting of the treatment area to minimize the risk of inadvertent exposure; and
 - (3) The names and telephone numbers of the authorized users, the authorized medical physicist, and the Radiation Safety Officer to be contacted if the unit or console operates abnormally.
- b. A copy of the procedures required by G.74a.iv. must be physically located at the unit console.
- c. A licensee shall post instructions at the unit console to inform the operator of:
- i. The location of the procedures required by G.74a.iv.; and
 - ii. The names and telephone numbers of the authorized users, the authorized medical physicist, and the Radiation Safety Officer to be contacted if the unit or console operates abnormally.
- d. A licensee shall provide instruction, initially and at least annually, to all individuals who operate the unit, as appropriate to the individual's assigned duties, in:
- i. The procedures identified in G.74a.iv. of this section; and
 - ii. The operating procedures for the unit.
- e. A licensee shall ensure that operators, authorized medical physicists, and authorized users participate in drills of the emergency procedures, initially and at least annually.
- f. A licensee shall retain a record of individuals receiving instruction required by G.74d., in

accordance with G.105.

Sec. G.75 - Safety Precautions for Remote Afterloader Units, Teletherapy Units, and Gamma Stereotactic Radiosurgery Units.

- a. A licensee shall control access to the treatment room by a door at each entrance.
- b. A licensee shall equip each entrance to the treatment room with an electrical interlock system that will:
 - i. Prevent the operator from initiating the treatment cycle unless each treatment room entrance door is closed;
 - ii. Cause the source(s) to be shielded promptly when an entrance door is opened; and
 - iii. Prevent the source(s) from being exposed following an interlock interruption until all treatment room entrance doors are closed and the source(s) on-off control is reset at the console.
- c. A licensee shall require any individual entering the treatment room to assure, through the use of appropriate radiation monitors, that radiation levels have returned to ambient levels.
- d. Except for low-dose remote afterloader units, a licensee shall construct or equip each treatment room with viewing and intercom systems to permit continuous observation of the patient or the human research subject from the treatment console during irradiation.
- e. For licensed activities where sources are placed within the patient's or human research subject's body, a licensee shall only conduct treatments which allow for expeditious removal of a decoupled or jammed source.
- f. In addition to the requirements specified in G.75a. through G.75e., a licensee shall:
 - i. For [low dose-rate,] medium dose-rate, and pulsed dose-rate remote afterloader units, require:
 - (1) An authorized medical physicist and either an authorized user or a physician, under the supervision of an authorized user, who has been trained in the operation and emergency response for the unit to be physically present during the initiation of all patient treatments involving the unit; and
 - (2) An authorized medical physicist and either an authorized user or an individual, under the supervision of an authorized user, who has been trained to remove the source applicator(s) in the event of an emergency involving the unit, to be immediately available during continuation of all patient treatments involving the unit.
 - ii. For high dose-rate remote afterloader unit, require:

- (1) An authorized user and an authorized medical physicist to be physically present during the initiation of all patient treatments involving the unit; and
 - (2) An authorized medical physicist and either an authorized user or a physician, under the supervision of an authorized user, who has been trained in the operation and emergency response for the unit, to be physically present during continuation of all patient treatments involving the unit.
- iii. For gamma stereotactic radiosurgery units, require an authorized user and an authorized medical physicist to be physically present throughout all patient treatments involving the unit.
 - iv. Notify the Radiation Safety Officer, or his or her designee, and an authorized user as soon as possible, if the patient or human research subject has a medical emergency and, immediately, if the patient dies.
- g. A licensee shall have emergency response equipment available near each treatment room, to respond to a source that inadvertently:
- i. Remains in the unshielded position; or
 - ii. Lodges within the patient following completion of the treatment.

Sec. G.76 - Dosimetry Equipment.

- a. Except for low dose-rate remote afterloader sources where the source output or activity is determined by the manufacturer, a licensee shall have a calibrated dosimetry system available for use. To satisfy this requirement, one of the following two conditions must be met.
 - i. The system must have been calibrated using a system or source traceable to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and published protocols accepted by nationally recognized bodies; or by a calibration laboratory accredited by the American Association of Physicists in Medicine (AAPM). The calibration must have been performed within the previous 2 years and after any servicing that may have affected system calibration; or
 - ii. The system must have been calibrated within the previous 4 years; 18 to 30 months after that calibration, the system must have been intercompared with another dosimetry system that was calibrated within the past 24 months by NIST or by a calibration laboratory accredited by the AAPM. The results of the intercomparison must have indicated that the calibration factor of the licensee's system had not changed by more than 2 percent. The licensee may not use the intercomparison result to change the calibration factor. When intercomparing dosimetry systems to be used for calibrating sealed sources for therapeutic units, the licensee shall use a comparable unit with beam attenuators or collimators, as applicable, and sources of the same radionuclide as the source used at the licensee's facility.

- b. The licensee shall have available for use a dosimetry system for spot-check output measurements, if applicable. To satisfy this requirement, the system may be compared with a system that has been calibrated in accordance with G.76a. This comparison must have been performed within the previous year and after each servicing that may have affected system calibration. The spot-check system may be the same system used to meet the requirement in G.76a.
- c. The licensee shall retain a record of each calibration, intercomparison, and comparison in accordance with G.111.

Sec. G.77 - Full Calibration Measurements on Teletherapy Units.

- a. A licensee authorized to use a teletherapy unit for medical use shall perform full calibration measurements on each teletherapy unit:
 - i. Before the first medical use of the unit; and
 - ii. Before medical use under the following conditions:
 - (1) Whenever spot-check measurements indicate that the output differs by more than 5 percent from the output obtained at the last full calibration corrected mathematically for radioactive decay;
 - (2) Following replacement of the source or following reinstallation of the teletherapy unit in a new location;
 - (3) Following any repair of the teletherapy unit that includes removal of the source or major repair of the components associated with the source exposure assembly; and
 - iii. At intervals not exceeding 1 year.
- b. To satisfy the requirement of G.77a., full calibration measurements must include determination of:
 - i. The output within +/-3 percent for the range of field sizes and for the distance or range of distances used for medical use;
 - ii. The coincidence of the radiation field and the field indicated by the light beam localizing device;
 - iii. The uniformity of the radiation field and its dependence on the orientation of the useful beam;
 - iv. Timer accuracy and linearity over the range of use;
 - v. On-off error; and

- vi. The accuracy of all distance measuring and localization devices in medical use.
- c. A licensee shall use the dosimetry system described in G.76a. to measure the output for one set of exposure conditions. The remaining radiation measurements required in G75b.i. may be made using a dosimetry system that indicates relative dose rates.
- d. A licensee shall make full calibration measurements required by G.77a. in accordance with published protocols accepted by nationally recognized bodies.
- e. A licensee shall mathematically correct the outputs determined in G.77b.i. for physical decay for intervals not exceeding 1 month for cobalt-60, 6 months for cesium-137, or at intervals consistent with 1 percent decay for all other nuclides.
- f. Full calibration measurements required by G.77a. and physical decay corrections required by G.77e. must be performed by the authorized medical physicist.
- g. A licensee shall retain a record of each calibration in accordance with G.112.

Sec. G.78 - Full Calibration Measurements on Remote Afterloader Units.

- a. A licensee authorized to use a remote afterloader unit for medical use shall perform full calibration measurements on each unit:
 - i. Before the first medical use of the unit;
 - ii. Before medical use under the following conditions:
 - (1) Following replacement of the source or following reinstallation of the unit in a new location outside the facility; and
 - (2) Following any repair of the unit that includes removal of the source or major repair of the components associated with the source exposure assembly; and
 - iii. At intervals not exceeding 1 quarter for high dose-rate, medium dose-rate, and pulsed dose-rate remote afterloader units with sources whose half-life exceeds 75 days; and
 - iv. At intervals not exceeding 1 year for low dose-rate remote afterloader units.
- b. To satisfy the requirement of G.78a., full calibration measurements must include, as applicable, determination of:
 - i. The output within +/- 5 percent;
 - ii. Source positioning accuracy to within +/- 1 millimeter;
 - iii. Source retraction with backup battery upon power failure; and

- iv. Length of the source transfer tubes;
 - v. Timer accuracy and linearity over the typical range of use;
 - vi Length of the applicators; and
 - vii. Function of the source transfer tubes, applicators, and transfer tube-applicator interfaces.
- c. In addition to the requirements for full calibrations for low dose-rate remote afterloader units in G.78b., a licensee shall perform an autoradiograph of the source(s) to verify inventory and source(s) arrangement at intervals not exceeding one quarter.
 - d. A licensee shall use the dosimetry system described in G.76a. to measure the output.
 - e. A licensee shall make full calibration measurements required by G.78a. of this section in accordance with published protocols accepted by nationally recognized bodies.
 - f. For low dose-rate remote afterloader units, a licensee may use measurements provided by the source manufacturer that are made in accordance with G.78a. through G.78e.
 - g. A licensee shall mathematically correct the outputs determined in G.78b.i. of this section for physical decay at intervals consistent with 1 percent physical decay.
 - h. Full calibration measurements required by G.78a. and physical decay corrections required by G.78g. must be performed by the authorized medical physicist.
 - i. A licensee shall retain a record of each calibration in accordance with G.112.

Sec. G.79 - Full Calibration Measurements on Gamma Stereotactic Radiosurgery Units.

- a. A licensee authorized to use a gamma stereotactic radiosurgery unit for medical use shall perform full calibration measurements on each unit:
 - i. Before the first medical use of the unit;
 - ii. Before medical use under the following conditions:
 - (1) Whenever spot-check measurements indicate that the output differs by more than 5 percent from the output obtained at the last full calibration corrected mathematically for radioactive decay;
 - (2) Following replacement of the sources or following reinstallation of the gamma stereotactic radiosurgery unit in a new location; and
 - (3) Following any repair of the gamma stereotactic radiosurgery unit that includes

removal of the sources or major repair of the components associated with the source assembly; and

- iii. At intervals not exceeding 1 year, with the exception that relative helmet factors need only be determined before the first medical use of a helmet and following any damage to a helmet.
- b. To satisfy the requirement of G.79a., full calibration measurements must include determination of:
- i. The output within +/-3 percent;
 - ii. Relative helmet factors;
 - iii. Isocenter coincidence;
 - iv. Timer accuracy and linearity over the range of use;
 - v. On-off error;
 - vi. Trunnion centricity;
 - vii. Treatment table retraction mechanism, using backup battery power or hydraulic backups with the unit off;
 - viii. Helmet microswitches;
 - ix. Emergency timing circuits; and
 - x. Stereotactic frames and localizing devices (trunnions).
- c. A licensee shall use the dosimetry system described in G.79a. to measure the output for one set of exposure conditions. The remaining radiation measurements required in G.79b.i. may be made using a dosimetry system that indicates relative dose rates.
- d. A licensee shall make full calibration measurements required by G.79a. in accordance with published protocols accepted by nationally recognized bodies.
- e. A licensee shall mathematically correct the outputs determined in G.79b.i. at intervals not exceeding 1 month for cobalt-60 and at intervals consistent with 1 percent physical decay for all other radionuclides.
- f. Full calibration measurements required by G.79a. and physical decay corrections required by G.79e. must be performed by the authorized medical physicist.
- g. A licensee shall retain a record of each calibration in accordance with G.112.

Sec. G.80 - Periodic Spot-Checks for Teletherapy Units.

- a. A licensee authorized to use teletherapy units for medical use shall perform output spot-checks on each teletherapy unit once in each calendar month that include determination of:
 - i. Timer accuracy, and timer linearity over the range of use;
 - ii. On-off error;
 - iii. The coincidence of the radiation field and the field indicated by the light beam localizing device;
 - iv. The accuracy of all distance measuring and localization devices used for medical use;
 - v. The output for one typical set of operating conditions measured with the dosimetry system described in G.76b.; and
 - vi. The difference between the measurement made in G78b.v. and the anticipated output, expressed as a percentage of the anticipated output (i.e., the value obtained at last full calibration corrected mathematically for physical decay).
- b. A licensee shall perform measurements required by G.80a. in accordance with procedures established by the authorized medical physicist. That individual need not actually perform the spot check measurements.
- c. A licensee shall have the authorized medical physicist review the results of each spot-check within 15 days. The authorized medical physicist shall promptly notify the licensee in writing of the results of each spot-check.
- d. A licensee authorized to use a teletherapy unit for medical use shall perform safety spot-checks of each teletherapy facility once in each calendar month and after each source installation to assure proper operation of :
 - i. Electrical interlocks at each teletherapy room entrance;
 - ii. Electrical or mechanical stops installed for the purpose of limiting use of the primary beam of radiation (restriction of source housing angulation or elevation, carriage or stand travel and operation of the beam on-off mechanism);
 - iii. Source exposure indicator lights on the teletherapy unit, on the control console, and in the facility;
 - iv. Viewing and intercom systems;
 - v. Treatment room doors from inside and outside the treatment room; and

- vi. Electrically assisted treatment room doors with the teletherapy unit electrical power turned off.
- e. If the results of the checks required in G.80d. indicate the malfunction of any system, a licensee shall lock the control console in the off position and not use the unit except as may be necessary to repair, replace, or check the malfunctioning system.
- f. A licensee shall retain a record of each spot-check required by G.80a. and G.80d., in accordance with G.113.

Sec. G.81 - Periodic Spot-Checks for Remote Afterloader Units.

- a. A licensee authorized to use remote afterloader units for medical use shall perform spot-checks of each remote afterloader facility and on each unit:
 - i. At the beginning of each day of use of a high dose-rate, medium dose-rate or pulsed dose-rate remote afterloader unit;
 - ii. Prior to each patient treatment with a low dose-rate remote afterloader unit; and
 - iii. After each source installation.
- b. The licensee shall have the authorized medical physicist establish written procedures for performing the spot-checks required in G.81a. The authorized medical physicist need not actually perform the spot-check measurements.
- c. A licensee shall have the authorized medical physicist review the results of each spot-check within 15 days. The authorized medical physicist shall notify the licensee as soon as possible in writing of the results of each spot check.
- d. To satisfy the requirements of G.81a., spot-checks must, at a minimum, assure proper operation of:
 - i. Electrical interlocks at each remote afterloader unit room entrance;
 - ii. Source exposure indicator lights on the remote afterloader unit, on the control console, and in the facility;
 - iii. Viewing and intercom systems in each high dose-rate, medium dose-rate and pulsed dose-rate remote afterloader facility;
 - iv. Emergency response equipment;
 - v. Radiation monitors used to indicate the source position;
 - vi. Timer accuracy;

- vii. Clock (date and time) in the unit's computer; and
- viii. Decayed source(s) activity in the unit's computer.
- e. If the results of the checks required in G.81d. indicate the malfunction of any system, a licensee shall lock the control console in the off position and not use the unit except as may be necessary to repair, replace, or check the malfunctioning system.
- f. A licensee shall retain a record of each check required by G.81d. in accordance with G.114.

Sec. G.82 - Periodic Spot-Checks for Gamma Stereotactic Radiosurgery Units.

- a. A licensee authorized to use a gamma stereotactic radiosurgery unit for medical use shall perform spot-checks of each gamma stereotactic radiosurgery facility and on each unit:
 - i. Monthly;
 - ii. At the beginning of each day of use; and
 - iii. After each source installation.
- b. The licensee shall have the authorized medical physicist:
 - i. Establish written procedures for performing the spot-checks required in G.82a. of this section; and
 - ii. Review the results of each spot-check required by G.82a.i. of this section within 15 days of the check. The authorized medical physicist need not actually perform the spot-check measurements. The authorized medical physicist shall notify the licensee as soon as possible, in writing, of the results of the spotcheck.
- c. To satisfy the requirements of G.82a.i. of this section, spot-checks must, at a minimum:
 - i. Assure proper operation of:
 - (1) Treatment table retraction mechanism, using backup battery power or hydraulic backups with the unit off;
 - (2) Helmet microswitches;
 - (3) Emergency timing circuits; and
 - (4) Stereotactic frames and localizing devices (trunnions).
 - ii. Determine :
 - (1) The output for one typical set of operating conditions measured with the

dosimetry system described in G.76b.;

- (2) The difference between the measurement made in G.82c.ii.(1) of this section and the anticipated output, expressed as a percentage of the anticipated output (i.e., the value obtained at last full calibration corrected mathematically for physical decay);
 - (3) Source output against computer calculation;
 - (4) Timer accuracy and linearity over the range of use;
 - (5) On-off error; and
 - (6) Trunnion centricity.
- d. To satisfy the requirements of G.82a.ii. and G.82a.iii., spot-checks must assure proper operation of:
- i. Electrical interlocks at each gamma stereotactic radiosurgery room entrance;
 - ii. Source exposure indicator lights on the gamma stereotactic radiosurgery unit, on the control console, and in the facility;
 - iii. Viewing and intercom systems;
 - iv. Timer termination;
 - v. Radiation monitors used to indicate room exposures; and
 - vi. Emergency off buttons.
- e. A licensee shall arrange for prompt repair of any system identified in G.82c. that is not operating properly.
- f. If the results of the checks required in G.82d. indicate the malfunction of any system, a licensee shall lock the control console in the off position and not use the unit except as may be necessary to repair, replace, or check the malfunctioning system.
- g. A licensee shall retain a record of each check required by G.82c and G.82d. in accordance with G.115.

Sec. G.83 - Additional Technical Requirements for Mobile Remote Afterloader Units.

- a. A licensee providing mobile remote afterloader service shall:
- i. Check survey instruments before medical use at each address of use or on each day of use, whichever is more frequent; and

- ii. Account for all sources before departure from a client’s address of use.
- b. In addition to the periodic spot-checks required by G.81, a licensee authorized to use mobile afterloaders for medical use shall perform checks on each remote afterloader unit before use at each address of use. At a minimum, checks must be made to verify the operation of :
 - i. Electrical interlocks on treatment area access points;
 - ii. Source exposure indicator lights on the remote afterloader unit, on the control console, and in the facility;
 - iii. Viewing and intercom systems;
 - iv. Applicators, source transfer tubes, and transfer tube-applicator interfaces;
 - v. Radiation monitors used to indicate room exposures;
 - vi. Source positioning (accuracy); and
 - vii. Radiation monitors used to indicate whether the source has returned to a safe shielded position.
- c. In addition to the requirements for checks in G.83b., a licensee shall ensure overall proper operation of the remote afterloader unit by conducting a simulated cycle of treatment before use at each address of use.
- d. If the results of the checks required in G.83b. indicate the malfunction of any system, a licensee shall lock the control console in the off position and not use the unit except as may be necessary to repair, replace, or check the malfunctioning system.
- e. A licensee shall retain a record of each check required by G.83b. in accordance with G.116.

Sec. G.84 - Radiation Surveys.

- a. In addition to the survey requirements in D.501 of these regulations, a person licensed pursuant to Part G shall make surveys to ensure that the maximum radiation levels and average radiation levels from the surface of the main source safe with the source(s) in the shielded position does not exceed the levels stated in the Sealed Source and Device Registry.
- b. The licensee shall make the survey required by G.84a. at installation of a new source and following repairs to the source(s) shielding, the source(s) driving unit, or other electronic or mechanical component that could expose the source, reduce the shielding around the source(s), or compromise the radiation safety of the unit or the source(s).
- c. A licensee shall retain a record of the radiation surveys required by G.84a. of this section in accordance with G.117.

Sec. G.85 - Five-Year Inspection for Teletherapy and Gamma Stereotactic Radiosurgery Units.

- a. A licensee shall have each teletherapy unit and gamma stereotactic radiosurgery unit fully inspected and serviced during source replacement or at intervals not to exceed 5 years, whichever comes first, to assure proper functioning of the source exposure mechanism.
- b. This inspection and servicing may only be performed by persons specifically licensed to do so by the Agency, an Agreement State, a Licensing State or the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.
- c. A licensee shall keep a record of the inspection and servicing in accordance with G.118.

Sec. G.86 - Therapy-Related Computer Systems. The licensee shall perform acceptance testing on the treatment planning system in accordance with published protocols accepted by nationally recognized bodies. At a minimum, the acceptance testing must include, as applicable, verification of:

- a. The source-specific input parameters required by the dose calculation algorithm;
- b. The accuracy of dose, dwell time, and treatment time calculations at representative points;
- c. The accuracy of isodose plots and graphic displays;
- d. The accuracy of the software used to determine radioactive source positions from radiographic images; and
- e. The accuracy of electronic transfer of the treatment delivery parameters to the treatment delivery unit from the treatment planning system.

[Sec. G.87 - Possession of Survey Instruments. A licensee authorized to use radioactive material in remote afterloader units, teletherapy units, and gamma stereotactic radiosurgery units for imaging and localization studies shall possess a portable radiation detection survey instrument capable of detecting dose rates over the range of 1 microsievert (0.1 mrem) per hour to 500 microsieverts (50 mrems) per hour, and a portable radiation measurement survey instrument capable of measuring dose rates over the range 10 microsieverts (1 mrem) per hour to 10 millisieverts (1000 mrems) per hour. The instruments shall be operable and calibrated in accordance with G.33.]

Sec. G.88 - Training for Use of Remote Afterloader Units, Teletherapy Units, and Gamma Stereotactic Radiosurgery Units. Except as provided in G.29, the licensee shall require an authorized user of a sealed source for a use authorized under G.71 to be a physician who:

- a. Is certified by a medical specialty board whose certification process includes all of the requirements in G.88b. and whose certification has been recognized by an Agreement State

or the Nuclear Regulatory Commission;*/ or

- b.
 - i. Has completed a structured educational program in basic radionuclide techniques applicable to the use of a sealed source in a therapeutic medical unit that includes:
 - (1) 200 hours of classroom and laboratory training in the following areas:
 - (a) Radiation physics and instrumentation;
 - (b) Radiation protection;
 - (c) Mathematics pertaining to the use and measurement of radioactivity; and
 - (d) Radiation biology; and
 - ii. 500 hours of work -experience, under the supervision of an authorized user who meets the requirements in G.88 or equivalent Agreement State or Nuclear Regulatory Commission requirements at a medical institution, involving:
 - (a) Reviewing full calibration measurements and periodic spot checks;
 - (b) Preparing treatment plans and calculating treatment doses and times;
 - (c) Using administrative controls to prevent a misadministration involving the use of radioactive material;
 - (d) Implementing emergency procedures to be followed in the event of the abnormal operation of the medical unit or console;
 - (e) Checking and using survey meters; and
 - (f) Selecting the proper dose and how it is to be administered; and
 - iii. Three years of supervised clinical experience in radiation oncology, under an authorized user who meets the requirements in G.88 or equivalent Agreement State or Nuclear Regulatory requirements, as part of a formal training program approved by the Residency Review Committee for Radiation Oncology of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education or the Committee on Postdoctoral Training of the American Osteopathic Association. This experience may be obtained concurrently with the supervised work experience required by G.88b.i.(2); and
 - iv. Has obtained written certification, signed by a preceptor authorized user, who meets

**/ Licensing State not included because compatibility B. State may want to recognize the Licensing State certification for NORM.*

the requirements in G.88, equivalent Agreement State or Nuclear Regulatory requirements, that the individual has satisfactorily completed the requirements in G.88b.i and G.88b.ii. of this section and has achieved a level of competency sufficient to independently function as an authorized user of the therapeutic medical unit for which the individual is requesting authorized user status.

Other Medical Uses of Radioactive Material or Radiation from Radioactive Material

Sec. G.89 - Other Medical Uses of Radioactive Material or Radiation From Radioactive Material.

A licensee may use radioactive material or a radiation source approved for medical use that is not specifically addressed in Part G if:

- a. The applicant or licensee has submitted the information required by G.8b., G.8c. and G.8d.; and
- b. The applicant or licensee has received written approval from the NRC, an agreement state, or licensing state in a license and uses the material in accordance with the regulations and specific conditions the NRC, agreement state, or licensing state considers necessary for the medical use of the material.

Records

Sec. G.90 - Records of Authority and Responsibilities for Radiation Protection Programs.

- a. A licensee shall retain a record of actions taken by the licensee's management in accordance with G.18a. for 5 years. The record must include a summary of the actions taken and a signature of licensee management.
- b. The licensee shall retain a current copy of the authorities, duties and responsibilities of the Radiation Safety Officer as required by G.18d., and a signed copy of the Radiation Safety Officer's agreement to be responsible for implementing the radiation safety program, as required by G.18b. The record must include the signature of the Radiation Safety Officer and licensee management.
- c. [The minutes of each Radiation Safety Committee meeting held in accordance with G.18g. shall include:
 - i. The date of the meeting;
 - ii. Members present;
 - iii. Members absent; and
 - iv. Summary of deliberations and discussions.]

Sec. G.91 - Records of Radiation Protection Program Safety Changes. A licensee shall retain a record of each radiation protection program change made in accordance with G.19a. for 5 years. The record must include a copy of the old and new procedures; the effective date of the change; and the signature of the licensee management that reviewed and approved the change.

Sec. G.92 - Records of Written Directives. A licensee shall retain a copy of each written directive as required by G.22 for 3 years.

Sec. G.93 - Records of Misadministrations. A licensee shall retain a record of misadministrations reported in accordance with G.119 for 3 years. The record must contain the licensee's name; names of the individuals involved; the social security number or other identification number if one has been assigned, of the individual who is the subject of the misadministration; a brief description of the event; why it occurred; the effect, if any, on the individual; the actions, if any, taken, or planned, to prevent recurrence; and, whether the licensee notified the individual (or the individual's responsible relative or guardian) and, if not, whether such failure to notify was based on guidance from the referring physician.

Sec. G.94 - Record of a Dose to an Embryo/Fetus or a Nursing Child.* A licensee shall retain a record of a dose to an embryo/fetus or a nursing child reported in accordance with G.120 for 3 years. The record must contain the licensee's name; names of all the individuals involved; social security number or other identification number if one has been assigned of the embryo/fetus or nursing child who is the subject of the event; a brief description of the event; why it occurred; the effect, if any, on the embryo/fetus or nursing child; the actions, if any, taken, or planned, to prevent recurrence; and whether the licensee notified the pregnant individual or mother (or the mother's or child's responsible relative or guardian) and, if not, whether such failure to notify was based on guidance from the referring physician.*

Sec. G.95 - Records of Calibrations of Instruments Used to Measure the Activity of Unsealed Radioactive Material. A licensee shall maintain a record of instrument calibrations required by G.32 for 3 years. The records must include the model and serial number of the instrument, the date of the calibration, the results of the calibration, and the name of the individual who performed the calibration.

Sec. G.96 - Records of Survey Instrument Calibrations. A licensee shall maintain a record of survey instrument calibrations required by G.33 for 3 years. The record must include the model and serial number of the instrument, the date of the calibration, the results of the calibration, and the name of the individual who performed the calibration.

Sec. G.97 - Records of Dosages of Unsealed Radioactive Material for Medical Use. A licensee shall maintain a record of dosage determinations required by G.34 for 3 years. The record must contain the radioactive drug; the patient's or human research subject's name, or identification number if one has been assigned; prescribed dosage; the determined dosage, or a notation that the total

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activity is less than 1.1 MBq (30 µCi); the date and time of the dosage determination; and the name of the individual who determined the dosage.

Sec. G.98 - Records of Possession of Sealed Sources and Brachytherapy Sources. A licensee shall retain a record of the semi-annual physical inventory of sealed sources and brachytherapy sources required by G.36d. for 3 years. The inventory record must contain the model number of each source, and serial number if one has been assigned, the identity of each source radionuclide and its nominal activity, the location of each source, and the name of the individual who performed the inventory.

Sec. G.99 - Records of Surveys for Ambient Radiation Exposure Rate. A licensee shall retain a record of each survey required by G.39 for 3 years. The record must include the date of the survey, the results of the survey, the instrument used to make the survey, and the name of the individual who performed the survey.

Sec. G.100 - Records of the Release of Individuals Containing Radioactive Drugs or Implants Containing Radioactive Material. */

- a. A licensee shall retain a record, signed by the authorized user, of the basis for authorizing the release of an individual, for 3 years after the date of release.
- b. A licensee shall retain a record, for three years after the date of release, that the instructions required by G.40b. were provided to a breast-feeding woman if the radiation dose to the infant or child from continued breast-feeding could result in a total effective dose equivalent exceeding 15 mSv (0.15 rem).*/

Sec. G.101 - Records of Administrative and Technical Requirements that Apply to the Provision of Mobile Services.

- a. A licensee shall retain a copy of the letter(s) that permits the use of radioactive material at a client's address of use, as required by G.9b., for 3 years after the last provision of service.
- b. A licensee shall retain the record of each survey required by G.41f. for 3 years. The record must include the date of the survey, the results of the survey, the instrument used to make the survey, and the name of the individual who performed the survey.

Sec. G.102 - Records of Decay-in-Storage. A licensee shall maintain records of the disposal of licensed materials, as required by G.43, for 3 years. The record must include the date of the disposal, the survey instrument used, the background radiation level, the radiation level measured at the surface of each waste container, and the name of the individual who performed the survey.

Sec. G.103 - Records of Radionuclide Purity. A licensee shall maintain a record of the radionuclide

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contaminant concentration tests required by G.48 for 3 years. The record must include, for each measured elution of radionuclide used to prepare a radioactive drug, the ratio of the measures expressed as kilobecquerel of contaminant per megabecquerel of desired radionuclide (microcuries/millicurie), or microgram of contaminant per megabecquerel of desired radionuclide (microgram/millicurie), the time and date of the measurement, and the name of the individual who made the measurement.

[Sec. G.104 - Records of Training. A licensee shall maintain records of training required by G.28 for 3 years after the last date an individual was authorized to act as a nuclear medicine technologist or radiation therapist at the licensee's facility.]

Sec. G.105 - Records of Safety Instruction and Training. A licensee shall maintain a record of safety instructions and training required by G.53, G.62 and G.74 for 3 years. The record must include a list of the topics covered, the date of the instruction or training, the name(s) of the attendee(s), and the name(s) of the individual(s) who provided the instruction.

Sec. G.106 - Records of Radiation Surveys of Patients and Human Research Subjects. A licensee shall maintain a record of the surveys required by G.60 and G.72 for 3 years. Each record must include the date and results of the survey, the survey instrument used, and the name of the individual who made the survey.

Sec. G.107 - Records of Brachytherapy Source Inventory.

- a. A licensee shall maintain a record of brachytherapy source accountability required by G.61 for 3 years.
- b. For temporary implants, the record must include:
 - i. The number and activity of sources removed from storage, the time and date they were removed from storage, the name of the individual who removed them from storage, and the location of use; and
 - ii. The number and activity of sources not implanted, the time and date they were returned to storage, and the name of the individual who returned them to storage.
- c. For permanent implants, the record must include:
 - i. The number and activity of sources removed from storage, the date they were removed from storage, and the name of the individual who removed them from storage;
 - ii. The number and activity of sources returned to storage, the date they were returned to storage, and the name of the individual who returned them to storage; and
 - iii. The number and activity of sources permanently implanted in the patient or human research subject.

Sec. G.108 - Records of Calibration Measurements on Brachytherapy Sources. A licensee shall maintain a record of the calibrations on brachytherapy sources required by G.64 for 3 years after the last use of the source. The record must include the date of the calibration; the manufacturer's name, model number, and serial number for the source and the instruments used to calibrate the source; the source output or activity; source positioning accuracy within applicators; and the signature of the authorized medical physicist.

Sec. G.109 - Records of Decay of Strontium-90 Sources for Ophthalmic Treatments. The licensee shall maintain a record of the activity of a strontium-90 source required by G.64 for the life of the source. The record must include the date and initial activity of the source as determined under G.64, and for each decay calculation, the date, the source activity and the signature of the authorized medical physicist.

Sec. G.110 - Records of Installation, Maintenance, Adjustment, and Repair. A licensee shall retain a record of the installation, maintenance, adjustment, and repair of remote afterloader units, teletherapy units, and gamma stereotactic radiosurgery units as required by G.73 for 3 years. For each installation, maintenance, adjustment and repair, the record must include the date, description of the service, and name(s) of the individual(s) who performed the work.

Sec. G.111 - Records of Dosimetry Equipment.

- a. A licensee shall retain a record of the calibration, intercomparison, and comparisons of its dosimetry equipment done in accordance with G.76 for the duration of the license.
- b. For each calibration, intercomparison, or comparison, the record must include:
 - i. The date;
 - ii. The manufacturer's name, model numbers and serial numbers of the instruments that were calibrated, intercompared, or compared as required by G.76a. and G.76b.;
 - iii. The correction factor that was determined from the calibration or comparison or the apparent correction factor that was determined from an intercomparison; and
 - iv. The names of the individuals who performed the calibration, intercomparison, or comparison.

Sec. G.112 - Records of Teletherapy, Remote Afterloader, and Gamma Stereotactic Radiosurgery Full Calibrations.

- a. A licensee shall maintain a record of the teletherapy, remote afterloader, and gamma stereotactic radiosurgery full calibrations required by G.77, G.78 and G.79 for 3 years.
- b. The record must include:
 - i. The date of the calibration;

- ii. The manufacturer's name, model number, and serial number for the teletherapy, remote afterloader, and gamma stereotactic radiosurgery unit(s), the source(s), and instruments used to calibrate the unit;
- iii. The results and assessments of the full calibrations;
- iv. The results of the autoradiograph required for low dose-rate remote afterloader units; and
- v. The signature of the authorized medical physicist who performed the full calibration.

Sec. G.113 - Records of Periodic Spot-Checks for Teletherapy Units.

- a. A licensee shall retain a record of each periodic spot-check for teletherapy units required by G.80 for 3 years.
- b. The record must include:
 - i. The date of the spot-check;
 - ii. The manufacturer's name, model number, and serial number for the teletherapy unit, source and instrument used to measure the output of the teletherapy unit;
 - iii. An assessment of timer linearity and constancy;
 - iv. The calculated on-off error;
 - v. A determination of the coincidence of the radiation field and the field indicated by the light beam localizing device;
 - vi. The determined accuracy of each distance measuring and localization device;
 - vii. The difference between the anticipated output and the measured output;
 - viii. Notations indicating the operability of each entrance door electrical interlock, each electrical or mechanical stop, each source exposure indicator light, and the viewing and intercom system and doors; and
 - ix. The name of the individual who performed the periodic spot-check and the signature of the authorized medical physicist who reviewed the record of the spot-check.

Sec. G.114 - Records of Periodic Spot-Checks for Remote Afterloader Units.

- a. A licensee shall retain a record of each spot-check for remote afterloader units required by G.81 for 3 years.
- b. The record must include, as applicable:

- i. The date of the spot-check;
- ii. The manufacturer's name, model number, and serial number for the remote afterloader unit and source;
- iii. An assessment of timer accuracy;
- iv. Notations indicating the operability of each entrance door electrical interlock, radiation monitors, source exposure indicator lights, viewing and intercom systems, and clock and decayed source activity in the unit's computer; and
- v. The name of the individual who performed the periodic spot-check and the signature of the authorized medical physicist who reviewed the record of the spot-check.

Sec. G.115 - Records of Periodic Spot-Checks for Gamma Stereotactic Radiosurgery Units.

- a. A licensee shall retain a record of each spot-check for gamma stereotactic radiosurgery units required by G.82 for 3 years.
- b. The record must include:
 - i. The date of the spot-check;
 - ii. The manufacturer's name, model number, and serial number for the gamma stereotactic radiosurgery unit and the instrument used to measure the output of the unit;
 - iii. An assessment of timer linearity and accuracy;
 - iv. The calculated on-off error;
 - v. A determination of trunnion centricity;
 - vi. The difference between the anticipated output and the measured output;
 - vii. An assessment of source output against computer calculations;
 - viii. Notations indicating the operability of radiation monitors, helmet microswitches, emergency timing circuits, emergency off buttons, electrical interlocks, source exposure indicator lights, viewing and intercom systems, timer termination, treatment table retraction mechanism, and stereotactic frames and localizing devices (trunnions); and
 - ix. The name of the individual who performed the periodic spot-check and the signature of the authorized medical physicist who reviewed the record of the spot-check.

Sec. G.116 - Records of Additional Technical Requirements for Mobile Remote Afterloader Units.

- a. A licensee shall retain a record of each check for mobile remote afterloader units required by G.83 for 3 years.
- b. The record must include:
 - i. The date of the check;
 - ii. The manufacturer's name, model number, and serial number of the remote afterloader unit;
 - iii. Notations accounting for all sources before the licensee departs from a facility;
 - iv. Notations indicating the operability of each entrance door electrical interlock, radiation monitors, source exposure indicator lights, viewing and intercom system, applicators and source transfer tubes, and source positioning accuracy; and
 - v. The signature of the individual who performed the check and the signature of the authorized medical physicist who reviewed the record of the spot-check.

Sec. G.117 - Records of Surveys of Therapeutic Treatment Units.

- a. A licensee shall maintain a record of radiation surveys of treatment units made in accordance with G.84 for the duration of use of the unit.
- b. The record must include:
 - i. The date of the measurements;
 - ii. The manufacturer's name, model number and serial number of the treatment unit, source, and instrument used to measure radiation levels;
 - iii. Each dose rate measured around the source while the unit is in the off position and the average of all measurements; and
 - iv. The signature of the individual who performed the test.

Sec. G.118 - Records of 5-Year Inspection for Teletherapy and Gamma Stereotactic Surgery Units.

- a. A licensee shall maintain a record of the 5-year inspections for teletherapy and gamma stereotactic radiosurgery units required by G.85 for the duration of use of the unit.
- b. The record must contain:
 - i. The inspector's radioactive materials license number;

- ii. The date of inspection;
- iii. The manufacturer's name and model number and serial number of both the treatment unit and source;
- iv. A list of components inspected and serviced, and the type of service; and
- v. The signature of the inspector.

Reports

Sec. G.119 - Reports and Notifications of Misadministrations.

- a. Other than events that result from intervention by a patient or human research subject, a licensee shall report any event in which the administration of radioactive material or radiation from radioactive material results in:
 - i. A dose that differs from the prescribed dose by more than 0.05 Sv (5 rem) effective dose equivalent, 0.5 Sv (50 rem) to an organ or tissue, or 0.5 Sv (50 rem) shallow dose equivalent to the skin; and either
 - (1) The total dose delivered differs from the prescribed dose by 20 percent or more;
 - (2) The total dosage delivered differs from the prescribed dosage by 20 percent or more or falls outside the prescribed dosage range; or
 - (3) The fractionated dose delivered differs from the prescribed dose, for a single fraction, by 50 percent or more.
 - ii. A dose that exceeds 0.05 Sv (5 rem) effective dose equivalent, 0.5 Sv (50 rem) to an organ or tissue, or 0.5 Sv (50 rem) shallow dose equivalent to the skin from any of the following:
 - (1) An administration of a wrong radioactive drug;
 - (2) An administration of a radioactive drug containing radioactive material by the wrong route of administration;
 - (3) An administration of a dose or dosage to the wrong individual or human research subject;
 - (4) An administration of a dose or dosage delivered by the wrong mode of treatment; or
 - (5) A leaking sealed source.

- iii. A dose to the skin or an organ or tissue other than the treatment site that exceeds by 0.5 Sv (50 rem) to an organ or tissue and 50 percent of the dose expected from the administration defined in the written directive (excluding, for permanent implants, seeds that were implanted in the correct site but migrated outside the treatment site).
- b. A licensee shall report any event resulting from intervention of a patient or human research subject in which the administration of radioactive material or radiation from radioactive material results, or will result in, unintended permanent functional damage to an organ or a physiological system, as determined by a physician.
- c. The licensee shall notify the Agency by telephone no later than the next calendar day after discovery of the misadministration.
- d. The licensee shall submit a written report to the Agency within 15 days after discovery of the misadministration.
 - i. The written report must include:
 - (1) The licensee's name;
 - (2) The name of the prescribing physician;
 - (3) A brief description of the event;
 - (4) Why the event occurred;
 - (5) The effect, if any, on the individual(s) who received the administration;
 - (6) Actions, if any, that have been taken, or are planned, to prevent recurrence;
 - (7) Certification that the licensee notified the individual (or the individual's responsible relative or guardian), and if not, why not, and
 - ii. The report may not contain the individual's name or any other information that could lead to identification of the individual.
- e. The licensee shall provide notification of the misadministration to the referring physician and also notify the individual who is the subject of the misadministration no later than 24 hours after its discovery, unless the referring physician personally informs the licensee either that he or she will inform the individual or that, based on medical judgment, telling the individual would be harmful. The licensee is not required to notify the individual without first consulting the referring physician. If the referring physician or the affected individual cannot be reached within 24 hours, the licensee shall notify the individual as soon as possible thereafter. The licensee may not delay any appropriate medical care for the individual, including any necessary remedial care as a result of the misadministration, because of any delay in notification. To meet the requirements of this paragraph, the notification of the

individual who is the subject of the misadministration may be made instead to that individual's responsible relative or guardian. If a verbal notification is made, the licensee shall inform the individual, or appropriate responsible relative or guardian, that a written description of the event can be obtained from the licensee upon request. The licensee shall provide such a written description if requested.

- f. Aside from the notification requirement, nothing in this section affects any rights or duties of licensees and physicians in relation to each other, to individuals affected by the misadministration, or to that individual's responsible relatives or guardians.
- g. A licensee shall retain a record of a misadministration in accordance with G.93. A copy of the record required under G.93 shall be provided to the referring physician if other than the licensee, within 15 days after discovery of the misadministration.

Sec. G.120 - Report and Notification of a Dose to an Embryo/Fetus or a Nursing Child. */

- a. A licensee shall report any dose to an embryo/fetus that is greater than 50 mSv (5 rem) dose equivalent that is a result of an administration of radioactive material or radiation from radioactive material to a pregnant individual unless the dose to the embryo/fetus was specifically approved, in advance, by the authorized user.
- b. A licensee shall report any dose to a nursing child that is a result of an administration of radioactive material to a breast feeding individual that:
 - i. Is greater than 50 mSv (5 rem) total effective dose equivalent; or
 - ii. Has resulted in unintended permanent functional damage to an organ or a physiological system of the child, as determined by a physician.
- c. The licensee shall notify by telephone the Agency no later than the next calendar day after discovery of a dose to the embryo/fetus or nursing child that requires a report in G.120a. or G.120b. in this section.
- d. The licensee shall submit a written report to the Agency within 15 days after discovery of a dose to the embryo/fetus or nursing child that requires a report in G.120a. or G.120b.
 - i. The written report must include:
 - (1) The licensee's name;
 - (2) The name of the prescribing physician;
 - (3) A brief description of the event;

*/ This rule may have health and safety implications, please see 2000 Rational for Part G for more information.

- (4) Why the event occurred;
 - (5) The effect on the embryo/fetus or the nursing child; and
 - (6) What actions, if any, have been taken, or are planned, to prevent recurrence; and
 - (7) Certification that the licensee notified the pregnant individual or mother (or the mother's or child's responsible relative or guardian), and if not, why not.
- ii. The report must not contain the individual's or child's name or any other information that could lead to identification of the individual or child.
- e. The licensee shall notify the referring physician and also notify the pregnant individual or mother, both hereafter referred to as the mother, no later than 24 hours after discovery of an event that would require reporting under G.120a. or G.120b., unless the referring physician personally informs the licensee either that he or she will inform the mother or that, based on medical judgment, telling the mother would be harmful. The licensee is not required to notify the mother without first consulting with the referring physician. If the referring physician or mother cannot be reached within 24 hours, the licensee shall make the appropriate notifications as soon as possible thereafter. The licensee may not delay any appropriate medical care for the embryo/fetus or for the nursing child, including any necessary remedial care as a result of the event, because of any delay in notification. To meet the requirements of this paragraph, the notification may be made to the mother's or child's responsible relative or guardian instead of the mother, when appropriate. If a verbal notification is made, the licensee shall inform the mother, or the mother's or child's responsible relative or guardian, that a written description of the event can be obtained from the licensee upon request. The licensee shall provide such a written description if requested.
- f. A licensee shall retain a record of a dose to an embryo/fetus or a nursing child in accordance with G.94. A copy of the record required under G.94 shall be provided to the referring physician, if other than the licensee, within 15 days after discovery of the event.*

Sec. G.121 - Reports of Leaking Sources. A licensee shall file a report with the Agency within 5 days if a leakage test required by G.36 reveals the presence of 185 Bq (0.005 μ Ci) or more of removable contamination. The written report must include the model number and serial number if assigned, of the leaking source; the radionuclide and its estimated activity; the results of the test; the date of the test; and the action taken.

Sec. G.122 - Reports of Patient Departure Prior to Authorized Release.

~~A licensee shall report whenever a patient or human research subject leaves prior to the authorized release as provided in G.41a. The licensee shall notify the Agency by telephone immediately~~

~~*/This may have health and safety implications, see 2000 Rationale for Part G~~

upon discovery that a patient or human research subject has departed from the licensee's facility without authorization under G.40a

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~~b. The licensee shall notify the Agency by telephone immediately upon discovery of the patient's or human research subject's unauthorized departure:~~

c. The licensee shall submit a written report to the Agency within 30 days after discovery of the unauthorized departure release.

i. The written report must include:

- (1) The licensee's name;
- (2) The date and time of the unauthorized departure;
- (3) The projected date and time when release would have occurred;
- (4) The general location address of the patient's or human research subject's home or anticipated destination following departure;
- (5) The radionuclide, chemical and physical form and calculated activity at time of release;
- (6) The apparent reason(s) for the departure prior to authorized release; and

~~(7) Any changes necessary in the licensee's patient release selection criteria or patient instructions provided prior to treatment.~~

~~A description of any changes in the licensee's patient release criteria or patient instructions that are designed to avoid a recurrence of such an event.~~

~~ii. The report may not contain the individual's name or any other information that could lead to identification of the individual:~~

Sec.G.123 - Notification of Deceased Patients or Human Research Subjects Containing Radioactive Material.

a. The licensee shall notify the Agency by telephone immediately upon discovery that a patient or human research subject containing radioactive material has died, and it is possible that any individual could receive exposures in excess of 5 mSv (500 mrem) as a result of the deceased's body!

b. The licensee shall submit a written report to the Agency within 30 days after discovery that the patient or human research subject referenced in G.120a. has died. The written report must include:

- i. The licensee's name;
- ii. The date of death;

- iii. The radionuclide, chemical and physical form and calculated activity at time of death;
and;
- iv. The names (or titles) and address(es) of known individuals who might have received exposures exceeding 5 mSv (500 mrem).

2001 Rationale

Part G

Use of Radionuclides in the Healing Arts

Introduction

After numerous comment periods, which included comments and recommendations made at public meetings during 1998 and 1999, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission published the final revision of 10CFR Part 35 in the Federal Register on [insert date], and it's effective date is [insert date].

The new rule included the following changes:

1. A move toward more "risk-informed, performance-based" regulations.
2. Dropping the requirement that a licensee submit written procedures for review by the Agency.
3. Addition of a rule that requires the licensee to report a dose equivalent greater than 50mSv (5rem) to an embryo/fetus or nursing infant which is the result of administration of byproduct material or radiation from byproduct material to a pregnant individual or nursing mother. **Please see discussion section.**
4. Addition of rules for high-dose-rate, pulsed-dose-rate and low-dose-rate remote afterloaders, and gamma stereotactic imaging units.
5. Dropping the requirement that all medical institutions must have a Radiation Safety Committee.
6. More stringent training and experience requirements for authorized users of unsealed byproduct material for therapy (with the exception of oral I-131 users), and less restrictive training and experience requirements for authorized users of oral I-131 in activities less than 33 mCi. **Please see discussion section.**
7. Addition of rules that help define the regulation of "emerging technologies" in the use of byproduct material in medicine.
8. Inclusion of the requirement that the preceptor authorized user must submit written certification that the individual has achieved a level of competency sufficient to independently function as an authorized user for the medical uses requested.
9. Less reiteration of rules that are also found in other parts (such as 10CFR Part 20).

Specific Considerations

I. Discussion

Because of the major changes made to 10 CFR Part 35, the equivalent Part G of the Suggested State Regulations for the Control of Radiation (SSRCR) was revised in its entirety. If adopted as written, Part G will be compatible with NRC Part 35.

A. There are NRC rule sections on which the committee disagrees based on health and safety implications. The committee offers discussions of, and recommendations about, these rule sections below.

1) Rules G.56 and G.57 correspond to NRC 35.392 and 35.394.

These rules describe the training and experience requirements for authorized users of oral sodium I-131. The NRC has reclassified all training and experience rules from a compatibility category D to a compatibility category B. Category B classifications are for "activities that have direct and significant transboundary implications". The committee failed to see any transboundary implications, and requested clarification from the NRC in electronic correspondence dated April 10, 2000. The NRC did not respond to that request, or further verbal requests.

More importantly, these rules do not appear to meet the NRC criteria of "risk-informed, performance-based" regulations. An authorized user of diagnostic radiopharmaceuticals for imaging and localization studies is required to receive at least 700 hours of didactic training and supervised clinical experience. The committee believes that the use of oral sodium I-131 carries a much higher radiation safety risk to the patient, ancillary personnel and the public than any diagnostic use. Indeed, we feel it carries a higher risk than the use of other common therapy radiopharmaceuticals. It is apparent the NRC also recognizes these radiation safety risks, as evidenced by the requirements of a written directive prior to any dose of I-131 above 30 microcuries being administered to a patient. In addition, NMED data regarding misadministrations that meet NRC Abnormal Occurrence criteria reinforce this view. The previous Part 35 rules required the prospective authorized user to obtain 80 hours of didactic radiation safety training, as well as supervised clinical experience (3 cases for treatment of thyroid carcinoma and 10 cases for treatment of hyperthyroidism or cardiac dysfunction). The new rule is the same except it drops the number of cases of supervised clinical experience for treatment of hyperthyroidism or cardiac dysfunction from 10 to 3. The committee believes that the high degree of risk and previous misadministration and abnormal occurrence data warrants a higher level of radiation safety training for the prospective authorized user. The committee feels that the new 700 hours and 3 supervised cases specified in G.55 for all other types of unsealed radiotherapy uses (P-32, Sr-89, Sm-153, etc.) should also be required for oral sodium I-131 users. Based on the health and safety issues detailed above, the committee cannot recommend adoption of G.56 and G.57. **However, in order to maintain compatibility with the NRC, you must adopt both G.56 and G.57.**

2) Rules G.40b. and G.97b. correspond to NRC 35.75(b) and 35.2075(b).

Rule 35.75 has always been controversial. Several questions have arisen since the NRC adopted it. For instance, why is it appropriate to allow a member of the general public to receive a 500 mrem exposure from a released patient, when they cannot receive any more than 100 mrem exposure from any other licensed or registered activity? How do you handle individuals, such as home health nurses, nurses aides and nursing home staff, who, in one year, come into contact with numerous patients who have been released in accordance with 35.75? They might easily exceed 500 mrem TEDE during that year. What does an Agency do with recovered waste that is the result of a released patient?

There is no way of knowing with certainty if the release of a patient will result in excessive or unnecessary exposures to the public. There have been studies that show that any exposures occurring from released patients are less than 500 mrem. However, these are not blinded studies. The committee believes if a licensee uses appropriate radiation safety and health physics factors in deciding if a patient can be released, and if the patient and their family receive adequate oral and written radiation safety instruction, patients can be released with activities greater than 30 millicuries with minimal radiation exposures to the public. To assist Agencies in maintaining public exposures ALARA, the committee has a number of recommendation for this rule.

The NRC rule requires the licensee to provide additional instructions, including written instructions, to a nursing patient, if the TEDE to the breast-feeding infant could exceed 1 millisievert (100 mrem).

The committee believes that any nursing patient should receive oral and written instructions any time a breast-feeding infant could receive any dose as a result of release of the patient. For that reason, the committee recommends that rule text in G.40b. and G.97b. be changed to read as follows:

G.40b. A licensee shall provide the released individual, or the individual's parent or guardian, with oral and written instructions on actions recommended to maintain doses to other individuals as low as is reasonably achievable. If a breast-feeding infant or child could receive a radiation dose as a result of the release of the patient, the instructions shall also include:

- i. Guidance on the interruption or discontinuation of breast-feeding; and
- ii. Information on the potential consequences, if any, of failure to follow the guidance.

G.97b. A licensee shall retain a record, for three years after the date of release, that the instructions required by G.40b. were provided to a breast-feeding woman.

In addition, the committee recommends the inclusion of two additional sections to G.40 that we believe will enhance radiation safety. These sections are bracketed in the revised Part G as sections c. and g.

The recommended G.40c. requires that an authorized user approve the release of the patient. The committee believes that final approval for release of a patient should be made by an authorized user physician familiar with the type of radioactive material use the patient under went. This also keeps an authorized user informed of any releases, and the basis for authorizing the release of the patient.

The recommended G.40g. requires the licensee to notify the Agency if a patient departs prior to an authorized release. Physicians and hospitals cannot hold a patient against their will. The committee believed that the Agency should be aware of individuals in the public domain that could result in exposures to members of the general public exceeding 500 mrem.

Because only NRC 35.75(a) and (b) have been assigned a compatibility category C, and 35.2075(b) has been assigned a compatibility category D, an Agreement State can adopt the above recommended bracketed text without jeopardizing compatibility.

Besides the two sections of G.40 described above that the Committee believes will improve radiation safety, the committee has also included additional bracketed text (G.40f.) that can assist the Agency in

the proper disposal of radioactive waste discovered in a solid waste stream that can be traced to the licensee. This rule text is included as optional text only.

3) Rules G.91 and G.117 correspond to NRC 35.2047 and 35.3047.

These rules describe the record and reporting requirements for a licensee should an embryo/fetus or nursing infant receive a dose equivalent greater than 50 millisievert (5 rem). The NRC included this rule to help alleviate the number of reports that a licensee must submit as the result of an embryo/fetus or nursing infant exceeding the dose limits of Part 20 (5 millisievert or 500 mrem) when the mother receives a diagnostic dosage. The NRC rule text does not specifically allow the embryo/fetus or nursing infant to receive 5 rem TEDE. However, by allowing an exception to the reporting requirements of Part 20, the NRC appears to be giving tacit approval of such exposures.

The NRC has assigned a compatibility category C to 35.3047, and a compatibility category D to 35.2047, therefore Agreement States can be more restrictive than the NRC. The committee recommends that these rules not be included in revised medical regulations. By not including them, the current, more restrictive, Part D exposure limits and reporting requirements would continue in effect. Doses exceeding 500 mrem to a nursing child should not occur if the patient is properly questioned and instructed. And Part D rules do not prohibit a physician from knowingly exceeding the 500 mrem limit to the embryo/fetus if they decide the risk is justified. The physician should use their professional medical judgment in performing these studies.

B. There are other areas of Part G that are more restrictive than, or in addition to, NRC Part 35 requirements. Descriptions of these rule texts follow.

1) There are a number of differences or additions in the definitions section. None of these differences will affect compatibility. These differences are specified below:

The committee added a definition for "Accredited institution" that is only necessary if the Agency adopts the training and experience requirements for nuclear medicine technologists and radiation therapists (G.28)

The NRC changed the term "misadministration" to "medical event". The committee has not adopted this change. The committee sees any medical action taken towards or on behalf of the patient or human research subject as being a medical event. We feel the term "misadministration" is much clearer.

The committee has added the words "or equal to" in the definition of "medium dose-rate remote afterloader" so that a dose equal to 12 gray (1200 rads) per hour is not excluded in the definitions.

Because the committee included minimum training and experience criteria for nuclear medicine and radiation therapists, definitions of "nuclear medicine technologist", "nuclear medicine technology", "radiation therapist" and "radiation therapy technology" have been added.

The NRC has much broader definitions for "Dentist", "Pharmacist", "Physician" and "Podiatrist" because there is no national authority to license these individuals, and the NRC's jurisdiction crosses state lines. But because these individuals must be licensed to practice their chosen profession by the appropriate authority in each state, the Part G definitions reflect this.

2) Part G requires the licensee to submit required written procedures for review by the Agency (G.8b.ii.). The NRC does not require these written procedures to be submitted for review. They intend to review such procedures only when a problem is found during an inspection that should have been addressed by one of these required procedures. The committee believes that it is better to determine the adequacy of a written procedure before a problem occurs. Waiting until after a problem occurs to review written procedures is reactive, not pro-active, and the committee doesn't believe this is in the best radiation safety interest of patients or occupational workers. What's more, the review and discussion of a written procedure opens the lines of communication, and allows the building of a rapport between the licensee and the regulating agency. It can also increase the confidence of both parties in the resultant radiation safety program.

3) We have added G.9, "Mobile Medical Service Administration Requirements". Paragraphs b. and c. correspond to 35.80(a)(1) and (b). The committee moved these licensing requirements to this section because we felt it made the rule easier to follow and more clear.

4) During formulation of the new Part G, the committee found that some states had adopted the NRC's decision to drop requirements to amend the license before allowing a new authorized user/pharmacist/physicist to begin work under the license. Rather, the licensee is only required to notify the Agency within thirty days of the licensee approving an individual to act as an authorized user/pharmacist/physicist. The new authorized user/pharmacist/physicist is then added to the license by the Agency during the next routine amendment. Refer to G.10 and G.11.

However, there are also many states that currently still require a new authorized user/pharmacist/physicist to be amended onto the license prior to assigning permanent authorized user/pharmacist/physicist status to the individual. These states still allow visiting authorized users/pharmacists/physicists. If you prefer to continue the visiting authorized user program, the following changes to Part G must be made:

Replace G.10b. with the following text:

- b. Before permitting anyone, except a visiting authorized user described in G.12, a visiting authorized medical physicist as described in G.13, or a visiting authorized nuclear pharmacist as described in G.14, to work as an authorized user, authorized medical physicist or authorized nuclear pharmacist under the license.

Amend G.11 to read as follows:

G.11 - Notifications.

- a. A licensee shall notify the Agency by letter no later than 30 days after:
 - i. A Radiation Safety Officer permanently discontinues performance of duties under the license or has a name change;
 - ii. The licensee's mailing address changes;

- iii. The licensee's name changes, but the name change does not constitute a transfer of control of the license as described in C.31b. of these regulations; or
- iv. The licensee has added to or changed the areas where radioactive material is used in accordance with G.44 and G.46.

Add sections G.12, G.13, and G.14 as follows:

Sec. G.12 - Visiting Authorized User.

- a. A licensee may permit a physician to act as a visiting authorized user and use licensed material for medical use under the terms of the licensee's license for 60 days each calendar year if:
 - i. The visiting authorized user has the prior written permission of the licensee's management and Radiation Safety Committee if one is required;
 - ii. The licensee has a copy of an Agency, Agreement State, Licensing State or Nuclear Regulatory Commission license that identifies the visiting authorized user by name as an authorized user for medical use; and
 - iii. The visiting authorized user performs only those procedures:
 - (1) For which they are specifically authorized to perform on an Agency, Agreement State, Licensing State or Nuclear Regulatory Commission license; and,
 - (2) Which are specifically approved on the licensee's license.
- b. A licensee need not apply for a license amendment in order to permit a visiting authorized user to use licensed material as described in G.12a.
- c. A licensee shall retain copies of the records specified in G.12a. [for 3 years from the date of the last visit].

Sec. G.13 - Visiting Authorized Medical Physicist.

- a. A licensee may permit any visiting authorized medical physicist to perform the duties of a medical physicist under the terms of the licensee's license for 60 days each calendar year if:
 - i. The visiting authorized medical physicist has the prior written permission of the licensee's management and Radiation Safety Committee, if one is required; and
 - ii. The licensee has a copy of an Agency, Agreement State, Licensing State or Nuclear Regulatory Commission license that identifies the individual as an authorized medical physicist.

- b. A licensee need not apply for a license amendment in order to permit a visiting authorized medical physicist to perform licensed duties as described in G.13a.
- c. A licensee shall retain copies of the records specified in G.13a. [for 3 years from the date of the last visit].

Sec. G.14 - Visiting Authorized Nuclear Pharmacist.

- a. A licensee may permit any visiting authorized nuclear pharmacist to perform the duties of a nuclear pharmacist under the terms of the licensee's license for 60 days each calendar year if:
 - i. The visiting authorized nuclear pharmacist has the prior written permission of the licensee's management and Radiation Safety Committee, if one is required; and
 - ii. The licensee has a copy of an Agency, Agreement State, Licensing State or Nuclear Regulatory Commission license that identifies the individual as an authorized nuclear pharmacist.
- b. A licensee need not apply for a license amendment in order to permit a visiting authorized nuclear pharmacist to perform licensed duties as described in G.14a.
- c. A licensee shall retain copies of the records specified in G.14a. [for 3 years from the date of the last visit].

Add the following rule section to G.18a.:

- iv. Any individual before allowing that individual to work as a visiting authorized user, visiting authorized nuclear pharmacist or visiting authorized medical physicist.

5) The committee has added sections G.18g. and G.87 because we believe it is prudent that the Radiation Safety Committee meet at specified minimum intervals (at least once a year) to review the effectiveness of the radiation safety program, and that records of these meetings be available for review.

6) During a public meeting between the NRC and the Organization of Agreement States there was a discussion about Part 35. During those discussions, many individuals commented that the specific duties of the authorized user should be detailed in the rules. The committee has responded by including rule text that specifies the duties of an authorized user (G.20). The committee also considered alternative text for G.20, but decided that a single option in the actual rule text was less confusing. However, to allow maximum flexibility, the alternative G.20 text is as follows:

G.20 - Duties of Authorized User, Authorized Medical Physicist, and Authorized Nuclear Pharmacist.

- a. A licensee shall assure that only authorized users of radioactive material:
 - i. Select the patients to receive radioactive material or radiation from radioactive material;

- ii. Prescribe the radiopharmaceutical dosage and/or dose to be administered through the issuance of a written directive or reference to the diagnostic clinical procedures manual; and
- iii. Interpret the results of tests, studies, or treatments.

(NOTE: If, because of the patient's condition, a delay in order to provide a written revision to an existing written directive would jeopardize the patient's health, an oral revision to an existing written directive will be acceptable, provided that the oral revision is documented as soon as possible in the patient's record and a revised written directive is signed by the authorized user within 48 hours of the oral revision. Also, a written revision to an existing written directive may be made for any diagnostic or therapeutic procedure provided that the revision is dated and signed by an authorized user prior to the administration of the radiopharmaceutical dosage, the brachytherapy dose, the gamma stereotactic radiosurgery dose, the teletherapy dose, or the next teletherapy fractional dose. If, because of the emergent nature of the patient's condition, a delay in order to provide a written directive would jeopardize the patient's health, an oral directive will be acceptable, provided that the information contained in the oral directive is documented as soon as possible in the patient's record and a written directive is prepared within 48 hours of the oral directive.)

7) The committee has carried over rule text regarding the availability of an authorized user to communicate with a supervised individual (G.21c.). The NRC does not include this text in their rule. The committee believes that communication is key to supervision, and has left this section in the revised rule as optional, bracketed text.

8) We have included a set of minimum training and experience criteria for nuclear medicine and radiation therapists (G.28), and required training records retention (G.101). Many states already have registration, licensing or other training requirements for these technologists. However other states have requested that the committee include some sort of minimum technologist training and experience. These rules are not a matter of compatibility, but are offered for optional use by the Agency.

9) We have included Sec. G.31 - Quality Control of Diagnostic Equipment. The NRC proposes to not address this subject, but rather allow QC requirements to be more performance based and goals oriented. The committee recommends that this bracketed text be included in the rule for imaging equipment such as gamma cameras. This serves to remind the licensee of their QC requirements.

10) We have specified the minimum quality control tests required for the licensee to perform on instruments used to measure the activity of unsealed sources in G.32c. This bracketed text makes the rule more specific and less performance based. It is not required to maintain compatibility, however it makes it clear to the licensee what minimum QC the Agency will accept.

11) We have added bracketed text in G.33d. requiring daily checks of survey meter consistency of response that makes the rule more specific and less performance based. This is a reinforcement of Part D requirements that surveys be performed with an "operable" survey meter. This text is not required to maintain compatibility.

12) In G.34 the NRC is relying on the "standards of care" to assure that the dose is calibrated within a reasonable time before administration. The committee recommends the bracketed text in G.34a. be

adopted as the minimum requirement to lessen the possibility of misadministrations and to enhance ALARA.

13) The committee included previous rule text in the bracketed G.38, "Vial Shields". The NRC has deleted this clarifying text from the revised rule. They have decided to let Part 20 stand alone on this subject without additional reminders to the licensee. This text is not required for compatibility purposes, however the committee believes that it reinforces the Part D ALARA requirement and recommends that it be included.

14) For "Surveys for Ambient Radiation Dose Rate and Contamination", the NRC only requires surveys in areas where radiopharmaceuticals that require a written directive are prepared and used. They are relying on Part 20 requirements to assure that "appropriate" surveys are performed. Since appropriate is not defined, and would require the inspector to make judgment calls at each inspection, the committee prefers setting the minimum acceptable criteria in the rules. We have added, and recommend the inclusion of, the bracketed text of paragraphs G.39b. through G.39g. However the bracketed text is not required for compatibility.

15) In G.42, "Storage of Volatiles and Gases", the NRC is allowing Part 20 to stand alone and has deleted this rule. The committee believes this type of reminder in the rules is helpful to the licensee and ALARA, and recommends it be included.

16) The NRC has dropped the text of G.45, "Possession of Survey Instrument", and is relying on Part 20 requirements to assure that the licensee has proper survey capabilities. Although this text is not required for compatibility, the committee recommends adoption of it as reinforcement of Part D requirements.

17) In G.48, "Radionuclide Contaminants", the committee has added requirements to the rules pertaining to the possible break through of strontium-82, strontium-85, and tin because of the increase in use of strontium-82/rubidium-82 generators.

18) The NRC has dropped the rule text of G.49, "Control of Aerosols and Gases", and is relying on Part 20 requirements to assure that the licensee has proper survey capabilities. Although this text is not required for compatibility, the committee recommends adoption of it as reinforcement of Part D requirements.

19) The NRC has deleted the rule text found in G.50, "Possession of Survey Instruments", and is relying on Part 20 requirements to assure that the licensee has proper survey capabilities. Although this text is not required for compatibility, the committee recommends adoption of it as reinforcement of Part D requirements.

20) Throughout these rules, we have included Licensing State as a legal entity along with Agreement States, Licensing States and the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission whenever possible. However, whenever a rule section has been assigned a compatibility category B or C, we have not included Licensing State to assure that the section is compatible with NRC rules. An Agency may wish to include Licensing States, but should first check with the NRC regarding compatibility.

II. Other Corresponding Rule Changes

If Part G is adopted, there are some corresponding changes to other Parts that should be made. Below are the changes that would be required. Where indicated, new or additional text is highlighted.

Part A should have the definition of "Sealed Source and Device Registry" added to it.

C.28j. - Manufacture and Distribution of Radiopharmaceuticals Containing Radioactive Material for Medical Use Under Group Licenses.

Sec. C.28j. and C.28j.iv.(1) - Change references from G.30, G.32 and G.36 to G.44, G.46 and G.52.

C.28k. - Manufacture and Distribution of Generators or Reagent Kits for Preparation of Radiopharmaceuticals Containing Radioactive Material. Change reference from G.32 to G.46.

Sec. C.28k.v.(2) - Change reference from G.32 to G.46.

C.28l. - Manufacture and Distribution of Sources or Devices Containing Radioactive Material for Medical Use. Change references from G.40 and G.42 to G.57 and G.67.

Sec. C.28l.iii. - Change references from G.40 and G.42 to G.57 and G.67.

D.301 - Dose Limits for Individual Members of the Public.

a. Each licensee or registrant shall conduct operations so that:

- i. Except as provided in D.301a.iii., the total effective dose equivalent to individual members of the public from the licensed or registered operation does not exceed 1 mSv (0.1 rem) in a year, exclusive of the dose contributions from background radiation, from any medical administration the individual has received, from exposure to individuals administered radioactive material and released in accordance with G.40, from voluntary participation in medical research programs, and from the licensee's or registrant's disposal of radioactive material into sanitary sewerage in accordance with D.1003; and
- ii. The dose in any unrestricted area from external sources does not exceed 0.02 mSv (0.002 rem) in any one hour; and
- iii. The total effective dose equivalent to individual members of the public from infrequent exposure to radiation from radiation machines does not exceed 5 mSv (0.5 rem).
- iv. Notwithstanding D.301a.i., a licensee may permit visitors to individuals who are not released in accordance with G.40 to receive a radiation dose greater than 1 millisievert (0.1 rem) if:
 - (1) The radiation dose received does not exceed 5 millisievert (0.5 rem); and,
 - (2) The authorized user, as defined in Part G, determines that it is appropriate.

III. Compatibility Issues

As stated in the NRC's Statements of Consideration, sections of 10 CFR Part 35 will be a matter of compatibility. There are no compatibility category A designations in the revised Part 35. The following is a list of sections (as found in the revised Part G) that have been designated a compatibility category B, C or H&S:

<u>Rule Section</u>	<u>Compatibility Designation</u>
G.2 - Definitions:	
Agreement State	B
Authorized medical physicist	B
Authorized nuclear pharmacist	B
Authorized user	B
Medical use	C
Prescribed dosage	C
Prescribed dose	C
Radiation safety officer	B
Sealed source	B
Treatment site	C
G.4 - Provisions for research involving human subjects	C
G.7 - License required	C
G.9 - Mobile medical service administrative requirements	
Paragraph c.	H&S
G.18 - Authority and responsibilities for the radiation protection program	
Paragraph b.	H&S
Paragraph f.	H&S
G.21 - Supervision	H&S
G.22 - Written directives	
Paragraph a.	H&S
Paragraph b.	H&S
G.23 - Procedures for administrations requiring a written directive	H&S
G.24 - Suppliers for sealed sources or devices for medical use	C
G.25 - Training for radiation safety officer	B
G.26 - Training for authorized medical physicist	B
G.27 - Training for authorized nuclear pharmacist	B
G.29 - Provisions for experienced radiation safety officer, medical physicist, authorized user and nuclear pharmacist	B
G.30 - Recentness of training	B
G.32 - Possession, use, and testing of instruments to measure the activity of unsealed radioactive material	
Paragraph a.	H&S
Paragraph b.	H&S
G.33 - Calibration of survey instruments	
Paragraph a.	H&S
Paragraph b.(except iii)	H&S
Paragraph c.	H&S
G.34 - Determination of dosages of radioactive material for medical use	
Paragraph a.	H&S

Paragraph b.	H&S
Paragraph c.	H&S
Paragraph d.	H&S
G.36 - Requirements for possession of sealed sources and brachytherapy sources	
Paragraph a.	H&S
Paragraph b.	H&S
Paragraph c.	H&S
Paragraph d.	H&S
Paragraph e.	H&S
Paragraph g.	H&S
G.37 - Labels	H&S
G.39 - Surveys of ambient radiation dose rate and contamination	
Paragraph a.	H&S
G.40 - Release of individuals containing radioactive drugs or implants	
Paragraph a.	C
Paragraph b.	C
G.42 - Mobile medical service technical requirements	
Paragraph d.	H&S
Paragraph e.	H&S
G.43 - Decay-in-storage	H&S
G.44 - Use of radioactive material for uptake, dilution, or excretion studies for which a written directive is not required	H&S
G.46 - Training for uptake, dilution, and excretion studies	B
G.47 - Use of radioactive material for imaging and localization studies for which a written directive is not required	H&S
G.48 - Radionuclide contaminants	
Paragraph a.i.	H&S
Paragraph b.	H&S
G.51 - Training for imaging and localization studies	B
G.52 - Use of unsealed radioactive material for which a written directive is required	H&S
G. 53 - Safety Instruction	
Paragraph a.	H&S
G.54 - Safety precautions	H&S
G.55 - Training for use of unsealed radioactive material for which a written directive is required	B
G.56 - Training for the oral administration of sodium iodide I-131 in quantities less than or equal to 1.22 gigabecquerels (33 millicuries for which a written directive is required	B
G.57 - Training for the oral administration of sodium iodide I-131 in quantities greater than or equal to 1.22 gigabecquerels (33 millicuries) for which a written directive is required	B
G.58 - Use of sealed sources for manual brachytherapy	C
G.59 - Surveys after source implant and removal	
Paragraph a.	H&S
Paragraph b.	H&S
G.60 - Brachytherapy sources inventory	
Paragraph a.	H&S

Paragraph b.	H&S
G. 61 - Safety Instruction	
Paragraph a.	H&S
G.62 - Safety Precautions for patients or human research subjects receiving brachytherapy	H&S
G.63 - Calibration measurements of brachytherapy sealed sources	
Paragraph a.	H&S
Paragraph b.	H&S
Paragraph c.	H&S
Paragraph e.	H&S
G.64 - Therapy-related computer systems	H&S
G.65 - Training for use of manual brachytherapy sources	B
G.66 - Training for ophthalmic use of strontium-90	B
G.67 - Use of sealed sources for diagnosis	C
G.68 - Training for use of sealed sources for diagnosis	B
G.69 - Use of sealed sources in a remote afterloader unit, Teletherapy unit, or gamma stereotactic radiosurgery unit	C
G.70 - Surveys of patients and human research subjects treated with a remote afterloader unit	
Paragraph a.	H&S
G.71 - Installation, maintenance, adjustment, and repair	
Paragraph a.	H&S
Paragraph b.	H&S
Paragraph c.	H&S
G.72 - Safety procedures and instructions for remote afterloader units, teletherapy units, and gamma stereotactic radiosurgery units	
Paragraph a.	H&S
Paragraph b.	H&S
Paragraph c.	H&S
Paragraph d.	H&S
Paragraph e.	H&S
G.73 - Safety precautions for remote afterloader units, teletherapy units, and gamma stereotactic radiosurgery units	H&S
G.74 - Dosimetry equipment	
Paragraph a.	H&S
Paragraph b.	H&S
G.75 - Full calibration measurements on teletherapy units	
Paragraph a.	H&S
Paragraph b.	H&S
Paragraph c.	H&S
Paragraph d.	H&S
Paragraph e.	H&S
Paragraph f.	H&S
G.76 - Full calibration measurements on remote afterloader units	
Paragraph a.	H&S
Paragraph b.	H&S

Paragraph c.	H&S
Paragraph d.	H&S
Paragraph e.	H&S
Paragraph f.	H&S
Paragraph g.	H&S
Paragraph h.	H&S
G.77 - Full calibration measurements on gamma stereotactic radiosurgery units	
Paragraph a.	H&S
Paragraph b.	H&S
Paragraph c.	H&S
Paragraph d.	H&S
Paragraph e.	H&S
Paragraph f.	H&S
G.78 - Periodic spot-checks for teletherapy units	
Paragraph a.	H&S
Paragraph b.	H&S
Paragraph c.	H&S
Paragraph d.	H&S
Paragraph e.	H&S
G.79 - Periodic spot-checks for remote afterloader units	
Paragraph a.	H&S
Paragraph b.	H&S
Paragraph c.	H&S
Paragraph d.	H&S
Paragraph e.	H&S
G.80 - Periodic spot-checks for gamma stereotactic radiosurgery units	
Paragraph a.	H&S
Paragraph b.	H&S
Paragraph c.	H&S
Paragraph d.	H&S
Paragraph e.	H&S
Paragraph f.	H&S
G.81 - Additional technical requirements for mobile remote afterloader units	
Paragraph a.	H&S
Paragraph b.	H&S
Paragraph c.	H&S
Paragraph d.	H&S
G.82 - Radiation surveys	
Paragraph a.	H&S
Paragraph b.	H&S
G.83 - Five-year inspection for teletherapy and gamma stereotactic radiosurgery units	
Paragraph a.	H&S
Paragraph b.	H&S
G.84 - Therapy-related computer systems	H&S
G.85 - Training for use of remote afterloader units, teletherapy	

units, and gamma stereotactic radiosurgery units	B
G.116 - Report and notification of misadministrations	
Paragraph a.	C
Paragraph b.	C
Paragraph c.	C
Paragraph d.	C
Paragraph e.	C
Paragraph h.	C
G.117 - Report and notification of a dose to an embryo/fetus or a nursing child	
Paragraph a.	C
Paragraph b.	C
G.118 - Reports of leaking sources	C

Matters for Future Consideration

With the new, emerging technologies (such as intravascular brachytherapy and the use of monoclonal antibodies), the committee must try to stay on top of regulatory issues that may arise as these uses become more common place.

As more and more states are adopting licensing or registration standards for diagnostic or therapeutic technologists, consideration should be given to working towards a consolidated standard that would assure techs who meet the requirements in one state, will be adequate in any other state in which they might work.

The committee should continue work fine tuning requirements for mobile PET use.