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TO: Interested Parties

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SUBJECT: INTENTION TO REVISE REGULATIONS FOR WELL LOGGING AND  
DOSIMETRY

This is to let you know that the Division of Radiation Protection is preparing to revise certain rules for radiation protection. Because our rules cover all radioactive materials and not just those specified under the federal Atomic Energy Act of 1954 as amended, it is necessary that we file a "preproposal statement of inquiry" and notify interested parties. You are on our "interested parties" list meaning you expressed an interest at one time in hearing about our rule changes.

We are considering revisions to rules affecting well-logging operations and rules affecting the ability of radioactive materials licensee's to use accredited providers of dosimetry services. These revisions are needed to conform our regulations to federal standards in order to avoid conflict, duplication, gaps, or other conditions that would jeopardize an orderly pattern in the regulation of agreement material on a nationwide basis. The state of Washington is an Agreement State with the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and must maintain compatible regulations with the NRC. Amending the rules will bring the state radiation protection regulations into compliance with NRC for radioactive materials regulated under federal Atomic Energy Act as well as under state law.

The specific revisions will allow radioactive materials licensees to use dosimetry from providers accredited by the National Institute of Standards and Technology; and to allow well-loggers to use energy compensation and tritium neutron generator target sources. Other changes to the well-logging rule will update requirements to meet federal standards.

Our intention is to propose only language that conforms to the federal standard and covers all radioactive materials. We anticipate publishing the proposed revision in late February in the Washington State Register. All licensees and interested parties will receive a copy of the proposed revision. In the meantime, if you are interested in reviewing or commenting on our preliminary draft, it can be obtained from, and comments sent to, Terry C. Frazee, Division of Radiation Protection, Post Office Box 47827, Olympia, Washington 98504-7827; 360-236-3213; or FAX 360-236-2255. E-mail may be sent to [terry.frazee@doh.wa.gov](mailto:terry.frazee@doh.wa.gov)

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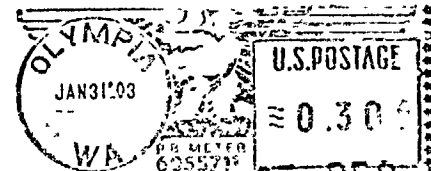
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