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**NRC REGULATORY ISSUE SUMMARY 2006-026, TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE AND
GRANDFATHER PROVISIONS FOR AUTHORIZED MEDICAL PHYSICISTS UNDER 10 CFR
PART 35 (FSME-07-022)**

Purpose: To provide the Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) that was published on December 7, 2006 in the *Federal Register* to clarify the identification, recognition, and grandfather provisions for authorized medical physicists (AMPs) under 10 CFR Parts 35.2, 35.14, 35.51 and 35.57. The RIS is also available at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/gen-comm/reg-issues/2006/ri200626.pdf>. NRC suggests that medical use licensees in the various Agreement States be notified of the RIS.

Background: On March 30, 2005, the Commission published a final rule, in the *Federal Register*, amending specific sections in 10 CFR Part 35 (70 FR 19336). The rule revised regulations for the recognition of specialty boards, whose certification processes can demonstrate the training and experience of individuals for serving as radiation safety officers, authorized nuclear pharmacists, AMPs, or authorized users. The rule also included additional revisions to other training and attestation requirements for these individuals. The revised Part 35 offers four methods for individuals seeking to be recognized as AMPs at NRC-licensed medical use facilities. The RIS clarifies these methods for individuals seeking AMP status. The regulatory use of the term AMP includes only medical physicists for the following medical uses: Strontium-90 eye applicators, remote afterloader units, teletherapy units, and gamma stereotactic radiosurgery (Gamma Knife®) units. Therefore, the RIS applies only to licensees with these devices.

Contents: NRC Regulatory Issue Summary 2006-026, Training and Experience and Grandfather Provisions for Authorized Medical Physicists under 10 CFR Part 35.

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