



## **Topic 3**

# **Naming Associate/Assistant Radiation Safety Officers (RSOs) on NRC Medical Licenses**

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# **Acronyms**

- **ACMUI – Advisory Committee on Medical Uses of Isotopes**
- **RSO – Radiation Safety Officer**

# **Background**

- **Regulations require licensees to appoint an RSO, who agrees in writing to implement the Radiation Safety program**
- **Part 35 does not allow more than one permanent RSO on each license**

# **Background**

- **ACMUI expressed concern about naming only one person as the RSO**
- **ACMUI believed that it was contributing to a shortage of RSOs**

# **Background**

- **ACMUI believes that naming more than one RSO would:**
  - **Increase the RSO pool**
  - **Duly recognize the qualified individuals**
  - **Allow the licensee to quickly appoint an RSO if the named RSO leaves**

## **Topic 3 Discussion Point**

- **The NRC is considering amending Part 35 to allow licensees to name Associate/Assistant RSOs on the license**

# **Topic 3 Discussion Point**

**Should the qualifications be the same as the RSO?**

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**Should there be a limit on the number of Associate/Assistant RSOs on a license?**



# **Topic 3 Discussion Point**

**Assistant or Associate**

**or**

**some other title?**