

Regulatory Guide Periodic Review

Regulatory Guide Number: 8.23, Revision 1
Title: Radiation Safety Surveys at Medical Institutions
Office/division/branch: RES/DSA/RPB
Technical Lead: Vered Shaffer
Recommended Staff Action: Withdraw

1. What are the known technical or regulatory issues with the current version of the Regulatory Guide (RG)?

RG 8.23 was issued in January 1981 to provide information about the types and frequencies of surveys that are acceptable to the NRC staff for use in medical institutions licensed by the NRC. This regulatory guide supplements RG 8.10, "Operating Philosophy for Maintaining Occupational Radiation Exposures as Low as Is Reasonably Achievable."

The information contained in this RG is no longer useful, and the bases for the policy guidance is no longer relevant since it is based on sections of regulations in 10 CFR Part 20, "Standards for Protection Against Radiation," that no longer exist. The correct information is found in other regulations, or other RGs.

2. What is the impact on internal and external stakeholders of not updating the RG for the known issues, in terms of anticipated numbers of licensing and inspection activities over the next several years?

There is no impact on either internal or external stakeholders because the RG is not being used to meet current regulations and appropriate information is available in other regulations or other RGs.

3. What is an estimate of the level of effort needed to address identified issues in terms of full-time equivalent (FTE) and contractor resources?

An estimate of the effort to withdraw the guide is about 0.1 FTE.

4. Based on the answers to the questions above, what is the staff action for this guide (Reviewed with no issues identified, Reviewed with issues identified for future consideration, Revise, or Withdraw)?

Withdraw.

5. Provide a conceptual plan and timeframe to address the issues identified during the review.

The staff plans to withdraw the RG by the 4th quarter 2017.

NOTE: This review was conducted in April 2017 and reflects the staff's plans as of that date. These plans are tentative and subject to change.