ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

NOTICE TO EMPLOYEES

STANDARDS FOR PROTECTION AGAINST RADIATION; NOTICES, INSTRUCTIONS AND REPORTS TO WORKERS; INSPECTIONS

In Article 4 of the Arizona Department of Health Services (AZDHS) rules for the Control of Radiation, the AZDHS has established standards for your protection against radiation hazards. In Article 10 of the rules for the Control of Radiation, the AZDHS has established certain provisions for the options of workers engaged in work under a department license or registration.

YOUR EMPLOYER’S RESPONSIBILITY

Your employer is required to –
1. Apply these rules to work involving sources of radiation.
2. Post or otherwise make available to you a copy of the AZDHS rules, licenses, and operating procedures which apply to work you are engaged in, and explain their provisions to you.
3. Post notice of violation involving radiological working conditions, proposed imposition of civil penalties, and orders.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS A WORKER

You should familiarize yourself with those provisions of the AZDHS rules and the operating procedures which apply to the work you are engaged in. You should observe their provisions for your own protection and protection of your co-workers.

WHAT IS COVERED BY THESE RULES

1. Limits on exposure to radiation and radioactive material in restricted and unrestricted areas;
2. Measures to be taken after accidental exposure;
3. Personnel monitoring, surveys, and equipment;
4. Caution signs, labels, and safety interlock equipment;
5. Exposure records and reports;
6. Options for workers regarding AZDHS inspections; and
7. Related matters.

REPORTS ON YOUR RADIATION EXPOSURE HISTORY

1. The Department’s rules require that your employer give you a written report if you receive an exposure in excess of any applicable limit set forth in the rules or in the license. The basic limits for exposure to employees are set forth in Article 4 of the rules. These Sections specify limits on exposure to radiation and exposure to concentrations of radioactive material in air and water.
2. If you work where personnel monitoring is required, and if you request information on your radiation exposures,
   a. Your employer must give you a written report, upon termination of your employment, of your radiation exposures; and
   b. Your employer must advise you annually of your exposure to radiation.

INSPECTIONS

All licensed or registered activities are subject to inspection by representatives of the AZDHS. In addition, any worker or representative of workers who believes that there is a violation of the regulations issued thereunder, or the terms of the employer’s license or rules with regard to radiological working conditions in which the worker is engaged, may request an inspection by sending a notice of the alleged violation to the AZDHS. The request must set forth the specific grounds for the notice and must be signed by the worker on his own behalf or as a representative of the workers. During inspections, AZDHS inspectors may confer privately with workers, and any worker may bring to the attention of the inspectors any past or present condition which he believes contributed to or caused any violation as described above.

INQUIRIES

Inquiries dealing with the matters outlined above can be sent to the:

Arizona Department of Health Services
Bureau of Radiation Control
4814 S. 40th Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85040
Office (602) 255-4845
http://azdhs.gov/licensing/radiation-regulatory/

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1. Licenses, registrations, conditions, or documents incorporated into the licenses or registrations by reference, and any amendments to the licenses or registrations
2. Applicable rules in Title 9 of the Arizona Administrative Code
3. Operating procedures applicable to work under University of Arizona licenses and registrations

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