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Dear Mr. Henry:

We have reviewed the final Louisiana regulations, Log #RP027, to the Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 33, Part XV, Radiation Protection, which became effective on August 20, 2001. The regulations were sent on August 14, 2001 by letter from Robert P. Hannah. The final regulations are in response to the two amendments identified in the enclosed State Regulation Status (SRS) Data Sheet. The regulations were reviewed by comparison to the equivalent NRC regulations in 10 CFR Parts 30, 34, 71, and 150. In addition, we reviewed our April 13, 2001 letter to you that addressed the proposed regulations. We also discussed our review of the regulations with Sharon Parker on November 26, 2001.

As a result of the NRC review, we have identified three comments, as enclosed. These comments must be addressed to meet the compatibility and health and safety categories established in Office of State and Tribal Programs (STP) Procedure SA-200.

The SRS Data Sheet summarizes our knowledge of other Louisiana regulations. Please let us know if you note any inaccuracies or have any comments on the information contained in the SRS Data Sheet. This letter including the SRS Data Sheet is posted on the STP Web Site: <http://www.hsrdo.org/nrc/rulemaking.htm>.

If you have any questions regarding the comments, the compatibility and health and safety categories, or any of the NRC regulations used in the review, please contact me or Linda McLean of NRC Region IV's office at (817) 860-8116 or mlm1@nrc.gov.

Sincerely,

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COMMENTS ON FINAL LOUISIANA REGULATIONS
AGAINST COMPATIBILITY AND HEALTH AND SAFETY CATEGORIES

State Regulation or SSR	NRC Regulation or SSR	RATS ID	Category	Subject and Comments
§541	34.23	1997-5	B	<p>Locking of Sources of Radiation</p> <p>Locking of sources not included in rule.</p> <p>The State needs to include this to meet compatibility.</p>
§577	34.47(a)(3)	1997-5	C	<p>Personnel Monitoring Control</p> <p>Does not discuss replacement periods for TLDs or OSLs, only for film badges.</p> <p>The State needs to include this to meet compatibility.</p>
§573	34.42(a)(2)	1997-5	D H&S	<p>Radiation Safety Officer for industrial radiography.</p> <p>The State only requires 40 hours of hands on experience with industrial radiography, in the training requirements for an RSO. 10 CFR 34.42 requires 2000 hours of hands on experience as a qualified radiographer.</p> <p>The State needs to adopt the essential objectives of the 34.42 (a)</p>

STATE REGULATION STATUS

State: Louisiana

**[Two amendments reviewed are identified by a ★
at the beginning of each equivalent NRC regulation.]**

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NRC Chronology Identification	FR Notice (State Due Date)	RATS ID	Proposed (P) / Final (F) ¹ Rule / ML # ⁵	NRC Review / Y, N ² / Date / ML # ⁵	Final State Regulation ¹ (Effective Date)
Safety Requirements for Radiographic Equipment-Part 34	55 FR 843; (1/10/94)	1991-1			6/94
ASNT Certification of Radiographers-Part 34	56 FR 11504; (none)	1991-2			Not required ³
Standards for Protection Against Radiation-Part 20	56 FR 23360; 56 FR 61352; 57 FR 38588; 57 FR 57877; 58 FR 67657; 59 FR 41641; 60 FR 20183; (1/1/94)	1991-3	P	N 10/15/98	6/94
Notification of Incidents-Parts 20, 30, 31, 34, 39, 40, 70	56 FR 64980; (10/15/94)	1991-4			6/94
Quality Management Program and Misadministrations-Part 35	56 FR 34104; (1/27/95)	1992-1			11/98
Eliminating the Recordkeeping Requirements for Departures from Manufacturer's Instructions- Parts 30,35	57 FR 45566; (none)	1992-2			Not required ³
Decommissioning Recordkeeping and License Termination: Documentation Additions [Restricted areas and spill sites]-Parts 30, 40	58 FR 39628; (10/25/96)	1993-1	P	N 4/4/97	
Licensing and Radiation Safety Requirements for Irradiators-Part 36	58 FR 7715; (7/1/96)	1993-2			Not applicable SECY-95-112 ⁴
Definition of Land Disposal and Waste Site QA Program-Part 61	58 FR 33886; (7/22/96)	1993-3	P	N 4/4/97	Not applicable SECY-95-112 ⁴
Self-Guarantee as an Additional Financial Mechanism-Parts 30, 40, 70	58 FR 68726; 59 FR 1618 (none)	1994-1	F	N 1/6/99	Not required ³ 11/98
Uranium Mill Tailings Regulations: Conforming NRC Requirements to EPA Standards-Part 40	59 FR 28220; (7/1/97)	1994-2			Not applicable SECY-95-112 ⁴
Timeliness in Decommissioning Material Facilities-Parts 30, 40, 70	59 FR 36026; (8/15/97)	1994-3	F	N 1/6/99	11/98
Preparation, Transfer for Commercial Distribution, and Use of Byproduct Material for Medical Use-Parts 30, 32, 35	59 FR 61767; 59 FR 65243 60 FR 322; (1/1/98)	1995-1	F	N 1/6/99	11/98
Frequency of Medical Examinations for Use of Respiratory Protection Equipment-Part 20	60 FR 7900; (3/13/98)	1995-2	F	N 1/6/99	10/96
Low-Level Waste Shipment Manifest Information and Reporting-Parts 20, 61	60 FR 15649; 60 FR 25983 (3/1/98)	1995-3	F	N 1/6/99	11/98

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Performance Requirements for Radiography Equipment-Part 34	60 FR 28323; (6/30/98)	1995-4	F	N 1/6/99	9/97
Radiation Protection Requirements: Amended Definitions and Criteria-Parts 19, 20	60 FR 36038; (8/14/98)	1995-5	F	N 1/6/99	11/98
Clarification of Decommissioning Funding Requirements-Parts 30, 40, 70	60 FR 38235; (11/24/98)	1995-6	F	N 1/6/99	11/98
Medical Administration of Radiation and Radioactive Materials-Parts 20, 35	60 FR 48623; (10/20/98)	1995-7	F	N 1/6/99	11/98
* 10 CFR Part 71: Compatibility with the International Atomic Energy Agency-Part 71	60 FR 50248; 61 FR 28723 (4/1/99)	1996-1	F ML020280299	N 2/15/02 ML020460125	8/20/00
One Time Extension of Certain Byproduct, Source and Special Nuclear Materials Licenses- Parts 30, 40, 70	61 FR 1109; (none)	1996-2			Not required ³
Termination or Transfer of Licensed Activities: Recordkeeping Requirements-Parts 20, 30, 40, 61, 70	61 FR 24669; (6/17/99)	1996-3	P	N 6/29/00	5/20/00
Resolution of Dual Regulation of Airborne Effluents of Radioactive Materials; Clean Air Act- Part 20	61 FR 65120; (1/9/00)	1997-1	F ML011510385	N 11/15/01 ML013100191	
Recognition of Agreement State Licenses in Areas Under Exclusive Federal Jurisdiction Within an Agreement State-Part 150	62 FR 1662; (2/27/00)	1997-2	F ML011510385	N 11/15/01 ML013100191	
Criteria for the Release of Individuals Administered Radioactive Material-Parts 20, 35	62 FR 4120; (5/29/00)	1997-3	F	N 1/6/99	11/98
Fissile Material Shipments and Exemptions-Part 71	62 FR 5907; (none)	1997-4			Not required ³
*Licenses for Industrial Radiography and Radiation Safety Requirements for Industrial Radiography Operations-Parts 30, 34, 71, 150	62 FR 28948; (6/27/00)	1997-5	F ML020280299	Y 2/15/02 ML020460125	8/20/01
Radiological Criteria for License Termination-Parts 20, 30, 40, 70	62 FR 39058; (8/20/00)	1997-6	F ML011510385	N 11/15/01 ML013100191	12/20/00
Exempt Distribution of a Radioactive Drug Containing One Microcurie of Carbon-14 Urea- Part 30	62 FR 63634; (1/02/01)	1997-7	F	N 1/6/99	11/98
Deliberate Misconduct by Unlicensed Persons-Parts 30, 40, 61, 70, 71, 150	63 FR 1890; 63 FR 13773 (2/12/01)	1998-1	F ML011510385	N 11/15/01 ML013100191	12/20/00
Self-Guarantee of Decommissioning Funding by Nonprofit and Non-Bond-Issuing Licensees- Parts 30, 40, 70	63 FR 29535; (none)	1998-2			Not required ³
License Term for Medical Use Licenses-Part 35	63 FR 31604; (none)	1998-3			Not required ³
Licenses for Industrial Radiography and Radiation Safety Requirements for Industrial Radiographic Operations-Part 34	63 FR 37059; (7/9/01)	1998-4	P ML010460171	Y 4/13/01 ML011060084	

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Minor Corrections, Clarifying Changes, and a Minor Policy Change-Parts 20	63 FR 39477; 63 FR 45393 (10/26/01)	1998-5	F ML011510385	Y 11/15/01 ML013100191	12/20/00
Transfer for Disposal and Manifests: Minor Technical Conforming Amendment-Part 20	63 FR 50127; (11/20/01)	1998-6			
Radiological Criteria for License Termination of Uranium Recovery Facilities-Part 40	64 FR 17506; (6/11/02)	1999-1			
Requirements for Those Who Possess Certain Industrial Devices Containing Byproduct Material to Provide Requested Information-Part 31	64 FR 42269; (none)	1999-2			Not required ³
Respiratory Protection and Controls to Restrict Internal Exposure-Part 20	64 FR 54543; 64 FR 55524 (2/2/03)	1999-3			
Energy Compensation Sources for Well Logging and Other Regulatory Clarifications-Part 39	65 FR 20337; (5/17/03)	2000-1			
New Dosimetry Technology-Parts 34, 36, 39	65 FR 63749; (1/8/04)	2000-2			
Requirements for Certain Generally Licensed Industrial Devices Containing Byproduct Material - Parts 30, 31, 32	65 FR 79162; (2/16/04)	2001-1			

1. Or other generic Legally Binding Requirements.
2. (Y/N) Y means "Yes," there are comments in the review letter that the State needs to address.
N means "No," there are no comments in the review letter.
3. Not required means these regulations are not required for purposes of compatibility.
4. A State need not adopt a specific regulation if the State has no licensees that would be subject to that regulation. See: "Final Policy Statement on Adequacy and Compatibility of Agreement State Programs," III.1. Time Frame for Adoption of Compatible State Regulations, p. 6, SECY-95-112, May 3, 1995.
5. ADAMS ML Number