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ALL AGREEMENT STATES, MINNESOTA, PENNSYLVANIA

**NRC REGULATORY ISSUE SUMMARY 2003-17: COMPLYING WITH 10 CFR 35.59,
“RECENTNESS OF TRAINING” (STP-03- 080)**

This is to inform you that the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued Regulatory Issue Summary (RIS) 2003-17: Complying With 10 CFR 35.59, “Recentness of Training,” For Board-Certified Individuals Whose Training and Experience Were Completed More Than 7 Years Ago.

This RIS provides guidance for licensees and permittees seeking to have individuals identified as authorized users (AUs), authorized medical physicists (AMPs), and authorized nuclear pharmacists (ANPs), under the following conditions:

1. The individual is certified by a specialty board recognized by NRC, but the board certification was received beyond the 7-year time frame allowed in 10 CFR 35.59; and
2. The individual is not currently identified on a medical-use license nor permit as an AU, AMP, or ANP, as appropriate in 10 CFR 35.13(b)(4).

This RIS: (1) clarifies that for limited-specific, Type B broad-scope, and Type C broad-scope medical-use licensees, **only NRC with input from the Advisory Committee on the Medical Uses of Isotopes (ACMUI)**, as necessary, may determine what constitutes adequate “related continuing training and experience,” for purposes of complying with 10 CFR 35.59, “Recentness of Training;” (2) describes the criteria NRC uses to evaluate “related continuing training and experience,” under 10 CFR 35.59; (3) describes the information NRC reviews to make the determination; and (4) describes NRC’s expectations for Type A broad-scope medical-use licensees.

This RIS may be accessed on ADAMS at: ML032740075 or on the NRC Website at:
www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/gen-comm/reg-issues/2003

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