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Medical Use of Byproduct Material—Medical Event Definitions, Training and Experience, and Clarifying Amendments

Abstract

The proposed rule would amend the Commission's medical use regulations in part 35. The proposed rule addresses three ongoing rulemaking projects and several other related topics. First, this rule proposes amendments to the reporting and notification requirements for a medical event (ME) for permanent implant brachytherapy. Second, the rule proposes changes: (1) to the training and experience (T&E) requirements for authorized users (AUs), medical physicists, Radiation Safety Officers (RSOs), and nuclear pharmacists; (2) to the requirements for measuring molybdenum contamination and reporting of failed technetium and rubidium generators; and (3) to allow Associate Radiation Safety Officers (ARSOs) to be named on a medical license. Third, the rule proposes changes to address a request filed in a petition for rulemaking (PRM) (PRM-35-20) to exempt certain board-certified individuals from certain T&E requirements (i.e., "grandfather" these individuals) so that they may be identified on a license or permit for materials and uses that they performed on or before October 24, 2005, the expiration date of the former Subpart J of Part 35 which contained the prior T&E requirements.

Justification

The rule scores 40 Points (15, 10, 10, 5) because of the following reasons:

A. Moderate contributor toward one or more goals and implements multiple strategies in one or more goals (safety strategies 1, 2, and 7)
B. Significant contributor toward one or more strategy (regulatory effectiveness strategies 1 and 2)
C. Significant contributor one or more considerations or the Commission has provided specific direction and priority/schedule on the rulemaking. SRM-SECY-08-0179 provides Commission direction to prepare this rule. Future regulatory benefit
D. Significant interest in this rule from industry and stakeholders. In addition, this rule addresses a petition for rulemaking (PRM-35-20).

Start Dates	Reg Basis Completed	PR Sent to Comm/EDO	FR Sent to Comm/EDO	Publication Date
5/1/10	6/1/12	8/1/14	2/1/16	8/1/16