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INFORMATIONAL BULLETIN

To: Radiation Protection Services Licensees and Registrants

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Radiation Protection Services

Subject: **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**
Licensee and Registrant Civil Penalty Updates

In the interest of public health and safety, the Oregon Health Authority (Authority), Public Health Division, Center for Health Protection, Radiation Protection Services (RPS) is committed to protecting the public and workers from unnecessary exposure to ionizing radiation generated from devices and materials. To accomplish this mission, RPS provides Health Physicists who inspect facilities to ensure compliance with Oregon Administrative Rules (OARs).

This bulletin is to inform X-ray device registrants and radioactive materials licensees that RPS intends to enforce civil penalties per OAR Chapter 333, Division 124 starting March 2013, relating to procedures regarding the Authority's non-receipt of corrective actions stemming from violations.

If violations are cited during an inspection, the registrant or licensee will be given 30 days to provide the Authority with a written corrective action plan. The response shall include appropriate documentation demonstrating that all violations have been adequately addressed and corrected.

If no written corrective actions are received by the Authority within 30 days, RPS will pursue civil penalties, including corrective actions being ordered. A final order may be imposed allowing RPS to collect civil penalty fines. In addition, if public and worker safety are jeopardized, RPS may direct the registrant or licensee to discontinue the use and storage of devices and materials that generate ionizing radiation.

Per OAR chapter 333, division 124, civil penalties increase for repeated violations of the same rule or statute and any unresolved enforcement actions will be referred to the Oregon Department of Revenue.

OARs referring to the RPS civil penalty program are located in Chapter 333, Division 124. Radiation Protection Services OARs are available for viewing at:
<http://public.health.oregon.gov/HealthyEnvironments/RadiationProtection/Pages/rules.aspx>.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Todd Carpenter, Program Manager, 971-673-0500 or email @ Todd.s.carpenter@state.or.us

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