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To: All Medical Radioactive Materials Licensees and X-ray Registrants

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Subject: Temporary Modification to Specific Rule Requirements during the COVID-19 Pandemic

The Center for Health Protection, Radiation Protection Services (RPS) understands that the medical response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic may delay your normal device or machine quality assurance tests and required meetings under Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR), Chapter 333, Rules for the Control of Radiation. In response, RPS has generated this informational bulletin to provide medical facilities with a temporary modification to time limitations for these tests and meetings while maintaining patient safety. The specific rules to be modified are as follows:

- (1) Dose calibrators are required to have quarterly linearity and annual accuracy quality assurance tests done according to OAR 333-116-0160;
- (2) Fluoroscopic equipment is required to have annual quality assurance studies and measurements done annually according to OAR 333-106-0205;
- (3) Computerized tomography (CT) scanners are required to have annual qualified CT medical physicist scanner performance evaluations done according to OAR 333-106-0364;
- (4) Mammography equipment is required to have an annual survey performed by a Medical Physicist according to OAR 333-106-0720; and
- (5) The Radiation Safety Committee (RSC) is required to meet at least every six months according to OAR 333-116-0090.

Effective immediately, these tests, studies, measurements, evaluations, surveys and meetings may be delayed beyond the stated time limits if a medical facility's ability to perform these requirements is impaired due to a COVID-19 impact on the facility. However, the facility must perform the required tests and meetings **as soon as possible after the event at the facility has subsided and the reason for the delay must be fully documented** for RPS inspectors to review during a future inspection. RSC meetings may be held through teleconferencing or Skype as a substitute for in-person meetings.

These temporary modifications will remain in effect until further notice.

If you need further clarification, please feel free to contact Daryl A. Leon, Radiation Protection Services, email @ daryl.a.leon@state.or.us.