
RADICAL CHRONICLE

RSS INFORMATION NOTICE

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Inspections Performed (October - February)

APHIS

Kahalui, HI
Kona, HI
Waimanalo, HI
Oxford, NC

ARS

Hilo, HI
Beltsville, MD
Logan, UT

FS

Price, UT

NRCS

Goldboro, NC

Violations Cited

- ✓ Electron capture detector (ECD) transferred without receiving prior approval from the RSS.
All transfers of radioactive material must be approved by the RSS prior to the transfer. The request to transfer material must be submitted to the RSS, in writing. The material cannot be transferred until a written approval has been received from RSS.

Tentative Inspection Schedule (March -May)

ARS

San Francisco, CA
Gainesville, FL
Miami, FL
Orlando, FL
Aberdeen, ID
Boise, ID
E. Lansing, MI
Frederick, MD
Plum Island, NY
Klingertown, PA
Wyndmoor, PA

FS

Boise, ID
Irvine, PA
Parsons, WV

NRCS

Riverhead, NY
Beckley, WV
Parkersburg, WV

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Cell Phones

The RSS Health Physicists now carry cellular phones. These phones will replace our emergency pager number. The cell phone numbers for the health physicists are listed below:

Jack Patterson: (240) 463-0433

Lori Powell: (240) 463-0431

Dan Sharp: (240) 463-0430



LRPO Training

There will be another training course for Location Radiation Safety Officers (LRPOs) presented at the Texas A & M University in College Station, Texas. The course will be a 5 day course scheduled for June 7-11. For further information contact Jack Patterson by e-mail at jack.patterson@usda.gov.

A training course for nuclear gauge users is tentatively scheduled for October 19-21, 1999. This course will provide the individual with the knowledge and the tools to train nuclear gauge users in radiation safety. Individuals that take this course will be authorized to give training to new users of nuclear gauges. This training can be substituted for the manufacturer's training that is now required for all new gauge users. For further information contact Jack Patterson by e-mail at jack.patterson@usda.gov.

Permit Renewals

Permits to use radioactive material and radiation producing devices are required to be renewed by the Permit Holder every 5 years.

The expiration date is indicated on the first page of the permit. A complete application must be submitted to RSS to by this expiration date. RSS generally sends out a reminder notice to the permit holder 30 to 60 days prior to the expiration of the permit.

Applications can be found in section 6 of the Radiation Safety Handbook or on the internet at www.usda.gov/da/shmd/rss1/forms.htm.

LRPO Representative on RSC Committee

The Radiation Safety Committee (RSC) has appointed Tom Jacobson as the Location Radiation Protection Officer (LRPO) representative. Tom is the Safety Manger at the Forest Products Laboratory in Madison, Wisconsin. His appointment will help broaden the RSC's perspective on the radiation safety program implementation. In an effort to address LRPO concerns, any LRPOs that has an issue they would like discussed at the RSC's meetings should contact Thomas Jacobson, RSC LRPO Representative at tjacobson/fpl@fs.us.



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