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We have a new email address

Effective immediately, all State of Minnesota email addresses, including the Department of Health, will change to firstname.lastname@state.mn.us (health removed). Our general email account has also changed to health.xray@state.mn.us.

What defines a “new” facility?

What is a NEW facility?

- New construction and the office has not been registered
- A facility under new ownership that will require a new registration number
- A satellite office that has not been registered

What is NOT a new facility?

- A co-owner is now the sole owner
- Transfer of x-ray equipment to a registered office (existing)
- A corporation buys into a facility, but does not have majority interest

Any new information should be reported to MDH. Please use the Change of Facility Information form available on our website to report changes at www.health.state.mn.us/xray, click on Registration Forms.

Bulletins are sent electronically only. This decreases printing and postage costs and it helps to keep your fees as low as possible. If you would like to receive these bulletins by email, please submit your request to Kelly.Sabanjo@state.mn.us. You can visit our website at www.health.state.mn.us/xray, click on Publications, to see our past Bulletins.



Grandfathered-in X-ray Operators

If you were certified as an X-ray Operator prior to January 1, 2008, you are grandfathered-in and do not have to take the Limited Scope X-ray Operator Exam. If you need proof of certification, please contact the appropriate test provider below. We’re working on consolidating this information and will be able to provide verification of certification in the future, but cannot provide actual documentation.

- Evalcor. (651) 641-0266
- Diane Harayda. (612) 281-4884
- Health Activations. Send request with \$10 fee to 2000 Plymouth Rd Ste 140, Plymouth, MN 55305



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Minnesota Budget Deficit

As you are probably all aware, Governor Tim Pawlenty announced a shortfall this Fiscal year, with long term billion dollar budget deficits. As a result, fee programs will likely see an increase in their fees. The last time fees for x-ray equipment and facilities were increased was during the 1997 legislative session. As we are notified, MDH will continue to update all facilities of upcoming changes.

FDA 2579

Report of Assembly Forms

Because we've had some concerns as to how Service Providers fill out the 2579 form, here is a list of what we need to accurately process these forms:

- Equipment Location should be the installation location, NOT the delivery location
- Name should be the legal name of the facility
- If a replacement, please include removed console's manufacturer and serial number at the bottom of the form in the Comments section
- Equipment still needs to be registered by the facility. This form does NOT replace our registration forms.

Disposal of Digital Phosphor Plates

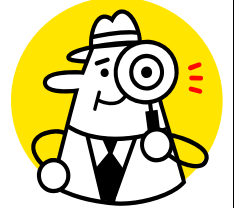
The Minnesota Ionizing Radiation Rule, Chapter 4732, does not address the disposal of non-radiation producing equipment. To determine if your phosphor plates can be recycled or disposed of, contact your waste hauler or the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. Facilities in the Twin Cities Metro Area can contact their county waste regulating authority for this information as well.

Limited Scope testing reminders

Two items have come to our attention that we would like to pass on to potential Limited Scope X-ray Operator Exam applicants:

- Carefully check the information packet that is sent to you by ARRT. If ARRT has made an error, you must contact MDH before signing up for a test session. If you schedule the test session without getting the information corrected, the mistake cannot be corrected. For example, you signed up for chest and spine modules, but the test booklet states chest module only. This needs to be corrected immediately.
- Once you sign up for a testing session, make sure you allow plenty of time to arrive. You are not penalized for coming early, but they will only hold your slot for 15 minutes if you are late. With the traffic tie-ups that occur during rush hour and inclement weather, delays are likely. In these cases, you will need to reschedule the exam and pay the appropriate fees.

Inspector's Corner



Industrial Radiographer Certification

Any individual who takes industrial x-rays inside vaults or restricted areas must be certified as an Industrial Radiographer and Radiation Safety Personnel (IRRSP) by taking the x-ray portion of their exam. This does not include those who take x-rays inside cabinets or use portable x-ray fluorometers.

For more information on obtaining the IRRSP certificate, visit the American Society of Nondestructive Testing (ASNT) website at <http://asnt.org/certification/irrsp/index.htm>. Our website has a complete listing of exam dates, www.health.state.mn.us/xray, click on Industrial Radiographer.

QC Manual Documents

To help prepare you for a MDH inspection, below is a list of some potential documents you'll need. These documents are also important to all designated Radiation Safety Officers:

- Daily QC and Quality Assurance Program
- Any Radiation Safety Records
- Equipment Performance Evaluations (Physicists, Vendors, or BioMed Reports)
- Darkroom and Processor Quality Control
- Screen-Film Testing
- Shielding
- Personnel Exposure Monitoring (if applicable)
- Credentials of those individuals taking x-rays
- Patient Logs
- Retake/reject analysis
- Audits
- Registration certificates
- Additional information may be required

Many samples of these documents are available on our website on the 4732 Information page, <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/radiation/xray/4732info/index.html>.

Happy Holidays to all...

*From all of us at the
Radiation Control Unit*

