

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Environmental Quality  
Office of the Secretary  
Legal Affairs Division

Training and Education Requirements for Authorized Users of Radioactive Materials  
(LAC 33:XV.763) (RP050ft)

Under the authority of the Environmental Quality Act, R.S. 30:2001 et seq., and in accordance with the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act, R.S. 49:950 et seq., the secretary gives notice that rulemaking procedures have been initiated to amend the Radiation Protection regulations, LAC 33:XV.763 (Log #RP050ft).

This proposed rule is identical to federal regulations found in 10 CFR 35.55(b)(1)(i), which are applicable in Louisiana. For more information regarding the federal requirement, contact the Regulation Development Section at (225) 219-3471 or Box 4302, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4302. No fiscal or economic impact will result from the proposed rule. This rule will be promulgated in accordance with the procedures in R.S. 49:953(F)(3) and (4).

This rule will update the state regulations to be compatible with the changes in the federal regulations relating to the training and education requirements of a physician who is a radiation safety officer overseeing uptake, dilution, or excretion studies, and/or imaging and localization studies. Amendments to the *Code of Federal Regulations* in 10 CFR Part 35 have been completed regarding the training and education requirements of a radiation safety officer. Louisiana is required to adopt or amend the state radiation regulations pertaining to the training and education requirements of an authorized user of radioactive material in order to maintain an adequate Agreement State program. The basis and rationale for this rule are to mirror the federal regulations and maintain an adequate Agreement State program. This proposed rule meets an exception listed in R.S. 30:2019(D)(2) and R.S. 49:953(G)(3); therefore, no report regarding environmental/health benefits and social/economic costs is required.

This proposed rule has no known impact on family formation, stability, and autonomy as described in R.S. 49:972.

A public hearing will be held on September 25, 2008, at 1:30 p.m. in the Galvez Building, Oliver Pollock Conference Room, 602 N. Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802. Interested persons are invited to attend and submit oral comments on the proposed amendments. Should individuals with a disability need an accommodation in order to participate, contact Judith A. Schuerman, Ph.D., at the address given below or at (225) 219-3471. Two hours of free parking are allowed in the Galvez Garage with a validated parking ticket.

All interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed regulation. Persons commenting should reference this proposed regulation by RP050ft. Such comments must be received no later than September 25, 2008, at 4:30 p.m., and should be sent to Judith A. Schuerman, Ph.D., Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, Box 4302, Baton Rouge, LA

70821-4302 or to FAX (225) 219-3398 or by e-mail to [judith.schuerman@la.gov](mailto:judith.schuerman@la.gov). The comment period for this rule ends on the same date as the public hearing. Copies of this proposed regulation can be purchased by contacting the DEQ Public Records Center at (225) 219-3168. Check or money order is required in advance for each copy of RP050ft. This regulation is available on the Internet at [www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/1669/default.aspx](http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/1669/default.aspx).

This proposed regulation is available for inspection at the following DEQ office locations from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.: 602 N. Fifth Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802; 1823 Highway 546, West Monroe, LA 71292; State Office Building, 1525 Fairfield Avenue, Shreveport, LA 71101; 1301 Gadwall Street, Lake Charles, LA 70615; 111 New Center Drive, Lafayette, LA 70508; 110 Barataria Street, Lockport, LA 70374; 645 N. Lotus Drive, Suite C, Mandeville, LA 70471.

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**Title 33  
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

**Part XV. Radiation Protection**

**Chapter 7. Use of Radionuclides in the Healing Arts**

**§763. Training**

A. – K.2. ...

a. has completed 700 hours in a structured educational program

consisting of both:

i. ~~didactic~~200 hours of classroom and laboratory training in

the following areas:

K.2.a.i.(a). – M. ...

**AUTHORITY NOTE:** Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 30:2001 et seq.

**HISTORICAL NOTE:** Promulgated by the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Air Quality and Radiation Protection, Radiation Protection Division, LR 18:34 (January 1992), amended LR 24:2106 (November 1998), amended by the Office of Environmental Assessment, Environmental Planning Division, LR 26:2590 (November 2000), LR 30:1186 (June 2004), amended by the Office of Environmental Assessment, LR 31:1061 (May 2005), amended by the Office of the Secretary, Legal Affairs Division, LR 32:814 (May 2006), LR 34:983 (June 2008), LR 34:\*\*.