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COMMISSION ON RADIATION PROTECTION

Notice of Readoption

Radiation Protection Program

Readoption: N.J.A.C. 7:28

Authority: N.J.S.A 13:1B-1 et seq., 13:1D-1 et seq., and 26:2D-1 et seq.

Authorized By: Catherine McCabe, Commissioner, Department of Environmental Protection, and the Commission on Radiation Protection, Julie Timins, Chairperson.

Effective Date: May 4th, 2020

New Expiration Date: May 4th, 2027

Take notice that pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1, the Radiation Protection Program at N.J.A.C. 7:28 are readopted and shall continue in effect for a seven-year period. The rules had been scheduled to expire on May 9th, 2020. The Department of Environmental Protection (Department) has reviewed these rules and has determined that the rules should be readopted because they are necessary, reasonable and proper for the purpose for which they were originally promulgated. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1.(c)(1), timely filing of this notice extended the expiration date of the chapter seven years from the date of filing.

The rules implement the Radiation Protection Act, N.J.S.A. 26:2D-1 et seq.

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Through the Radiation Protection Act, as implemented by the Radiation Protection Programs rules, N.J.A.C. 7:28, New Jersey has a comprehensive radiation protection program encompassing x-ray machines, naturally occurring or accelerator produced radioactive materials (NARM), radon, clean-up of radioactively contaminated sites, monitoring around nuclear power plants, emergency preparedness and response to radiological incidents including transportation accidents, and requirements for non-ionizing sources of radiation. Additionally, there are requirements for licensure and certification of radiologic technologists, nuclear medicine technologists, radon testers and mitigators, and qualified medical physicists.

The Department published a proposal of amendments to the Radiation Protection Program rules, N.J.A.C. 7:28, on December 2nd, 2019. The proposed changes include proposed amendments, repeals, recodification, and new rules related to the Agreement State program, the education and licensing of radiologist assistants and an increase in licensing fees for fusion imaging CT technologists and nuclear medicine technologists. Any further action on those proposed amendments would be the subject of a separate notice in the New Jersey Register.