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To: Oregon Radioactive Materials Licensees Possessing Radionuclides of Concern

Subject: Adoption of Division 125, Materials Safety and Security

In the aftermath of the terrorist attacks in the United States on September 11, 2001, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (US NRC) took steps to enhance licensee security and safety of specific quantities and types of radioactive material known as Radionuclides of Concern. The result was the issuance of US NRC Increased Controls Orders EA-05-090 in 2005 and EA-07-305 in 2007. In 2013, these Orders were incorporated into the new Part 37 of Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations entitled Physical Protection of Category 1 and Category 2 Quantities of Radioactive Material.

As an Agreement State with the US NRC, Oregon is required to establish compatible rules to Part 37 by March 19, 2016. On October 1, 2015, Oregon Health Authority, Radiation Protection Services (RPS) adopted division 125 entitled Materials Safety and Security within Chapter 333 of the Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR). The purpose of this new division is to address safety, security and the tracking of category 1 and category 2 quantities of radioactive materials and is essentially identical to the federal Part 37. OAR's formerly adopted in 2008 relating to the National Source Tracking System and placed in division 120 have now been relocated to division 125.

Affected licensees will be given a three month grace period commencing December 1, 2015 and ending February 28, 2016 to incorporate revisions to their Increased Controls programs to comply with the new regulatory requirements. Licensees will be impacted with additional or revised administrative requirements as well as new definitions and terms. Therefore, RPS has included a Power Point presentation with this Information Bulletin identifying the differences between the US NRC Increased Controls Orders and division 125 to assist with implementation of the new Oregon rules.

For additional information or assistance, licensees may contact RPS to schedule a work group session to assist in revising current security plans and T&R procedures. If interested, please contact Todd S. Carpenter, Licensing Manager at 971-673-0500 or email todd.s.carpenter@state.or.us.