



PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION
Center for Health Protection, Radiation Protection Services

Kate Brown, Governor

Oregon
Health
Authority

800 NE Oregon Street, Suite 640
Portland, OR 97232
Voice 971-673-0490
FAX 971-673-0553

November 16, 2015

INFORMATION BULLETIN 2015-07

From: Rick Wendt, Interim Program Director 
Radiation Protection Services

To: Hand-held Dental X-ray Unit Registrants

Subject: Termination of the Handheld X-ray Device Exemption Request Program

The Center for Health Protection, Radiation Protection Services (RPS) is releasing this informational bulletin to notify X-ray registrants using RPS approved handheld X-ray device (ARIBEX), that operators of the device will no longer be required to wear a whole body protective apron and thyroid collar. In addition, use of personal dosimetry (whole body and ring) will not be required since, the annual exposure levels to the operator remain below 10% of the annual worker total dose (500 mrem) when the device is used correctly.

[Note: Registrants will still need to ensure that operators follow all other applicable rules.]

Radiation Protection Services will be proposing to amend Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) by repealing rules to OAR 333-106-0325(9)(a) *requiring the operator to wear a whole body apron and thyroid collar* and (b), *hand-held units must meet the requirement of OAR 333-106-0045(5)*. Proposed rulemaking will be scheduled during the first half of 2016. Regulatory staff have been directed to not enforce rules listed above after the issuance of this bulletin.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me:

Rick Wendt, Interim Program Manager
Radiation Protection Services
(971) 673-0505, richard.a.wendt@state.or.us; or

Catherine Hess
Electronic Products Lead Worker
Public Health Division
(971)-673-0491, catherine.hess@state.or.us