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To: Medical Diagnostic and Therapy Licensees

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Subject: Provisions for recognizing and “grandfathering” authorized medical physicists (AMPs) under 10 CFR 35.2, 35.14, 35.51 and 35.57 and OAR 333-116 rules

Background

On March 30, 2005, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission published a final rule in the Federal Register, amending specific sections in 10 CFR Part 35 (70 FR 19336). The rule revised regulations for the recognition of specialty boards, whose certification processes can demonstrate the training and experience of individuals serving as Authorized Medical Physicists (AMPs)

This affects Oregon licensees providing medical uses of:

- *Strontium-90 ophthalmic applicators
- *Brachytherapy
- *Teletherapy units
- *Photon-emitting remote after loader units (HDRs/MDRs/LDRs)
- *Gamma stereotactic radiosurgery units

To maintain compatibility with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), Radiation Protection Services (RPS) is requesting that all affected licensees request an amendment to their licenses to include authorized medical physicists working with these devices.

AMPs not specifically listed on an Oregon, another agreement state or NRC license prior to April 29, 2008 will not be eligible for the grandfather provision in 10 CFR part 35.57. After April 29, 2008, AMPs not grandfathered will need to apply by either the board certification or alternative pathways described in 10 CFR 35.51. The application process will be lengthy and time consuming for both the applicant and the department.

Amendment requests should be submitted as soon as possible so that we can ensure the AMP user is added to the license prior to the April 29, 2008 deadline. Requests received after April 1, 2008 may not be processed in time by our office.

You may email or fax your amendment request using the attached form. Please complete and return as soon as possible. Detailed information regarding the NRC requirement can be viewed at <http://nrc-stp.ornl.gov/asletters/other/sp06056.pdf>.

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Authorized Medical Physicist Listing Request

*Please add _____ to our Radioactive Materials License number ORE-_____ as an Authorized medical Physicist (AMP). I certify that the above named individual has sufficient training, experience, appropriate educational credentials and is adequately qualified to perform the functions of a Medical Physicists for the following devices(s).

____ Strontium-90 Eye applicator

____ High dose Rate Afterloader units

____ Teletherapy devices

____ Gamma Stereotactic Radiosurgery Units (Gamma knife)

Radiation Safety Officer (print name)

Signature

Date

Authorized Medical Physicist (print name)

Signature

Date

*Complete form for each AMP and return to:

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