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From: Commanding Officer, Navy Environmental Health Center

Subj: NAVAL RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL PERMIT (NRMP) PROGRAM INFORMATION  
NOTICE 2003-06: AUDIT GUIDE FOR NEW PART 35

- Ref: (a) Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 35; Medical Use of Byproduct Material.  
(b) NUREG-1556, Vol. 9, Consolidated Guidance About Materials Licenses: Program-Specific Guidance About Medical Use Licenses, October 2002.  
(c) Navy Radioactive Material Permit (NRMP) Program Information Notice 97-07, 6470 Ser OM/09852 dtd 02 July 1997.  
(d) BUMEDINST6470.20

1. This Information Notice is issued to promulgate the new Naval Radioactive Material Permit (NRMP) audit guide which implements the changes to the revised 10 CFR 35 in references (a) and (b). The new audit guide will be effective upon renewal of your NRMP and supersedes reference (c). Radiation Safety Officers shall use this audit guide for performance of annual external and turnover audits with prospective RSOs.

2. For those permittees authorized to perform intravascular brachytherapy (IVB) procedures and/or standard low dose rate (LDR) manual brachytherapy "high confidence" procedures (formerly called Quality Management Program (QMP)), separate audit guides have also been developed and shall be used during the performance of periodic audits, based on conditions stipulated in the NRMP.

3. The NRMP and special procedure audit guides can be found at: <http://www-nehc.med.navy.mil/occmmed/nrmp.htm>.

4. A copy of all audit results using the new guidance and report of corrective actions shall be forwarded to NAVENVIRHLTHCEN in accordance with reference (d) and shall be included as an enclosure to the amendment request to change the name of the RSO on the NRMP. The audit report and corrective actions shall be forwarded to NAVENVIRHLTCEN within 60 days of the date on the audit report.

5. For clarification, reference (d) requires that each permittee be audited annually by an individual independent of their NRMP program. This "external" audit shall NOT be conducted by the incumbent Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) nor by an Authorized User (AU), who are named on the command's NRMP.

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6. As the NRC authorizes other medical uses of byproduct material or radiation from byproduct material under Subpart K of reference (d), NAVENVIRHLTHCEN will post additional audit guides on their website.

7. For additional information, please contact the Radiation Health Team Leader, LCDR Pam Fetherston, MSC, USN at DSN 377-0766 or (757) 953-0766, Fax (757) 953-0685, [fetherstonp@nehc.med.navy.mil](mailto:fetherstonp@nehc.med.navy.mil) or [pomijeb@nehc.med.navy.mil](mailto:pomijeb@nehc.med.navy.mil).

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