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Subj: NAVAL RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL PERMIT (NRMP) PROGRAM INFORMATION
NOTICE 2004-03: AUDIT GUIDE FOR SELF-SHIELDED IRRADIATORS

Ref: (a) Title 10, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 36; Licenses and Radiation Safety Requirements for Irradiators.
(b) NUREG-1556, Vol. 5; Consolidated Guidance About Materials Licenses: Program-Specific Guidance About Self-Shielded Irradiator Licenses, October 1998.
(c) BUMEDINST6470.20.

1. This Information Notice is issued to promulgate the new Navy Environmental Health Center (NAVENVIRHLTHCEN) audit guide for "self-shielded irradiators" under the Naval Radioactive Material Permit (NRMP) Program. This audit guide is based on the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC's) regulations and guidance in references (a) and (b) respectively. Radiation Safety Officers (RSOs) shall use this audit guide for performance of annual external and turnover audits with prospective RSOs.

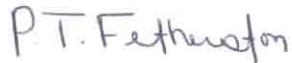
2. The self-shielded irradiator audit guide, in addition to other previously released audit guides can be found at: <http://www-nehc.med.navy.mil/occmmed/nrmp.htm>.

3. A copy of all audit results using the new guidance and report of corrective actions shall be forwarded to NAVENVIRHLTHCEN in accordance with reference (c) 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 NAVENVIRHLTHCEN within 60 days of the date on the audit report.

4. For clarification, reference (c) 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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5. 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 or pomijeb@nehc.med.navy.mil.



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