

Radiation-generating Equipment Committee (REC)

March 9, 2012

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lawrence Osher, Chair
Kerry Krugh, Vice Chair
Teresa Yates
Chuck Wissuchek
Ruth Hackworth
Nina Kowalczyk
Jill Paessun
John Dukes
Bryon Murray

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kathryn Gardner
Thomas Hangartner
Brenda Johnson
David Kimberly
Bradley Kraai
Nina Mayr

GUESTS

Paul Geis, University Hospitals Cleveland
Jim Burn, Flower & Sylvania Hospital
Barry Wessels, University Hospitals Cleveland
Qin Sheng Chen, Flower Hospital
Kathy Grassian, Mt. Carmel
Susan Suchan, Mt. Carmel
Ron Droege, Atrium Medical Center
Andy Anderson, MRP, Inc.
Jeremy Donaghue, Akron General Medical Center

ODH ATTENDEES

Margie Wanchick
James Castle
Dwight Leeseberg

The Radiation-Generating Equipment Committee (REC) meeting was called to order by chairperson, Larry Osher at 10:05 a.m. The meeting was held at the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) in the Basement Training Room A at 35 Chestnut Street, Columbus, Ohio. The Sign-in Sheet serves as the official record of attendance.

Past Minutes: The committee reviewed the November 18, 2011 minutes. Jack Dukes made a motion to accept the minutes. Nina Kowalczyk seconded the motion; the members present unanimously approved the minutes as written.

Announcement:

Margie Wanchick announced that she has moved to a new position in the Division of Prevention. Jim Castle is assuming her responsibilities as the REC liaison.

Old Business:

Status of X-ray Rules - Margie Wanchick provided handouts and explained the status of the rules. Jim Castle explained that on March 8, 2012, the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR) had approved the adoption of the proposed Chapter 3701:1-68 industrial rules and the rescinding of the industrial rules in Chapter 3701:1-66. JCARR also approved the adoption of the proposed amendments to Chapter 3701-72, rule 3701:1-66-05 and rule 3701:1-38-03. These rules will go to Public Health Council on March 22, 2012 for adoption.

Review of public comments for therapy rules 67-05, 67-06, 67-08 and 67-09

The REC began the review of the public comments and discussed some of the medical physicist's concerns regarding contradictory and confusing language, impractical testing standards, unnecessary restrictions and references, and clarification of terminology. The REC and ODH made progress on addressing some public comments by modifying rule language during the meeting. Since the comments regarding contradictory and

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confusing language is so diverse in context, ODH with the acceptance of REC, is drafting baseline rules, as the starting point for addressing these comments. These baseline rules will be distributed to REC, for review and comment prior to the next meeting. At the next meeting, REC and ODH will continue to review the baseline rules against the current draft rules and public comments to assure all public comments and any other concerns are addressed.

Other Items Discussed:

Larry Osher indicated that it may be a good idea to create a subgroup of medical physicists for the purpose of consulting with the REC on specific matters. Tomotherapy and Cyberknife requirements were brought up during this discussion.

New Business:

Larry Osher indicated that the CT rule should be reviewed soon due to the advancements made in the technology.

Also, ODH would like to re-open the industrial rule to address some safety concerns.

Future Meeting Dates: ~~Friday, April 27, 2012~~
Friday, May 4, 2012

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 3:15pm.