

Radiation-generating Equipment Committee (REC)

April 9, 2010

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT

Lawrence Osher, Chair
Jack Dukes
Chuck Wissuchek
Thomas Hangartner
Nina Kowalczyk

GUESTS

Thavendra Rajah, Mt Carmel
Susan Suchan, Mt. Carmel
Nelenda Coat, Mt. Carmel

MEMBERS ABSENT

Kerry Krugh, Vice Chair
Nina Mayr
Kathryn Gardner
Brenda Johnson
Teresa Yates
Mary Ann Accorinti
Ruth Hackworth

ODH ATTENDEES

Margie Wanchick
David Lipp
James Castle

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The Radiation-generating Equipment Committee (REC) meeting was called to order by chairperson, Larry Osher at 9:45 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 Roll Call and official record of attendance.

Past Minutes: The committee reviewed the March 5, 2010 minutes. Jack Dukes made a motion to accept the minutes as written; Nina Kowalczyk seconded it, and the members present unanimously approved the motion to accept the minutes with a few grammatical changes.

Old Business:

Status of Rules - Margie Wanchick distributed an April 2010 version of the X-ray Rule Status Log for the new Chapter 3701:1-67 therapy rules and explained the status. The only remaining rules to finish at this meeting were 67-06 (Greater than 500kV Equipment Requirements) and 67-01 (Definitions). This is the last meeting prior to the entire set of draft rules being posted for public comment. Even though some selected paragraphs within the rules were recommended to be reorganized and moved from one rule to another during this meeting, the Department did not have an opportunity to review the latest drafts developed by Chuck and Ruth. Therefore, the Department will conduct a final review of those organizational changes during the public comment period to determine appropriateness. All public comments will be reviewed at the next REC meeting. The final draft of the new therapy rules will be presented to the Radiation Advisory Council (RAC) for approval at the June 25, 2010 meeting.

Draft Rule 67-06 - Technical Requirements for the Therapy Equipment Operating above 500 kV and Electron Systems Above 500 keV.

The committee continued its review of this rule by starting with paragraph (G). Larry Osher checked the cross-references to the IEC documents and recommended that they be kept in the same format as the SSR document. In follow-up to Chuck Wissuchek's recommendation to move shielding and room design paragraphs (N) and (O) of rule 67-05 and paragraph (Q) of 67-06 into the Appendix of rule 67-08 and to organize these requirements by energy levels, new versions of these rules were reviewed. It was also recommended that all quality assurance (QA) requirements listed in rule 67-05 and 67-06 be moved into rule 67-09, so the new version of the QA rule was reviewed also. The committee made a recommendation

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for the future: Open rule 67-09 after it is adopted to address the newer technologies such as tomotherapy and cyberknives. For the record, all edits made to the rules 67-05, 67-06, 67-08 and its Appendix, and 67-09 during this meeting would be made available through the Department's website posting for the public comment period.

New Business:

Draft Rule 67-01 Definitions

The committee compared the draft Definitions rule to the SSR and to the existing therapy terms in rule 3701:1-66-01. All terms from 66-01 which were going to be used in new 67-01 Definitions rule were marked to be included; the same applied for the SSR definitions rule. Certain terms that were used in both SSR and Ohio Administrative Code were reviewed and the committee determined which they thought was the better term to use. David Lipp was asked to search for all terms drafted in the new 67-01 rule and to delete those terms which were not found used throughout the new Chapter 67 rules. For the record, the final version of the Definitions rule will be made available through the Department's website posting for the public comment period.

Future Meeting Dates:

Margie asked Chuck Wissuchek to determine, with Ruth Hackworth, when the best date would be between May 20 and June 10, 2010 to have the committee review the public comments. Margie will have a notification of that date sent out to the member within the next week. *[As it turned out, the next meeting was set for Friday June 4, 2010.]*

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:00 p.m.