

Radiation-generating Equipment Committee (REC)

August 6, 2010

Minutes

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

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

GUESTS

Susan Suchan, Mt. Carmel
Jimelle Rumberg, OPMA

ODH ATTENDEES

David Lipp
Margie Wanchick
Eric Denison

The Radiation-generating Equipment Committee (REC) meeting was called to order by chairperson, Larry Osher at 10:18 a.m. The meeting was held at the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) in the 7th floor Conference 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 June 4, 2010 minutes. Discussion was held about the Department removing the language relating to medical physicists being permitted to change tolerance levels for the quality assurance tests for therapy equipment. Jack Dukes made a motion to accept the minutes; Ruth Hackworth seconded it, and the members present unanimously approved the motion.

Old Business:

Status of Rules

Margie Wanchick distributed the August 2010 version of the X-ray Rule Status Log for the new Chapter 3701:1-67 therapy rules and the Chapter 3701:1-66 rules. She reported that the ten therapy rules in new Chapter 67 were approved by the Radiation Advisory Council with some non-substantive editorial changes, and that the therapy rules were introduced to Public Health Council (PHC) last week (July 28) along with the request to rescind the two existing Chapter 66 therapy rules. She reported that rules 3701:1-66-01 Definitions and 3701:1-66-02 General Administration were adopted with an effective date of June 1, 2010. Margie also explained that the Chapter 3701:1-67 therapy rules submitted to PHC were reorganized to reflect the original titles for 67-08 Shielding and Design Requirements and 67-09 Quality Assurance for Simulators. She further explained that some paragraphs were moved from one rule to another, but that nothing was deleted from the final draft coming out of this committee. Ruth suggested that the organization of the rules in Chapter 3701:1-67 be re-visited sometime after they become effective. David Lipp responded to the question about the IEC references; he explained that the IEC did not have any problem with the Department using their language, but that they did want to know what language was being used.

New Business:

Review Draft rule Electronic Brachytherapy Rule

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Margie distributed the new draft therapy rule 3701:1-67-10 Electronic Brachytherapy which was modeled from the Suggested State Regulations Part X, and a few recommendations from the Department. Two word changes were recommended throughout the rule to provide consistency with the language used in the other radiation-generating equipment rules (i.e., handler instead of registrant and authorized physician instead of authorized user). A question was raised about the intent of the wording in paragraph (D)(4) related to “equipment manufactured after...” Consequently, Margie offered to contact the SSR chairperson to determine what the intent was since the wording seems to have either a missing date or a typo. A new subparagraph (g) was added to paragraph (G)(1) to specify that the services of a qualified medical physicist (QMP) shall include developing a quality assurance program. The committee recommended changes to subparagraphs (3) & (4) in paragraph (I) related to safety precautions. Specifically, the QMP and the authorized physician must be present during all patient treatments, and requiring only the QMP to designate shield locations. The edits made during this meeting will become a permanent part of the minutes.

Margie distributed the new draft therapy rule 3701:1-67-1 Other Electronic Brachytherapy which was modeled from the Suggested State Regulations Part X. Similarly to the brachytherapy rule draft, a couple of changes (i.e., handler and authorized physician) were recommended to provide consistency. The edits made during this meeting will become a permanent part of the minutes.

Margie distributed copies the current industrial analytical and particle accelerator rules, plus handouts for the Department’s recommendations for change. The members were asked to review these rules and the recommendations before the next REC meeting to help expedite the review process. Since there are not many changes or issues to discuss regarding the industrial rules, the next meeting agenda will include reviewing the current Certified Radiation Expert (CRE) and medical Radiography rule, both of which expire on February 1, 2011.

Larry raised the subject of the REC’s membership. He suggested that the committee review the member categories represented and possibly changing a couple which are not, and have not been, represented over the last year or two. Discussion led to some examples of new categories: Administration, IRRP, or Licensee/Registrant. He asked the members present what they thought. The members agreed that doing so was a good idea. Larry agreed to contact Teresa Yates to ascertain her agreement to continuing serving as the representative for the multi-modality Imaging Center representative.

Future Meeting Dates: September 23, 2010 from 11:30am to 3:30pm. *[Note the 11:30am ‘start’ time for this meeting. Preceding the start of this meeting, there will be a public hearing held by the PHC for the ten therapy rules for which Larry Osher will be providing proponent testimony on behalf of the REC and RAC.]*

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.