

**Radiation-generating Equipment Committee (REC)
September 23, 2010
Minutes**

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

ODH ATTENDEES

Margie Wanchick
James Castle
Robert Owen
Eric Denison

MEMBERS ABSENT

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

GUESTS

Susan Suchan, Mt. Carmel
Jill Paessun, Mt. Carmel
Rick Sites, OHA

The Radiation-generating Equipment Committee (REC) meeting was called to order by chairperson, Larry Osher at 12:10 p.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 August 6, 2010 minutes. Ruth Hackworth noted that: 1) “67” needs inserted before the rule numbers in the “Status of Rules” paragraph; and 2) there was no mention about the committee’s desire to revisit the organization of the therapy rules after they are adopted. Jack Dukes made a motion to accept the minutes with Ruth’s suggested edits; Chuck Wissuchek seconded it, and the members present unanimously approved the motion.

Message from Bureau Chief: Since this was likely the last REC meeting before his retirement from ODH, Robert Owen wanted to personally thank the members for their time and efforts, especially the last two years of extensive work they put into reviewing and amending the x-ray rules.

Old Business:

Status of Rules

Margie Wanchick distributed the September 23, 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 moving through the adoption process with Public Health Council (PHC). Today, Larry Osher provided proponent testimony to the PHC during the public hearing. The two brand new therapy rules (67-10 & 67-11) are ready for public comment. There are four Chapter 66 rules ready for the committee to review along with recommendations for change from the Bureau of Radiation Protection (BRP).

Draft Therapy Rules 67-10 and 67-11

Margie distributed the updated draft of these two rules and explained that items in paragraph (D)(4) were researched and updated following the last meeting. The committee reviewed and discussed several other topics within the rule and recommended subparagraphs (I)(2) and (3) be combined. The committee approved the draft rule to be put out for public comment on the Department’s website.

Link at: http://www.odh.ohio.gov/rules/drafts/3701_1-67.aspx

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New Business:

5-year Review of Industrial Analytical Rule 3701:1-66-13

Margie distributed the BRP recommendations for changes to this rule. There was discussion about whether the rule should be titled differently (i.e., deleting the term “industrial”). The committee accepted the recommendations with some editing to the language. There was discussion about whether the rule should be titled differently (i.e., deleting the term “industrial”). The committee approved the rule with the BRP recommendations to be posted on the Department’s website for public comments.

Link at: http://www.odh.ohio.gov/rules/drafts/3701_1-66-draftB.aspx

5-year Review of Radiographic Rule 3701:1-66-05

Margie distributed a copy of the original rule only showing a few minor non-substantive changes; BRP offered no recommendations for change. The committee discussed one rule item related to paragraph (E)(1) provided by Kerry Krugh via an email. That is, Ohio’s rule requires the operator to wear a protective apron and also requires a six foot distance when making the exposure, whereas the SSR requires a 9 foot distance with no mention of a protective apron needing to be worn. The committee approved the rule, without changes, to be posted on the Department’s website for public comments.

Link at: http://www.odh.ohio.gov/rules/drafts/3701_1-66-draftB.aspx

5-year Review of CRE Rule 3701:1-66-03

Margie distributed a copy of the bureau’s recommendations for change to this rule. The committee accepted the changes, with some editing to the language, and approved the rule to be posted for public comments. The final editing to this rule may be viewed on the Department’s website.

Link at: http://www.odh.ohio.gov/rules/drafts/3701_1-66-draftB.aspx

Future Meeting Dates:

Friday October 22, 2010

Friday November 5, 2010

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.