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ARKANSAS INFORMATION NOTICE 23-01

To: State, county, and other interested parties concerning Personnel Security Screening Systems

From: Bernard Bevill, Section Chief
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Subject: Personnel Screening Security Systems

This Information Notice (IN) is to remind facilities possessing a personnel screening security system of the requirement to register with the Arkansas Department of Health. RH-21.a. of the Rules for Control of Sources of Ionizing Radiation states that each person (registrant) having physical possession or control of a radiation machine capable of producing radiation in the state of Arkansas shall apply for registration of such machine within 30 days of acquisition.

The Radiation Control Section is authorized to implement an exemption granted by the Arkansas State Board of Health from RH-1602.a.7. of the Rules for Control of Sources of Ionizing Radiation.

RH-1602.a.7. states in part:

Individuals shall not be exposed to the useful beam except for healing arts purposes and such exposure has been authorized by a licensed practitioner of the healing arts. This provision specifically prohibits deliberate exposure for the following purposes:

- A. *Exposure of an individual for training, demonstration, or other non-healing-arts purposes...*

This exemption allows exposure of an individual for a particular non-healing* arts purpose, law enforcement authorized screening of humans to detect contraband and weapons concealed on or within a person. Those who are known or have stated to be pregnant and all minors, including facility staff, visitors, vendors, contractors, and detainees, are not to be scanned. Efforts shall be made to avoid scanning pregnant subjects.

Registration applications are reviewed against existing rules and nationally recognized standards to verify that administrative controls, operating procedures, equipment specifications, and an operator and radiation safety program administrator training program have been established where both occupational and public doses will be kept at levels that are As Low As Reasonably Achievable.

If you have any questions, please contact the X-ray/Mammography Program at (501) 661-2378.

**Healing arts - Any treatment, operation, diagnosis, prescription, or practice for the ascertainment, cure, relief, palliation, adjustment, or correction of any human disease, ailment, deformity, injury, or unhealthy or abnormal physical or mental condition.*