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INFORMATION NOTICE 08-03

TO: Licensees Authorized for Uses of Strontium-90 Ophthalmic Applicators, Teletherapy Units, Accelerators, Photon-emitting Remote After Loader Brachytherapy Units, Gamma Stereotactic Radiosurgery Units and Individuals Registered as Qualified Experts in the Use of the Above-Mentioned Devices

FROM: W. Lee Cox, III, Deputy Chief
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IN RE: Grandfathering of Authorized Medical Physicists' Requirements Extended to November 3, 2008

I. CHANGES

The agency has concluded that medical physicists hired by a licensee to perform medical physics duties for that licensee prior to the cut off date for the adoption of the new 10 CFR Part 35 rules on April 29, 2008 will be considered as having been named on a NC radioactive materials or NC accelerator license and may be "grandfathered" in provided the guidance information is submitted BEFORE November 3, 2008.

II. IMPLEMENTATION

- September 16, 2008 to November 3, 2008
- Licensees must submit to the agency an application for amendment requesting to add specific medical physicists by November 3, 2008 to be eligible for grandfathering. Documentation satisfying the guidance requirements must be attached to the application.

III. GUIDANCE

Documentation required to "grandfather" Authorized Medical Physicists:

1. An American Board of Radiology (ABR) certificate in either (a) – (d), below,
 - a. Therapeutic Radiological Physics, or
 - b. Roentgen Ray and Gamma Ray Physics, or
 - c. X-ray and Radium Physics; or
 - d. Radiological Physics; or the certificate shown in 2., below,
2. American Board of Medical Physics in Radiation Oncology Physics;
AND if the certificate was issued more than 7 years ago: A statement signed by a representative of the licensee that the medical physicist has performed medical physics duties on a professional basis for the licensee and the period of time that the medical physicist provided these services.

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3. A Masters or PhD in physics, biophysics, radiological physics, health physics, medical physics, or other physical science, engineering, or applied mathematics from an accredited college or university; and 1 year of full-time training in medical physics and an additional year of full-time work experience under the supervision a Medical Physicist performing the duties of a medical physicist on a medical use license for the type(s) of use for which the individual is seeking authorization;

AND if this training was completed more than 7 years ago: A statement signed by a representative of the licensee that the medical physicist has performed medical physics duties on a professional basis for the licensee and the period of time that the medical physicist provided these services.