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#### APPENDIX A TO PART 34—RADIOGRAPHER CERTIFICATION

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### Subpart A—General Provisions

#### § 34.1 Purpose and scope.

This part prescribes requirements for the issuance of licenses for the use of sealed sources containing byproduct material and radiation safety requirements for persons using these sealed sources in industrial radiography. The provisions and requirements of this part are in addition to, and not in substitution for, other requirements of this chapter. In particular, the requirements and provisions of parts 19, 20, 21, 30, 37, 71, 150, 170, and 171 of this chapter apply to applications and licenses

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subject to this part. This rule does not apply to medical uses of byproduct material.

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#### § 34.3 Definitions.

*ALARA* (acronym for “as low as is reasonably achievable”) means making every reasonable effort to maintain exposures to radiation as far below the dose limits specified in 10 CFR part 20 as is practical consistent with the purpose for which the licensed activity is undertaken, taking into account the state of technology, the economics of improvements in relation to state of technology, the economics of improvements in relation to benefits to the public health and safety, and other societal and socioeconomic considerations, and in relation to utilization of nuclear energy and licensed materials in the public interest.

*Annual refresher safety training* means a review conducted or provided by the licensee for its employees on radiation safety aspects of industrial radiography. The review may include, as appropriate, the results of internal inspections, new procedures or equipment, new or revised regulations, accidents or errors that have been observed, and should also provide opportunities for employees to ask safety questions.

*Associated equipment* means equipment that is used in conjunction with a radiographic exposure device to make radiographic exposures that drives, guides, or comes in contact with the source, (e.g., guide tube, control tube, control (drive) cable, removable source stop, “J” tube and collimator when it is used as an exposure head.

*Becquerel (Bq)* means one disintegration per second.

*Certifying Entity* means an independent certifying organization meeting the requirements in appendix A of this part or an Agreement State meeting the requirements in appendix A, parts II and III of this part.

*Collimator* means a radiation shield that is placed on the end of the guide tube or directly onto a radiographic exposure device to restrict the size of the radiation beam when the sealed source is cranked into position to make a radiographic exposure.

*Control (drive) cable* means the cable that is connected to the source assembly and used to drive the source to and from the exposure location.

*Control drive mechanism* means a device that enables the source assembly to be moved to and from the exposure device.

*Control tube* means a protective sheath for guiding the control cable. The control tube connects the control drive mechanism to the radiographic exposure device.

*Exposure head* means a device that locates the gamma radiography sealed source in the selected working position. (An exposure head is also known as a source stop.)

*Field station* means a facility where licensed material may be stored or used and from which equipment is dispatched.

*Gray* means the SI unit of absorbed dose. One gray is equal to an absorbed dose of 1 Joule/kilogram. It is also equal to 100 rads.

*Guide tube (Projection sheath)* means a flexible or rigid tube (i.e., "J" tube) for guiding the source assembly and the attached control cable from the exposure device to the exposure head. The guide tube may also include the connections necessary for attachment to the exposure device and to the exposure head.

*Hands-on experience* means experience in all of those areas considered to be directly involved in the radiography process.

*Independent certifying organization* means an independent organization that meets all of the criteria of appendix A to this part.

*Industrial radiography (radiography)* means an examination of the structure of materials by nondestructive methods, utilizing ionizing radiation to make radiographic images.

*Lay-barge radiography* means industrial radiography performed on any water vessel used for laying pipe.

*Offshore platform radiography* means industrial radiography conducted from a platform over a body of water.

*Permanent radiographic installation* means an enclosed shielded room, cell, or vault, not located at a temporary jobsite, in which radiography is performed.

*Practical Examination* means a demonstration through practical application of the safety rules and principles in industrial radiography including use of all appropriate equipment and procedures.

*Radiation Safety Officer for industrial radiography* means an individual with the responsibility for the overall radiation safety program on behalf of the licensee and who meets the requirements of § 34.42.

*Radiographer* means any individual who performs or who, in attendance at the site where the sealed source or sources are being used, personally supervises industrial radiographic operations and who is responsible to the licensee for assuring compliance with the requirements of the Commission's regulations and the conditions of the license.

*Radiographer certification* means written approval received from a certifying entity stating that an individual has satisfactorily met certain established radiation safety, testing, and experience criteria.

*Radiographer's assistant* means any individual who under the direct supervision of a radiographer, uses radiographic exposure devices, sealed sources or related handling tools, or radiation survey instruments in industrial radiography.

*Radiographic exposure device* (also called a camera, or a projector) means any instrument containing a sealed source fastened or contained therein, in which the sealed source or shielding thereof may be moved, or otherwise changed, from a shielded to unshielded position for purposes of making a radiographic exposure.

*Radiographic operations* means all activities associated with the presence of radioactive sources in a radiographic exposure device during use of the device or transport (except when being transported by a common or contract transport), to include surveys to confirm the adequacy of boundaries, setting up equipment and any activity inside restricted area boundaries.

*S-tube* means a tube through which the radioactive source travels when inside a radiographic exposure device.

*Sealed source* means any byproduct material that is encased in a capsule

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designed to prevent leakage or escape of the byproduct material.

*Shielded position* means the location within the radiographic exposure device or source changer where the sealed source is secured and restricted from movement.

*Sievert* means the SI unit of any of the quantities expressed as dose equivalent. The dose equivalent in sieverts is equal to the absorbed dose in grays multiplied by the quality factor (1 Sv = 100 rems).

*Source assembly* means an assembly that consists of the sealed source and a connector that attaches the source to the control cable. The source assembly may also include a stop ball used to secure the source in the shielded position.

*Source changer* means a device designed and used for replacement of sealed sources in radiographic exposure devices, including those also used for transporting and storage of sealed sources.

*Storage area* means any location, facility, or vehicle which is used to store or to secure a radiographic exposure device, a storage container, or a sealed source when it is not in use and which is locked or has a physical barrier to prevent accidental exposure, tampering with, or unauthorized removal of the device, container, or source.

*Storage container* means a container in which sealed sources are secured and stored.

*Temporary jobsite* means a location where radiographic operations are conducted and where licensed material may be stored other than those location(s) of use authorized on the license.

*Underwater radiography* means industrial radiography performed when the radiographic exposure device and/or related equipment are beneath the surface of the water.

## § 34.5 Interpretations.

Except as specifically authorized by the Commission in writing, no interpretation of the meaning of the regulations in this part by any officer or employee of the Commission, other than a written interpretation by the General Counsel, will be recognized to be binding upon the Commission.

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### § 34.8 Information collection requirements: OMB approval.

(a) The Nuclear Regulatory Commission has submitted the information collection requirements contained in this part to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). The NRC may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. OMB has approved the information collection requirements contained in this part under control number 3150–0007.

(b) The approved information collection requirements contained in this part appear in §§ 34.13, 34.20, 34.25, 34.27, 34.29, 34.31, 34.33, 34.35, 34.41, 34.42, 34.43, 34.45, 34.47, 34.49, 34.61, 34.63, 34.65, 34.67, 34.69, 34.71, 34.73, 34.75, 34.79, 34.81, 34.83, 34.85, 34.87, 34.89, 34.101, 34.111, and appendix A.

(c) This part contains information collection requirements in addition to those approved under the control number specified in paragraph (a) of this section. The information collection requirements and the control numbers under which it is approved are as follows:

(1) In § 34.11, NRC Form 313 is approved under control number 3150–0120.

(2) [Reserved]

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## Subpart B—Specific Licensing Provisions

### § 34.11 Application for a specific license.

A person may file an application for specific license for use of sealed sources in industrial radiography on NRC Form 313, “Application for Material License,” in accordance with the provisions of § 30.32 of this chapter.

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### § 34.13 Specific license for industrial radiography.

An application for a specific license for the use of licensed material in industrial radiography will be approved if