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ARKANSAS INFORMATION NOTICE 26-01

To: Licensed X-Ray Facilities, Service Providers, and other Registered Vendors

From: Bernard Bevill, Section Chief
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Date: January 9, 2026

Subject: **Proposed revisions to the Arkansas State Board of Health Rules for Control of Sources of Ionizing Radiation, 20 CAR Pt. 3-July 2025 package**

The Arkansas Department of Health is accepting public comments on the proposed adoption of revisions to the Arkansas State Board of Health Rules for Control of Sources of Ionizing Radiation, 20 CAR Pt. 3 pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act as amended, Ark. Code Ann. 25-15-201 et seq., by authority of Ark. Code Ann. 20-21-201-222.

The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) is accepting public comments on the proposed Rules for Control of Sources of Ionizing Radiation, 20 CAR Pt. 3 from January 11, 2026 to February 10, 2026. The comment period is provided to allow interested parties and the public to provide any comments. The proposed rule revision with a summary of changes can be viewed online at <https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/proposed-amendment-to-existing-rules> or you may request a copy from our office at 501-661-2301.

A brief summary of the revisions is attached.

The public may submit written comment to radiation.administration@arkansas.gov, in person at 5800 West 10th Street, Suite 401, or by mail to the Radiation Control Section Chief, Radiation Control Section, Arkansas Department of Health, 4815 West Markham Street, Slot #30, Little Rock, Arkansas 72205-3867, no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 10, 2026.

If you have any questions, please call Arkansas Department of Health, Radiation Control at (501) 661-2301.

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**PROPOSED REVISIONS TO THE
Rules for Control of Sources of Ionizing Radiation, 20 CAR Pt. 3
JULY 2025 RULE PACKAGE**

The Radiation Control Section is initiating the process for the revision of the Arkansas State Board of Health Rules for Control of Sources of Ionizing Radiation, 20 CAR Pt. 3. The Section regulates the possession and use of x-ray machines, accelerators, and radioactive material in the State of Arkansas.

Relevant Acts: Act 854 of 2025

DETAILED SUMMARY –

Page 1-1	RH-3 - from Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPD) State Suggested Regulations (SSR) Part H
Page 1-2	RH-6 came from RH-105
Page 1-2	RH-7 came from RH-106
Page 1-2	RH-7.b changed working days to business days to be consistent throughout “Rules”
Page 1-2	RH-8 came from RH-107;
Page 1-2	RH-8 Deliberate Misconduct language from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) § 50.5
Page 1-3	RH-10 definitions changes from current RH-200, RH-1800.c. definitions and CRCPD SSR Part F, RH-5100, RH-7002
Page 1-5	RH-21 new types of equipment defined in PART B from CRCPD SSR Part F
Page 1-6	RH-25 additions come from “Rules” RH-31, RH-409, and RH-1611
Page 1-10	RH-30 & RH-31 were moved to RH-3
Page 1-10	RH-34 clean up language to make it easier to read
Page 1-11	RH-34.f.8 was changed to bulleted format for easier reading
Page 1-13	RH-40.a was changed, to say exemptions shall be proposed and enacted through the “Administrative Procedure Act, Arkansas Code §25-15-201, et seq., as an amendment to this Section.”
Page 1-14	RH-40.b came from RH-5600
Page 1-14	RH-40.c.1-5 the new language is from CRCPD SSR Part H
Page 1-15	RH-40.d-h comes from RH-5600
Page 1-15	RH-41 deleted
Page 1-16	RH-50 deleted, see RH-3
Page 1-16	RH-51 comes from RH-600
Page 1-16	RH-51.a. 1-5 required details the information listed
Page 1-17	RH-51.c. comes from SSR PART E.36
Page 1-17	RH-52 cleans up language for easier reading
Page 1-17	RH-53 deleted and incorporated into RH-52
Page 1-17	RH-55 deleted moved to Part E to Section 1
Page 1-18	RH-57 cleans up language for easier reading, listed required information; See RH-5214 and CRCPD SSR Part E. and Part H.
Page 1-19	RH-57.c, changed working days to business days to be consistent:
Page 1-19	RH-57.d.3. 180 days is defined in NRC Reciprocity

Page 1-19 RH-58 there were no changes to the fees, language changed for easier understanding

Page 1-20 RH-59 from National Council on Radiation Protection & Measurements (NCRP) Report No. 147

Page 1-20 RH-59.a.1.D Qualified Expert is defined in Part B, RH-10 Definitions

Page 1-21 RH-61 from Texas Radiation Rules §289.226(m)(11), describes conditions which loaner equipment is allowed

Page 1-21 RH-70 was changed from RH-60

Page 1-21 RH-70.a was changed from RH-60 and used language from RH-1602.a.7

Page 1-22 Numbering changes

Page 1-22, 23 Appendix A & Appendix B to Section 1 comes from the National Council on Radiation Protection & Measurements (NCRP) Report no. 147

Page 1-25 Appendix C to Section 1 is from RH-1600.- RH-1611.and RH-1613.

Page 2-5 RH-200 some definitions were moved to RH-1800.c. definitions

Page 3-11 RH-1100 definition Protective apron is from RH-1601

Page 3-22 RH-1200.d. is from RH-1311

Page 3-22 RH-1200.g. Licensee and Registrant are defined in RH-1800.c definitions

Page 3-40 RH-1303 clarification of standard X-Ray symbol requires prescribed by Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) <https://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/basic-ref/glossary/radiation-warning-symbol.html>

Page 3-43 RH-1303.c.1 moved to RH-1303.b

Page 3-44 [RH-1303.d.2 see RH-1303.b](#)

Page 3-45 RH-1303.e.2. CRCPD SSR Part D.1602 and 1603

Page 3-53 RH-1303.i-k deleted, moved to RH-1309.b.-c

Page 3-56 RH-1308 deleted, moved to RH-1306

Page 3-81 Part G. RH-1600, RH-1611, and RH-1613 were moved to Section 10.

Page 3-81 RH-1601 images of all formulas in this section of definitions should be removed also, unable to strike out (Page 65 & 137)

Page 3-81 RH-1602.a.6 Gonadal shielding has been removed as discussed with the Board of Health during the April 2025 meeting; see position statements from : National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements (NCRP); American Association of Physicists in Medicine (AAPM)

Page 3-81 RH-1607-1609 Moved to Section 11 Therapeutic Radiation Machines

Page 3-81 RH-1610 - Changed and moved to RH-9310.m. 21 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) Part 900.12 (d)(iii) of the FDA’s “Mammography Quality Standards Act.” All systems designed for mammography shall comply with the Mammography Quality Standards Act of 1994, 42 USC 263b, as in effect on January 1, Page 2025

Page 3-81 RH-1610.c.7.A changed and moved RH-9310.m 2 -Pursuant to Act 854 of 2025

Page 3-81 RH-1612. - deleted. See Section 13.

Page 3-81 RH-1613 definitions- images of formulas to be removed unable to strike through

Page 3-82 RH-1800 – RH-1804, and Schedule B to Section 3, language changes made to directly reflect Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) language regarding industrial radiographic operations.

Page 3-82 RH-1800.a. - Radiation Generating Devices (RGD’s) defined RH-12100 Definitions

Page 3-82	RH-1800.b. - adds explanation of where to find information
Page 3-84	RH-1800.b.2.J. - NRC uses 180 days; CRCPD SSR Part E
Page 3-85	RH-1800.c - Definitions- Cabinet definitions moved to RH-12100 Part B. Definitions
Page 3-94	RH-1801.a.1corrected suite number
Page 3-115	RH-1803.g – was moved to RH-12200, Radiation Generating Device (RGD)
Page 3-116	Schedule B to Section 3- II.2.C - Registrant/Licensee defined in Part B, RH-10 Definitions
Page 3-150	RH-2900.- RH-2905. moved to Section 13
Page 3-150	RH-2901 Definitions moved to RH-12100, Part C
Page 3-150	RH-2900 – RH-2999 Moved to Part C
Page 6-3	RH-5006 clean up language, see Part G
Page 6-3	RH-5006.b. changed working days to business days to be consistent throughout Rules
Page 6-3	RH- 5007 - Deliberate Misconduct language is from NRC § 50.5
Page 9-98	RH-8800 is from NRC Subpart M—Reports § 35.3045 Report and notification of a medical event.
Page 10-1	Section 10 moved from Part G. RH-1600-RH1699
Page 10-39	RH-9305 CRCPD SSR Part 5 to comply with 21 CFR 1020.32
Page 10-44	RH-9305.e. - From RH-1603.a.4.C; CRCPD SSR Part 5 to comply with 21 CFR 1020.32
Page 10-68	RH-9310.m.1.- Refer to 21 CFR Part 900.12 (d)(iii) of the FDA’s “Mammography Quality Standards Act.” as Federal regulation require/define mammography compliance. All systems designed for mammography shall comply with the Mammography Quality Standards Act of 1994, 42 USC 263b, as in effect on January 1, 2025
Page 10-68	RH-9310.m.2 -Pursuant to Act 854 of 2025
Page 10-86	RH-9600 moved from Part I, RH-2110
Page 11-2	RH-10100 moved from RH-200
Page 11-14	RH-10200.e. updated language RTL is no longer sending certificates, only a license card
Page 13-1	Section 13 from RH-2900-2999 (Page 201-208)
Page 13-29	RH-12400 from RH-5600