

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 13-24-025, filed 11/22/13, effective 12/23/13)

**WAC 246-233-001 Purpose and scope.** (1) This chapter establishes general licenses for the possession and use of radioactive material and a general license for ownership of radioactive material.

(2) Chapter 246-232 WAC also contains provisions applicable to the general licenses established in this part.

(3) The definitions contained in WAC 246-220-010 also apply to this chapter.

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**WAC 246-233-010 General licenses—Source material.** (1) A general license is hereby issued authorizing commercial and industrial firms; research, educational, and medical institutions; and federal, state, and local government agencies to receive, possess, use, ((possession,)) and transfer ((of not more than fifteen pounds of source material at any one time by persons in the following categories:

~~(a) Pharmacists using the source material solely for the preparation of medicinal compounds;~~

~~(b) Physicians using the source material for medicinal purposes;~~

~~(c) Persons receiving possession of source material from pharmacists and physicians in the form of medicinals or drugs;~~

~~(d) Commercial and industrial firms, and research, educational, and medical institutions, and state and local government agencies for research, development, educational, operational, or commercial purposes: And provided, That no such person shall, pursuant to this general license, receive more than a total of one hundred fifty pounds of source material in any one calendar year.)~~ uranium and thorium, in their natural isotopic concentrations, and in the form of depleted uranium, for research, development, educational, commercial, or operational purposes in the following forms and quantities:

(a) No more than 1.5 kg (3.3 lbs.) of uranium and thorium in dispersible forms, for example, gaseous, liquid, or powder at any one time. Any material processed by the general licensee that alters the chemical or physical form of the material containing source material must be accounted for as a dispersible form. A person authorized to possess, use, and transfer source material under this section may not receive more than a total of 7 kg (15.4 lbs.) of uranium and thorium in any one calendar year. Persons possessing source material in excess of these limits as of August 27, 2013, may continue to possess up to 7 kg (15.4 lbs.) of uranium and thorium at any one time for one year beyond this date, or until the department takes final action on a pending application submitted on or before August 27, 2014, for a specific license for such material; and receive up to 70 kg (154 lbs.) of uranium or thorium in any one calendar year until December 31, 2014, or until the department takes final action on a pending application submitted on or before August 27, 2014, for a specific license for such material; and

(b) No more than a total of 7 kg (15.4 lbs.) of uranium and thorium at any one time. A person authorized to possess, use, and transfer source material under this section may not receive more than a total of 70 kg (154 lbs.) of uranium and thorium in any one calendar year. A person may not alter the chemical or physical form of the source material possessed under this section unless it is accounted for under the limits of (a) of this subsection; or

(c) No more than 7 kg (15.4 lbs.) of uranium, removed during the treatment of drinking water, at any one time. A person may not remove more than 70 kg (154 lbs.) of uranium from drinking water during a calendar year under this section; or

(d) No more than 7 kg (15.4 lbs.) of uranium and thorium at laboratories for the purpose of determining the concentration of uranium and thorium contained within the material being analyzed at any one time. A person authorized to possess, use, and transfer source material under this section may not receive more than a total of 70 kg (154 lbs.) of source material in any one calendar year.

(2) Any person(s) who receives, (possesses) possesses, uses, or transfers source material pursuant to the general license issued in subsection (1) of this section (are exempt from the provisions of chapters 246-221 and 246-222 WAC to the extent that such receipt, possession, use, or transfer is within the terms of such general license: Provided, however, That this exemption shall not be deemed to apply to any such person who is also in possession of source material under a specific license issued pursuant to chapter 246-235 WAC.

(3))):

(a) Is prohibited from administering source material, or the radiation therefrom, either externally or internally, to humans except as may be authorized by the department, NRC, or an agreement state in a specific license.

(b) May not abandon such source material. Source material may be disposed as follows:

(i) A cumulative total of 0.5 kg (1.1 lbs.) of source material in a solid, nondispersible form may be transferred each calendar year, by a person authorized to receive, possess, use, and transfer source material under this general license, to persons receiving the material for permanent disposal. The recipient of source material transferred under the provisions of this section is exempt from the requirements to obtain a license under this chapter to the extent the source material is permanently disposed. This provision does not apply to any person who is in possession of source material under a specific license issued under chapter 246-235 WAC; or

(ii) In accordance with WAC 246-221-170.

(c) Is subject to the provisions of chapters 246-221, 246-232, 246-233, and 246-235 WAC.

(d) Shall respond to written requests from the department to provide information relating to the general license within thirty calendar days of the date of the request, or other time period specified in the request. If the person cannot provide the requested information within the allotted time, the person shall, within that same time period, request a longer period to supply the information by providing the director, office of radiation protection, using an appropriate method of communication, a written justification for the request;

(e) May not export such source material except in accordance with 10 C.F.R. 110.

(3) Any person who receives, possesses, uses, or transfers source material in accordance with subsection (1) of this section shall con-

duct activities so as to minimize contamination of the facility and the environment. When activities involving such source material are permanently ceased at any site, if evidence of significant contamination is identified, the general licensee shall notify the director, office of radiation protection, by an appropriate method of communication about such contamination, and may consult with the department regarding the appropriateness of sampling and restoration activities to ensure that any contamination or residual source material remaining at the site where source material was used under the general license is not likely to result in exposures that exceed the limits in WAC 246-246-020.

(4) Any person who receives, possesses, uses, or transfers source material in accordance with the general license granted in subsection (1) of this section is exempt from the provisions of chapters 246-221 and 246-222 WAC to the extent that such receipt, possession, use, and transfer are within the terms of this general license, except that such person shall comply with the provisions of WAC 246-246-020 and 246-221-170 to the extent necessary to meet the provisions of this section. However, this exemption does not apply to any person who also holds a specific license issued under chapter 246-235 WAC.

(5) No person may initially transfer or distribute source material to persons generally licensed under subsection (1)(a) or (b) of this section, or equivalent regulations of an agreement state or NRC, unless authorized by a specific license issued in accordance with chapter 246-235 WAC or equivalent provisions of an agreement state or NRC. This prohibition does not apply to analytical laboratories returning processed samples to the client who initially provided the sample. Initial distribution of source material to persons generally licensed by subsection (1) of this section before August 27, 2013, without specific authorization may continue for one year beyond this date. Distribution may also be continued until the department takes final action on a pending application for license or license amendment to specifically authorize distribution submitted on or before August 27, 2014.

(6) A general license is hereby issued authorizing the receipt of title to source material without regard to quantity. This general license does not authorize any person to receive, possess, use, or transfer source material.

((4)) (7) Depleted uranium in industrial products and devices.

(a) A general license is hereby issued to receive, acquire, possess, use, or transfer, in accordance with the provisions of (b), (c), (d), and (e) of this subsection, depleted uranium contained in industrial products or devices for the purpose of providing a concentrated mass in a small volume of the product or device.

(b) The general license in (a) of this subsection applies only to industrial products or devices which have been manufactured either in accordance with a specific license issued to the manufacturer of the products or devices pursuant to WAC 246-235-091 or in accordance with a specific license issued to the manufacturer by the department, NRC, or an agreement state which authorizes manufacture of the products or devices for distribution to persons generally licensed by the NRC or an agreement state.

(c)(i) Persons who receive, acquire, possess, or use depleted uranium pursuant to the general license established by (a) of this subsection shall file department form RHF-20 "Registration certificate - Use of depleted uranium under general license," with the department. The form shall be submitted within thirty days after the first receipt

or acquisition of such depleted uranium. The registrant shall furnish on department form RHF-20 the following information and such other information as may be required by that form:

(A) Name and address of the registrant;

(B) A statement that the registrant has developed and will maintain procedures designed to establish physical control over the depleted uranium described in (a) of this subsection and designed to prevent transfer of such depleted uranium in any form, including metal scrap, to persons not authorized to receive the depleted uranium; and

(C) Name and title, address, and telephone number of the individual duly authorized to act for and on behalf of the registrant in supervising the procedures identified in (c)(i)(B) of this subsection.

(ii) The registrant possessing or using depleted uranium under the general license established by (a) of this subsection shall report in writing to the department any changes in information previously furnished on the "Registration certificate - Use of depleted uranium under general license." The report shall be submitted within thirty days after the effective date of such change.

(d) A person who receives, acquires, possesses, or uses depleted uranium pursuant to the general license established by (a) of this subsection:

(i) Shall not introduce such depleted uranium, in any form, into a chemical, physical, or metallurgical treatment or process, except a treatment or process for repair or restoration of any plating or other covering of the depleted uranium.

(ii) Shall not abandon such depleted uranium.

(iii) Shall transfer or dispose of such depleted uranium only by transfer in accordance with the provision of chapter 246-232 WAC. In the case where the transferee receives the depleted uranium pursuant to the general license established by (a) of this subsection the transferor shall furnish the transferee a copy of this regulation and a copy of department form RHF-20.

In the case where the transferee receives the depleted uranium pursuant to a general license contained in the NRC's or agreement state's regulation equivalent to (a) of this subsection the transferor shall furnish the transferee a copy of this regulation and a copy of department form RHF-20 accompanied by a note explaining that use of the product or device is regulated by the NRC or agreement state under requirements substantially the same as those in this regulation.

(iv) Shall maintain and make available to the department upon request the name and address of the person receiving the depleted uranium pursuant to such transfer.

(v) Shall not export such depleted uranium except in accordance with a license issued by the NRC pursuant to 10 C.F.R. Part 110.

(e) Any person receiving, acquiring, possessing, using, or transferring depleted uranium pursuant to the general license established by (a) of this subsection is exempt from the requirements of chapters 246-221 and 246-222 WAC of these regulations with respect to the depleted uranium covered by that general license.

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**WAC 246-233-015 Certain devices and equipment.** A general license is hereby issued to transfer, receive, acquire, own, possess, and use radioactive material incorporated in the following devices or equipment which have been manufactured, tested and labeled by the manufacturer in accordance with a specific license issued to the manufacturer by the NRC for use pursuant to (~~Section 31.3 of~~) 10 C.F.R. (~~Part 31~~) 30.15. This general license is subject to the provisions of WAC 246-220-020, 246-220-030, 246-220-040, 246-220-050, 246-220-060, 246-220-070, chapters 246-232, 246-221\*\* and 246-222 WAC.

(1) *Static elimination device.* Devices designed for use as static eliminators (~~which~~) that contain, as a sealed source or sources, radioactive material consisting of a total of not more than 18.5 megabecquerels (500 microcuries) of Polonium-210 per device.

(2) *Ion generating tube.* Devices designed for ionization of air (~~which~~) that contain, as a sealed source or sources, radioactive material consisting of a total of not more than 18.5 megabecquerels (500 microcuries) of Polonium-210 per device or a total of not more than 1.85 gigabecquerels (50 millicuries) of Hydrogen-3 (tritium) per device.

(3) Such devices authorized before October 23, 2012, for use under the general license provided in 10 C.F.R. 30.15, department license, or equivalent regulations of an agreement state and manufactured, tested, and labeled by the manufacturer in accordance with the specifications contained in a specific license issued by the department or an agreement state.

\*\* Attention is directed particularly to the provisions of chapter 246-221 WAC which relate to the labeling of containers.

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**WAC 246-233-020 Certain detecting, measuring, gauging, or controlling devices and certain devices for producing light or an ionized atmosphere.** (1) A general license is hereby issued to commercial and industrial firms and research, educational and medical institutions, individuals in the conduct of their business, and federal, state, or local government agencies to acquire, receive, possess, use or transfer, in accordance with the provisions of subsections (2), (3), and (4) of this section, radioactive material, excluding special nuclear material, contained in devices designed and manufactured for the purpose of detecting, measuring, gauging or controlling thickness, density, level, interface location, radiation, leakage, or qualitative or quantitative chemical composition, or for producing light or an ionized atmosphere.

(2) The general license in subsection (1) of this section applies only to radioactive material contained in devices which have been manufactured or initially transferred and labeled in accordance with the specifications contained in a specific license issued by the department pursuant to WAC 246-235-093 or in accordance with an equivalent specific license issued by the department, NRC, or an agreement state, which authorizes distribution or transfer of devices to persons gener-

ally licensed by the department, NRC, or an agreement state\*\*. The devices must have been received from one of the specific licensees described in this subsection or through a transfer made under subsection (3)(h) of this section.

\*\*Note: Regulations under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act authorizing the use of radioactive control devices in food production require certain additional labeling thereon which is found in Section 179.21 of 21 C.F.R. Part 179.

(3) Any person who acquires, receives, possesses, uses or transfers radioactive material in a device pursuant to the general license in subsection (1) of this section:

(a) Shall assure that all labels affixed to the device at the time of receipt and bearing a statement that removal of the label is prohibited are maintained thereon and shall comply with all instructions and precautions provided by such labels;

(b) Shall assure that the device is tested for leakage of radioactive material and proper operation of the on-off mechanism and indicator, if any, at no longer than six-month intervals or at such other intervals as are specified in the label, however:

(i) Devices containing only krypton need not be tested for leakage of radioactive material; and

(ii) Devices containing only tritium or not more than 3.7 megabecquerels (100 microcuries) of other beta or gamma emitting material or 370 kilobecquerels (10 microcuries) of alpha emitting material need not be tested for any purpose. Devices held in storage in the original shipping container prior to initial installation need not be tested until immediately prior to use;

(c) Shall assure that the tests required by (b) of this subsection and other testing, installing, servicing, and removing from installation involving the radioactive material, its shielding or containment, are performed:

(i) In accordance with the instructions provided by the labels;  
or

(ii) By a person holding a specific license issued by the department, the NRC or an agreement state to perform such activities;

(d) Shall maintain records showing compliance with the requirements of (b) and (c) of this subsection. The records must show the results of tests. The records also must show the dates of performance and the names of persons performing, testing, installing, servicing, and removing from installation radioactive material and its shielding or containment. Records of tests for leakage of radioactive material required by (b) of this subsection must be retained for three years after the next required leak test is performed or the sealed source is transferred or disposed. Records of tests of the on/off mechanism and indicator required by (b) of this subsection must be retained for three years after the next required test of the on/off mechanism and indicator is performed or the sealed source is transferred or disposed. Records of other testing, installation, servicing, and removal from installation required by (c) of this subsection must be retained for a period of three years from the date of the recorded event or until the device is transferred or disposed;

(e) Shall immediately suspend operation of the device if there is a failure of, or damage to, or any indication of a possible failure of, or damage to, the shielding of the radioactive material or the on/off mechanism or indicator, or upon the detection of 185 becquerels (0.005 microcurie) or more removable radioactive material. The device may not be operated until it has been repaired by the manufacturer or other person holding a specific license issued by the department, the NRC or an agreement state to repair such devices, or disposed by

transfer to a person authorized by a specific license to receive the radioactive material contained in the device or as otherwise approved by the department. Within thirty days, the licensee must send the department a written report containing a brief description of the event and the remedial action taken; and, in the case of detection of 185 becquerels (0.005 microcurie) or more of removable radioactive material, or failure of, or damage to, a source likely to result in contamination of the premises or the environs, a plan for ensuring that the premises and environs are acceptable for unrestricted use (see WAC 246-246-020);

(f)(i) Shall not abandon the device containing radioactive material;

(ii) Shall not export the device containing radioactive material except in accordance with the provisions of 10 C.F.R. 110;

(g) Except as provided in (h) of this subsection, must transfer or dispose of the device containing radioactive material only by transfer to a person with a specific license issued by the department, the NRC, or an agreement state, which authorizes the person to receive the device. Within thirty days after export or transfer of a device to a specific licensee, the general licensee must send a report to the department, containing the identity of the device and manufacturer (or initial transferor), model number, serial number, the nuclide(s), and activity of radioactive material contained in the devices; the name, address, and license number of the person receiving the device, and the date of transfer. Prior written approval from the department is required before transferring the device to any other specific licensee not specifically identified in this subsection; however, a specific licensee may transfer a device for possession and use under its own specific license without prior approval, if the specific licensee:

(i) Verifies that the specific license authorizes the possession and use, or applies for and obtains an amendment to the license authorizing the possession and use;

(ii) Removes, alters, covers, or clearly and unambiguously augments the existing label, so that the device is labeled in compliance with WAC 246-221-120(9); however, the manufacturer, model number, and serial number must be retained;

(iii) Obtains the manufacturer's or initial transferor's maintenance information applicable under the specific license (such as leak test procedures); and

(iv) Reports the transfer under WAC 246-233-020 (3)(g)((-));

(h) Shall transfer the device to another general licensee only if:

(i) The device remains in use at a particular location. In such case, the transferor shall give the transferee a copy of this section, a copy of WAC 246-221-240, 246-221-250, 246-232-050, and 246-232-060, and any safety documents identified by the label of the device. Within thirty days of the transfer, the transferor shall report to the department: The name of the manufacturer (or initial transferor), model number, serial number, and the source, nuclide(s), and original activity contained in the device(s) transferred; the transferee's name and mailing address for the location of use, and the name, title, and phone number of the responsible individual identified by the transferee in accordance with (j) of this subsection to have knowledge of and authority to take action to ensure compliance with the appropriate regulations and requirements; or

(ii) The device is held in storage by an intermediate person in the original shipping container at its intended location of use prior to initial use by a general licensee;

(i) Shall comply with the provisions of WAC 246-221-240 and 246-221-250 for reporting radiation incidents, or theft or loss of radioactive material, but shall be exempt from other requirements of chapters 246-221 and 246-222 WAC;

(j) Shall appoint an individual responsible for having knowledge of the appropriate regulations and requirements and the authority for taking required actions to comply with appropriate regulations and requirements. The general licensee, through this individual, shall ensure the day-to-day compliance with appropriate regulations and requirements. This appointment does not relieve the general licensee of any responsibility in this regard;

(k)(i) Shall register, in accordance with (k)(ii) and (iii) of this subsection, devices containing at least 370 megabecquerels (10 millicuries) of Cesium-137, 3.7 megabecquerels (0.1 millicurie(~~s~~)) of Strontium-90, 3.7 megabecquerels (100 microcuries) of Radium-226, 37 megabecquerels (1 millicurie) of Cobalt-60, or 37 megabecquerels (1 millicurie) of Americium-241, or any other transuranic (i.e., element with atomic number greater than uranium (92)), based on the activity indicated on the label. Each address for a location of use, as described under (k)(iii)(D) of this subsection, represents a separate general licensee and requires a separate registration and fee;

(ii) If in possession of a device meeting the criteria of (k)(i) of this subsection, shall register these devices annually with the department and shall pay the fee required by WAC 246-254-090. Registration must be done by verifying, correcting, or adding to the information provided in a request for registration received from the department. The registration information must be submitted to the department within thirty days of the date of the request for registration or as otherwise indicated in the request. In addition, a general licensee holding devices meeting the criteria of (k)(i) of this subsection is subject to the bankruptcy notification requirement in WAC 246-232-050;

(iii) When registering devices, the general licensee shall provide the following information and any other information specifically requested by the department:

(A) Name and mailing address of the general licensee;

(B) Information about each device: The manufacturer (or initial transferor), model number, serial number, the radionuclide and activity (as indicated on the label);

(C) Name, title, and telephone number of the responsible person designated as a representative of the general licensee under (j) of this subsection;

(D) Address or location at which the device(s) are used or stored. For portable devices, the address of the primary place of storage;

(E) Certification by the responsible representative of the general licensee that the information concerning the device(s) has been verified through a physical inventory and verification of label information;

(F) Certification by the responsible representative of the general licensee that they are aware of the requirements of the general license;

(iv) WAC 246-232-040, Reciprocal recognition of licenses describes how persons licensed by the NRC or an agreement state may obtain approval to work in Washington((-));

(l) Shall report changes to the mailing address for the location of use (including change in name of general licensee) to the department within thirty days of the effective date of the change. For a portable device, a report of address change is only required for a change in the device's primary place of storage;

(m) Shall not hold devices that are not in use for longer than two years. If devices with shutters are not being used, the shutter must be locked in the closed position. The testing required by subsection (3)(b) of this section need not be performed during the period of storage only. However, when devices are put back into service or transferred to another person, and have not been tested within the required test interval, they must be tested for leakage before use or transfer and the shutter tested before use. Devices kept in standby for future use are excluded from the two-year time limit if the general licensee performs quarterly physical inventories of these devices while they are in standby;

(n) Must respond to written requests from the department to provide information relating to the general license within thirty calendar days of the date of the request, or other time specified in the request. If the general licensee cannot provide the requested information within the allotted time, it shall, within the same time period, request a longer period to supply the information by providing a written justification for the extension request.

(4) The general license in subsection (1) of this section does not authorize the manufacture, import, or export of devices containing radioactive material. A person must not export the device containing radioactive material except in accordance with NRC's regulations, including 10 C.F.R. Part 110, and in accordance with other applicable federal, state, and local regulations including, but not limited to, the U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Department of Revenue, U.S. Department of Transportation, and any other applicable jurisdiction for each export.

(5) The general license provided in this subsection is subject to the provisions of WAC 246-220-020, 246-220-030, 246-220-040, 246-220-060, 246-220-070, 246-220-100, 246-221-240, 246-221-250, 246-232-050, 246-232-060, 246-232-070, 246-232-080, and 246-232-090.