REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

Possible Amendment to Rules Governing Radioactive Materials, Minnesota Rules, Chapter 4731; Revisor’s ID Number RD4477

Subject of Rules. The Minnesota Department of Health requests comments on its possible amendment to rules governing radioactive materials. The Department is considering rule amendments that incorporate requirements to maintain compatibility with U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) regulations as required by our agreement. The Department is also considering minor editorial changes.

Persons Affected. The amendment to the rules would likely affect persons who are licensed by the Department to manufacture, produce, transfer, receive, acquire, own, possess, or use radioactive material.

Statutory Authority. Minnesota Statutes, section 144.1202 and 144.1203, authorize the Department to adopt rules that allow the state to assume regulatory authority under an agreement with the NRC, including licensing and regulation of radioactive materials, and to ensure that individuals handling or using radioactive materials have proper training and qualifications.

Public Comment. Interested persons or groups may submit comments or information on these possible rules in writing until further notice is published in the State Register that the Department intends to adopt or to withdraw the rules. The Department will not publish a notice of intent to adopt the rules until more than 60 days have elapsed from the date of this request for comments. The Department does not plan to appoint an advisory committee to comment on the possible rules.

Rules Drafts. The Department has drafted the possible rule amendments that are available on its website at http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/radiation/radioactive/index.html.

Agency Contact Person. Written comments, questions, requests to receive a draft of the rules, and requests for more information on these possible rules should be directed to: Sherrie Flaherty at Minnesota Department of Health, P.O. Box 64975, St. Paul, MN 55164-0975, Phone: (651) 201-4522, Fax: (651) 201-4606, and email: sherrie.flaherty@state.mn.us.

Alternative Format. Upon request, this information can be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, braille, or audio. To make such a request, please contact the agency contact person at the address or telephone number listed above.

NOTE: Comments received in response to this notice will not necessarily be included in the formal rulemaking record submitted to the administrative law judge if and when a proceeding to adopt rules is started. The agency is required to submit to the judge only those written comments received in response to the rules after they are proposed. If you submitted comments during the development of the rules and you want to ensure that the Administrative Law Judge reviews the comments, you should resubmit the comments after the rules are formally proposed.