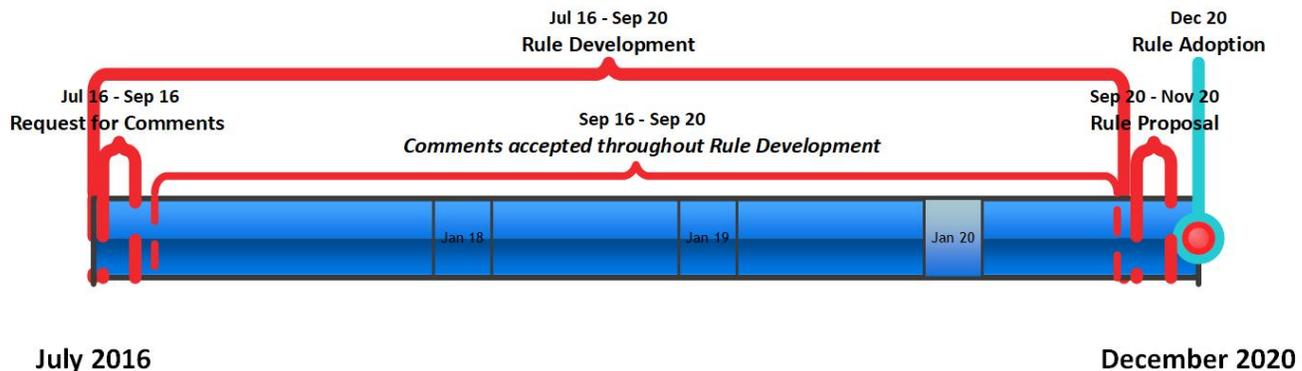


# Chapter 4732 Rule Revision Timeline



## Request for Comments (July 2016 – August 2020)

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) started the rulemaking process for the revision to Minnesota Rules, Chapter 4732, Ionizing Radiation, by publishing a Request for Comments on July 18, 2016. This is a procedural requirement under the Administrative Procedure Act (Minn. Stat. Chapter 14) to alert the public and affected stakeholders that MDH is considering amending rules governing ionizing radiation, and that we are looking for comments and concerns of general nature and input as we proceed.

Often, agencies do not have a prepared draft of rule changes at this early stage, and that is the case here. This initial comment period must be a minimum of 60 days, but will be extended throughout rule development until MDH is ready to propose the rules.

Request for Comments may be directed to Jacqueline Cavanagh by email at [x-rayrules@state.mn.us](mailto:x-rayrules@state.mn.us), phone at 651-201-4151, fax at 651-201-4606, or mail to:

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## Rule Development (July 2016 – August 2020)

MDH has published a “Proposed Modifications” document on our website Rule Documents page at <https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/radiation/xray/rules/xrayruledocs.html> that identifies issues, proposed changes, and needed clarifications in almost every rule part. The purpose of this document is to share with interested parties where MDH intends to focus its efforts as we develop rules and amendments.

As stated in the Request for Comments, MDH will be appointing an advisory committee. In addition, we will also be convening four to six smaller focus groups to provide us with specialized knowledge. As the rule drafts are completed, we will be posting them on our Rule Revision webpage at <https://www.health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/radiation/xray/rules/xrayrulerev.html> for additional comment and feedback from stakeholders and interested parties. The rule drafts will contain strike-outs of existing language and underscoring of new language, where applicable, so readers can easily see what MDH is proposing in its rules.

## **Rules Proposed (September 2020 – November 2020)**

This is a large rule chapter that will take between one and two years to complete. Once the rules are proposed in the [State Register](#), another 30-day comment period follows in which the public, regulated parties and affected stakeholders are encouraged to submit comments to MDH.

## **Rule Adoption (December 2020)**

There are several paths that an agency may follow to adopt rules, but all involve review and approval of the rules by an administrative law judge (ALJ) with the [Office of Administrative Hearings](#). An agency may adopt the rules with a public hearing convened by an ALJ, or without a hearing.