

1.1 **Department of Health**

1.2 **Adopted Permanent Rules Relating to Radiation Safety**

1.3 **4731.2320 EXCEPTIONS TO POSTING REQUIREMENTS.**

1.4 [For text of subps 1 to 3, see M.R.]

1.5 Subp. 4. **Hospital; teletherapy, remote afterloader, or gamma stereotactic**
1.6 **radiosurgery units.** A room in a hospital or clinic that is used for teletherapy, remote
1.7 afterloader, or gamma stereotactic radiosurgery units is exempt from the requirement
1.8 to post a caution sign if:

1.9 [For text of items A and B, see M.R.]

1.10 **4731.2360 LEAK TEST REQUIREMENTS.**

1.11 [For text of subps 1 to 4, see M.R.]

1.12 Subp. 5. **Level of detection.** The leak test must be capable of detecting the presence
1.13 of 0.005 microcurie (185 becquerel) of radioactive material on the test sample.

1.14 A. If the test reveals the presence of 0.005 microcurie (185 becquerel) or more
1.15 of removable contamination, the source must be removed immediately from service and
1.16 decontaminated, repaired, or disposed of according to this chapter.

1.17 B. The licensee must file a report with the commissioner within five days.

1.18 The report must include:

1.19 (1) the model number and serial number, if assigned, of the leaking source;

1.20 (2) the identity of the radionuclide and its estimated activity;

1.21 (3) the results of the test;

1.22 (4) the date of the test; and

1.23 (5) the action taken.

2.1 [For text of subps 6 to 8, see M.R.]

2.2 **4731.2510 RECORDS; SURVEYS.**

2.3 Subpart 1. **Record maintenance; three years.** A licensee must maintain records
2.4 showing the results of surveys and calibrations required under parts 4731.2200 and
2.5 4731.2350, subpart 2, for three years after the record is made. The record must include:

2.6 A. the date of the measurements;

2.7 B. the manufacturer's name, model number, and serial number for the
2.8 instrument used to measure radiation or contamination levels;

2.9 C. the radiation or contamination level; and

2.10 D. the name or initials of the individual who performed the surveys or
2.11 calibrations.

2.12 [For text of subp 2, see M.R.]

2.13 Subp. 3. **Instrument identification.** To satisfy the requirements in subpart 1, item
2.14 B, licensees may assign a unique identification to an instrument provided:

2.15 A. the manufacturer's name, model number, and serial number for each
2.16 instrument is maintained and available for inspection by the department; and

2.17 B. the unique identification is indicated on each instrument.

2.18 **4731.2520 DETERMINATION OF PRIOR OCCUPATIONAL DOSE.**

2.19 [For text of subps 1 to 3, see M.R.]

2.20 Subp. 4. **Record keeping.** A licensee must record the exposure history of each
2.21 individual, as required by subpart 1 or 2, on a cumulative occupational exposure record
2.22 form prescribed by the commissioner, or other clear and legible record including all of the
2.23 information required by the commissioner's form. The form or record must show each
2.24 period in which the individual received occupational exposure to radiation or radioactive

3.1 material and must be signed by the individual who received the exposure. For each period
 3.2 for which the licensee obtains reports, the licensee must use the dose shown in the report
 3.3 in preparing the exposure record. For any period in which the licensee does not obtain a
 3.4 report, the licensee must place a notation on the record indicating the periods and time
 3.5 for which data are not available.

3.6 [For text of subps 5 and 6, see M.R.]

3.7 **4731.2650 REPORTS; INDIVIDUAL MONITORING.**

3.8 A. This part applies to a person licensed by the commissioner to possess or use
 3.9 at any time for processing or manufacturing for distribution according to parts 4731.3000
 3.10 to 4731.3175, 4731.3300 to 4731.3580, or 4731.4400 to 4731.4527, radioactive material
 3.11 in quantities exceeding any one of the following quantities:

3.12	Radionuclide	Quantity of
3.13		Radionuclide in curies
3.14	Cesium-137	1
3.15	Cobalt-60	1
3.16	Gold-198	100
3.17	Iodine-131	1
3.18	Iridium-192	10
3.19	Krypton-85	1,000
3.20	Promethium-147	10
3.21	Technetium-99m	1,000

3.22 B. The commissioner may require reports from licensees who are licensed to
 3.23 use radionuclides not listed under item A in quantities sufficient to cause comparable
 3.24 radiation levels.

3.25 C. A licensee under item A must submit an annual report of the results of
 3.26 individual monitoring carried out by the licensee for each individual for whom monitoring
 3.27 was required under part 4731.2210 during that year. The licensee may include additional

4.1 data for individuals for whom monitoring was provided but not required. The licensee
4.2 must use an NRC Form 5, or its equivalent, or electronic media containing all the
4.3 information required by the NRC form, to file the report.

4.4 D. A licensee must file the report required under item C, covering the preceding
4.5 year, on or before April 30 of each year. A licensee must submit the report to the
4.6 commissioner.

4.7 **4731.4070 LEAK TESTING, REPLACEMENT, AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS**
4.8 **OF SEALED SOURCES.**

4.9 [For text of subps 1 and 2, see M.R.]

4.10 Subp. 3. **Leaking source.**

4.11 [For text of items A and B, see M.R.]

4.12 C. A report must be filed with the commissioner, within five days and must
4.13 include:

- 4.14 (1) the model number and serial number, if assigned, of the leaking source;
4.15 (2) the identity of the radionuclide and its estimated activity;
4.16 (3) the results of the test;
4.17 (4) the date of the test; and
4.18 (5) the action taken.

4.19 [For text of subp 4, see M.R.]

4.20 **4731.4350 NOTIFICATIONS.**

4.21 Subpart 1. **Immediate notification required.** A licensee must notify the
4.22 commissioner as soon as possible but not later than four hours after the discovery of any
4.23 event that prevents immediate protective actions necessary to avoid exposures to radiation
4.24 or radioactive materials that could exceed regulatory limits or releases of licensed material

5.1 that could exceed regulatory limits. Reportable events under this subpart include fires,
5.2 explosions, toxic gas release, or similar hazards.

5.3 Subp. 2. **24-hour notification required.** A licensee must notify the commissioner
5.4 within 24 hours after discovery of any of the following events involving licensed material:

5.5 A. the occurrence of any of the following incidents involving radiographic
5.6 equipment:

5.7 (1) unintentional disconnection of the source assembly from the control
5.8 cable;

5.9 (2) inability to retract the source assembly to its fully shielded position and
5.10 secure it in the fully shielded position; or

5.11 (3) failure of any component, critical to safe operation of the device, to
5.12 properly perform its intended function;

5.13 B. an event in which equipment is disabled or fails to function as designed when:

5.14 (1) the equipment is required by rule or license condition to prevent
5.15 releases exceeding regulatory limits, to prevent exposure to radiation and radioactive
5.16 materials exceeding regulatory limits, or to mitigate the consequences of an accident;

5.17 (2) the equipment is required to be available and operable when it is
5.18 disabled or fails to function; and

5.19 (3) no redundant equipment is available and operable to perform the
5.20 required safety function;

5.21 C. an unplanned contamination event that:

5.22 (1) requires access to the contaminated area, by workers or the public, to
5.23 be restricted for more than 24 hours by imposing additional radiological controls or by
5.24 prohibiting entry into the areas;

6.1 (2) involves a quantity of material greater than five times the lowest annual
6.2 limit on intake specified in part 4731.2750 for the material; and

6.3 (3) restricts access to the area for a reason other than to allow isotopes with
6.4 a half-life of less than 24 hours to decay prior to decontamination;

6.5 D. an event that requires unplanned medical treatment at a medical facility of
6.6 an individual with spreadable radioactive contamination on the individual's clothing or
6.7 body; or

6.8 E. an unplanned fire or explosion that damages any licensed material or any
6.9 device, container, or equipment containing licensed materials when:

6.10 (1) the quantity of material involved is five times the lowest annual limit
6.11 on intake specified in part 4731.2750; and

6.12 (2) the damage affects the integrity of the licensed material or its container.

6.13 Subp. 3. **Preparation and submission of notifications.** A licensee must make
6.14 notifications required under subparts 1 and 2 by telephone to the commissioner. To the
6.15 extent the information is available at the time of notification, the information provided
6.16 must include:

6.17 A. the caller's name and call-back telephone number;

6.18 B. a description of the event, including date and time;

6.19 C. the exact location of the event;

6.20 D. the isotopes, quantities, and chemical and physical form of the licensed
6.21 material involved; and

6.22 E. any personnel radiation exposure data available.

6.23 Subp. 4. **Reports required.** A licensee who makes a notification required under
6.24 subpart 1 or 2 must submit a written follow-up report within 30 days of the notification.

7.1 Written reports prepared as required by other rules may be submitted to fulfill this
7.2 requirement if the reports contain all of the necessary information and the appropriate
7.3 distribution is made. The reports must be sent to the commissioner and include:

7.4 A. a description of the incident;

7.5 B. the cause of each incident, if known;

7.6 C. the name of the manufacturer and model number of equipment involved
7.7 in the incident;

7.8 D. the place, date, and time of the incident;

7.9 E. the actions taken to establish normal operations;

7.10 F. the corrective actions taken or planned to prevent recurrence;

7.11 G. the qualifications of personnel involved in the incident;

7.12 H. the isotopes, quantities, and chemical and physical form of the licensed
7.13 material involved;

7.14 I. the results of any evaluations or assessments; and

7.15 J. the extent of exposure of individuals to radiation or to radioactive materials,
7.16 without identification of the individuals by name.

7.17 Subp. 5. **Reporting unlisted use.** A licensee conducting radiographic operations or
7.18 storing radioactive material at any location not listed on the license for a period in excess of
7.19 180 days in a calendar year must notify the commissioner prior to exceeding the 180 days.

7.20 **4731.4411 RADIATION SAFETY OFFICER TRAINING.**

7.21 [For text of subp 1, see M.R.]

7.22 Subp. 2. **Certification requirements.** A specialty board under subpart 1, item A,
7.23 shall require all candidates for certification to:

8.1 [For text of item A, see M.R.]

8.2 B. (1) hold a master's or doctor's degree in physics, medical physics, other
8.3 physical science, engineering, or applied mathematics from an accredited college or
8.4 university;

8.5 (2) have two years of full-time practical training or supervised experience
8.6 in medical physics:

8.7 (a) under the supervision of a medical physicist who is certified in
8.8 medical physics by a specialty board recognized by the NRC or an agreement state; or

8.9 (b) in clinical nuclear medicine facilities providing diagnostic or
8.10 therapeutic services under the direction of physicians who meet the requirements for
8.11 authorized users in part 4731.4414, 4731.4436, or 4731.4443; and

8.12 (3) pass an examination, administered by diplomates of the specialty board,
8.13 that assesses knowledge and competence in clinical diagnostic radiological or nuclear
8.14 medicine physics and in radiation safety.

8.15 **4731.4412 AUTHORIZED MEDICAL PHYSICIST TRAINING.**

8.16 Subpart 1. **Training and education requirements.** Except as provided in part
8.17 4731.4414, a licensee must require an authorized medical physicist to be an individual
8.18 who:

8.19 A. is certified by a specialty board whose certification process has been
8.20 recognized by the NRC or an agreement state and:

8.21 (1) has obtained written attestation that the individual has satisfactorily
8.22 completed the requirements in this item and subpart 2 and has achieved a level of
8.23 competency sufficient to function independently as an authorized medical physicist for
8.24 each type of therapeutic medical unit for which the individual is requesting authorized
8.25 medical physicist status. The written attestation must be signed by a preceptor authorized

9.1 medical physicist who meets the requirements in this part, part 4731.4414, or equivalent
9.2 NRC or agreement state requirements for an authorized medical physicist for each type
9.3 of therapeutic medical unit for which the individual is requesting authorized medical
9.4 physicist status; and

9.5 [For text of subitem (2), see M.R.]

9.6 B. (1) holds a master's or doctor's degree in physics, medical physics, other
9.7 physical science, engineering, or applied mathematics from an accredited college or
9.8 university, and:

9.9 [For text of units (a) and (b), see M.R.]

9.10 (2) has obtained written attestation that the individual has satisfactorily
9.11 completed the requirements in this item and has achieved a level of competency sufficient
9.12 to function independently as an authorized medical physicist for each type of therapeutic
9.13 medical unit for which the individual is requesting authorized medical physicist status.
9.14 The written attestation must be signed by a preceptor authorized medical physicist who
9.15 meets the requirements in this part, part 4731.4414, or equivalent NRC or agreement state
9.16 requirements for an authorized medical physicist for each type of therapeutic medical unit
9.17 for which the individual is requesting authorized medical physicist status; and

9.18 [For text of subitem (3), see M.R.]

9.19 Subp. 2. **Certification requirements.** A specialty board under subpart 1, item A,
9.20 shall require all candidates for certification to:

9.21 [For text of item A, see M.R.]

9.22 B. have two years of full-time practical training or supervised experience in
9.23 medical physics:

10.1 (1) under the supervision of a medical physicist who is certified in medical
10.2 physics by a specialty board recognized by the commissioner, the NRC, or an agreement
10.3 state; or

10.4 (2) in clinical radiation facilities providing high-energy, external beam
10.5 therapy (photons and electrons with energies greater than or equal to 1,000,000 electron
10.6 volts) and brachytherapy services under the direction of physicians who meet the
10.7 requirements in part 4731.4414, 4731.4458, or 4731.4479; and

10.8 [For text of item C, see M.R.]

10.9 **4731.4414 TRAINING; EXPERIENCED RADIATION SAFETY OFFICER,**
10.10 **TELE THERAPY OR MEDICAL PHYSICIST, AUTHORIZED USER, AND**
10.11 **NUCLEAR PHARMACIST.**

10.12 [For text of items A to D, see M.R.]

10.13 E. Individuals who need not comply with training requirements described in
10.14 this part may serve as preceptors for, and supervisors of, applicants seeking authorization
10.15 on licenses issued under this chapter for the same uses for which these individuals are
10.16 authorized.

10.17 **4731.4430 CONTROL OF AEROSOLS AND GASES.**

10.18 Subpart 1. **Collection system.** A licensee who administers radioactive aerosols or
10.19 gases must do so with a system that will keep airborne concentrations within the limits
10.20 prescribed by parts 4731.2020 and 4731.2090.

10.21 Subp. 2. **System vented or system collection.** The system must either be directly
10.22 vented to the atmosphere through an air exhaust or provide for collection and decay or
10.23 disposal of the aerosol or gas in a shielded container.

10.24 Subp. 3. **Negative pressure required.** A licensee must only administer radioactive
10.25 gases in rooms that are at negative pressure compared to surrounding rooms.

11.1 Subp. 4. **Calculation of time needed after a release.** Before receiving, using, or
11.2 storing a radioactive gas, the licensee must calculate the amount of time needed after a
11.3 release to reduce the concentration in the area of use to the occupational limit listed in
11.4 part 4731.2750. The calculation must be based on the highest activity of gas handled in a
11.5 single container and the measured available air exhaust rate.

11.6 Subp. 5. **Posting time needed after a release.** A licensee must post the time needed
11.7 after a release to reduce the concentration to the occupational limit calculated for the area
11.8 of use and require that, in case of a gas spill, individuals evacuate the room until the
11.9 posted time has elapsed.

11.10 Subp. 6. **Monthly check on collection system.** A licensee must check the operation
11.11 of collection systems monthly and measure the ventilation rates in areas of use at intervals
11.12 not to exceed six months.

11.13 Subp. 7. **Records retention.** Records of these checks and measurements must be
11.14 maintained for three years.

11.15 **4731.4433 UPTAKE, DILUTION, AND EXCRETION STUDIES; TRAINING.**

11.16 Subpart 1. **Training and education requirements.** Except as provided under part
11.17 4731.4414, a licensee must require the authorized user of unsealed radioactive material for
11.18 the uses authorized under part 4731.4432 to be a physician who:

11.19 A. is certified by a medical specialty board whose certification process has been
11.20 recognized by the NRC or an agreement state and has obtained written attestation, signed
11.21 by a preceptor authorized user who meets the requirements of this part, part 4731.4414,
11.22 4731.4436, or 4731.4443, or equivalent requirements of the NRC or an agreement state,
11.23 that the individual has satisfactorily completed the requirements in subpart 2 and has
11.24 achieved a level of competency sufficient to function independently as an authorized user
11.25 for the medical uses authorized under part 4731.4432;

12.1 B. is an authorized user under part 4731.4436 or 4731.4443 or under equivalent
12.2 requirements of the NRC or an agreement state; or

12.3 C. has:

12.4 (1) completed 60 hours of training and experience, including a minimum of
12.5 eight hours of classroom and laboratory training, in basic radionuclide handling techniques
12.6 applicable to the medical use of unsealed radioactive material for uptake, dilution, and
12.7 excretion studies. The training and experience must include:

12.8 [For text of unit (a), see M.R.]

12.9 (b) work experience, under the supervision of an authorized user
12.10 who meets the requirements in this part, part 4731.4414, 4731.4436, or 4731.4443, or
12.11 equivalent requirements of the NRC or an agreement state, involving:

12.12 [For text of subunits i to vi, see M.R.]

12.13 (2) obtained written attestation, signed by a preceptor authorized user
12.14 who meets the requirements of this part, part 4731.4414, 4731.4436, or 4731.4443,
12.15 or equivalent requirements of the NRC or an agreement state, that the individual has
12.16 satisfactorily completed the requirements in this item and has achieved a level of
12.17 competency sufficient to function independently as an authorized user for the medical uses
12.18 authorized under part 4731.4432.

12.19 [For text of subp 2, see M.R.]

12.20 **4731.4436 IMAGING AND LOCALIZATION STUDIES; TRAINING.**

12.21 Subpart 1. **Training and education requirements.** Except as provided under part
12.22 4731.4414, a licensee must require an authorized user of unsealed radioactive material for
12.23 the uses authorized under part 4731.4434 to be a physician who is qualified as follows
12.24 under item A, B, or C:

12.25 A. The physician must:

13.1 (1) be certified by a medical specialty board whose certification process
13.2 has been recognized by the NRC or an agreement state;

13.3 (2) must also have obtained written attestation that the individual physician
13.4 has satisfactorily completed the requirements in subpart 2 and has achieved a level of
13.5 competency sufficient to function independently as an authorized user for the medical
13.6 uses authorized under parts 4731.4432 and 4731.4434. The attestation must be signed
13.7 by a preceptor authorized user who meets:

13.8 (a) the requirements in this part; ~~or~~

13.9 (b) the requirements in item C, subitem (1), unit (b), subunit vii, and
13.10 part 4731.4443;

13.11 (c) the requirements in part 4731.4414; or

13.12 (d) equivalent requirements of the NRC or an agreement state.

13.13 B. The physician must be an authorized user under part 4731.4443 and meet the
13.14 requirements in item C, subitem (1), unit (b), subunit vii, or equivalent requirements of the
13.15 NRC or an agreement state; or

13.16 C. The physician must have:

13.17 (1) completed 700 hours of training and experience, including a minimum
13.18 of 80 hours of classroom and laboratory training, in basic radionuclide handling techniques
13.19 applicable to the medical use of unsealed radioactive material for imaging and localization
13.20 studies. The training and experience must include, at a minimum:

13.21 [For text of unit (a), see M.R.]

13.22 (b) work experience, under the supervision of an authorized user who
13.23 meets the requirements in this part, part 4731.4414, or in subunit vii and part 4731.4443,
13.24 or equivalent requirements of the NRC or an agreement state, involving:

14.1 [For text of subunits i to vii, see M.R.]

14.2 (2) obtained written attestation that the individual physician has
14.3 satisfactorily completed the requirements in this item and has achieved a level of
14.4 competency sufficient to function independently as an authorized user for the medical
14.5 uses authorized under parts 4731.4432 and 4731.4434. The attestation must be signed
14.6 by a preceptor authorized user who meets:

14.7 (a) the requirements in this part; ~~or~~

14.8 (b) the requirements in subitem (1), unit (b), subunit vii, and part
14.9 4731.4443;

14.10 (c) the requirements in part 4731.4414; or

14.11 (d) equivalent requirements of the NRC or an agreement state.

14.12 Subp. 2. **Certification requirements.** A specialty board shall require all candidates
14.13 for certification to:

14.14 A. complete 700 hours of training and experience in basic radionuclide handling
14.15 techniques and radiation safety applicable to the medical use of unsealed radioactive
14.16 material for imaging and localization studies that include the topics listed in subpart 1,
14.17 item C, subitem (1), units (a) and (b); and

14.18 B. pass an examination administered by diplomates of the specialty board,
14.19 which assesses knowledge and competence in radiation safety, radionuclide handling,
14.20 and quality control.

14.21 **4731.4443 UNSEALED RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL; WRITTEN DIRECTIVE**
14.22 **REQUIRED; TRAINING.**

14.23 Subpart 1. **Training and education requirements.** Except as provided under part
14.24 4731.4414, a licensee must require an authorized user of unsealed radioactive material for
14.25 the uses authorized under part 4731.4440 to be a physician who:

15.1 A. is certified by a medical specialty board whose certification process has
 15.2 been recognized by the NRC or an agreement state, meets the requirements in item B,
 15.3 subitem (1), unit (b), subunit vi, and has obtained written attestation that the individual
 15.4 has satisfactorily completed the requirements in this item and subpart 2 and has achieved
 15.5 a level of competency sufficient to function independently as an authorized user for the
 15.6 medical uses authorized under part 4731.4440. The written attestation must be signed by
 15.7 a preceptor authorized user who meets the requirements of this part, part 4731.4414, or
 15.8 equivalent requirements of the NRC or an agreement state. A preceptor authorized user
 15.9 who meets the requirements in item B must also have experience in administering dosages
 15.10 in the same dosage category or categories under item B, subitem (1), unit (b), subunit vi,
 15.11 as the individual requesting authorized user status; or

15.12 B. has:

15.13 (1) completed 700 hours of training and experience, including a minimum
 15.14 of 200 hours of classroom and laboratory training, in basic radionuclide handling
 15.15 techniques applicable to the medical use of unsealed radioactive material requiring a
 15.16 written directive. The training and experience must include:

15.17 [For text of unit (a), see M.R.]

15.18 (b) work experience, under the supervision of an authorized user who
 15.19 meets the requirements in this part, part 4731.4414, or equivalent requirements of the
 15.20 NRC or an agreement state. A supervising authorized user who meets the requirements in
 15.21 this item must also have experience in administering dosages in the same dosage category
 15.22 or categories under subunit vi as the individual requesting authorized user status. The
 15.23 work experience must involve:

15.24 [For text of subunits i to vi, see M.R.]

15.25 (2) obtained written attestation that the individual has satisfactorily
 15.26 completed the requirements in this item and has achieved a level of competency sufficient

16.1 to function independently as an authorized user for the medical uses authorized under part
16.2 4731.4440. The written attestation must be signed by a preceptor authorized user who
16.3 meets the requirements of this part, part 4731.4414, or equivalent requirements of the
16.4 NRC or an agreement state. A preceptor authorized user who meets the requirements
16.5 in this item must also have experience in administering dosages in the same dosage
16.6 category or categories under subitem (1), unit (b), subunit vi, as the individual requesting
16.7 authorized user status.

16.8 [For text of subp 2, see M.R.]

16.9 **4731.4444 ORAL ADMINISTRATION OF SODIUM IODIDE I-131; QUANTITIES**
16.10 **LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 33 MILLICURIES (1.22 GBq); WRITTEN**
16.11 **DIRECTIVE REQUIRED; TRAINING.**

16.12 Except as provided under part 4731.4414, a licensee must require an authorized
16.13 user for the oral administration of sodium iodide (I-131) requiring a written directive in
16.14 quantities less than or equal to 33 millicuries (1.22 GBq) to be a physician who:

16.15 A. is certified by a medical specialty board whose certification process has been
16.16 recognized by the NRC or an agreement state and includes all of the requirements of
16.17 item C, subitems (1) and (2), and who has obtained written attestation that the individual
16.18 has satisfactorily completed the requirements of item C, subitems (1) and (2), and has
16.19 achieved a level of competency sufficient to function independently as an authorized user
16.20 for medical uses authorized under part 4731.4440. The written attestation must be signed
16.21 by a preceptor authorized user who meets the requirements of this part, part 4731.4414,
16.22 4731.4443, or 4731.4445, or equivalent requirements of the NRC or an agreement state. A
16.23 preceptor authorized user who meets the requirement in part 4731.4443, subpart 1, item B,
16.24 must also have experience in oral administration of less than or equal to 33 millicuries
16.25 (1.22 GBq) of sodium iodide (I-131) for which a written directive is required or oral
16.26 administration of greater than 33 millicuries (1.22 GBq) of sodium iodide (I-131) as
16.27 specified in part 4731.4443, subpart 1, item B, subitem (1), unit (b), subunit vi;

17.1 [For text of item B, see M.R.]

17.2 C. has:

17.3 [For text of subitem (1), see M.R.]

17.4 (2) work experience under the supervision of an authorized user who meets
17.5 the requirements of this part, part 4731.4414, 4731.4443, or 4731.4445, or equivalent
17.6 requirements of the NRC or an agreement state. A supervising authorized user who meets
17.7 the requirements in part 4731.4443, subpart 1, item B, must also have experience in
17.8 oral administration of less than or equal to 33 millicuries (1.22 GBq) of sodium iodide
17.9 (I-131) for which a written directive is required or oral administration of greater than 33
17.10 millicuries (1.22 GBq) of sodium iodide (I-131) as specified in part 4731.4443. The
17.11 work experience must involve:

17.12 [For text of units (a) to (f), see M.R.]

17.13 (3) obtained written attestation that the individual has satisfactorily
17.14 completed the requirements of this item and has achieved a level of competency sufficient
17.15 to function independently as an authorized user for medical uses authorized under
17.16 part 4731.4440. The written attestation must be signed by a preceptor authorized user
17.17 who meets the requirements of this part, part 4731.4414, 4731.4443, or 4731.4445, or
17.18 equivalent requirements of the NRC or an agreement state. A preceptor authorized user
17.19 who meets the requirement in part 4731.4443, subpart 1, item B, must also have experience
17.20 in oral administration of less than or equal to 33 millicuries (1.22 GBq) of sodium iodide
17.21 (I-131) for which a written directive is required or oral administration of greater than 33
17.22 millicuries (1.22 GBq) of sodium iodide (I-131) as specified in part 4731.4443.

17.23 **4731.4445 ORAL ADMINISTRATION OF SODIUM IODIDE; QUANTITIES**
17.24 **GREATER THAN 33 MILLICURIES (1.22 GBq); WRITTEN DIRECTIVE**
17.25 **REQUIRED; TRAINING.**

18.1 Except as provided under part 4731.4414, a licensee must require an authorized
18.2 user for the oral administration of sodium iodide (I-131) requiring a written directive in
18.3 quantities greater than 33 millicuries (1.22 GBq) to be a physician who:

18.4 A. is certified by a medical specialty board whose certification process has
18.5 been recognized by the NRC or an agreement state and includes all the requirements in
18.6 item C, subitems (1) and (2), and who has obtained written attestation that the individual
18.7 has satisfactorily completed the requirements of this item and has achieved a level of
18.8 competency sufficient to function independently as an authorized user for medical uses
18.9 authorized under part 4731.4440. The written attestation must be signed by a preceptor
18.10 authorized user who meets the requirements in this part, part 4731.4414 or 4731.4443,
18.11 or equivalent requirements of the NRC or an agreement state. A preceptor authorized
18.12 user who meets the requirements in part 4731.4443, subpart 1, item B, must also have
18.13 experience in the oral administration of I-131 in quantities greater than 33 millicuries as
18.14 specified in part 4731.4443, subpart 1, item B, subitem (1), unit (b), subunit vi;

18.15 [For text of item B, see M.R.]

18.16 C. has:

18.17 [For text of subitem (1), see M.R.]

18.18 (2) has work experience, under the supervision of an authorized user who
18.19 meets the requirements of this part, part 4731.4414 or 4731.4443, subpart 1, item A or B,
18.20 or equivalent requirements of the NRC or an agreement state. A supervising authorized
18.21 user who meets the requirements in part 4731.4443, subpart 1, item B, must also have
18.22 experience in the oral administration of I-131 in quantities greater than 33 millicuries
18.23 under part 4731.4443, subpart 1, item B, subitem (1), unit (b), subunit vi. The work
18.24 experience must involve:

18.25 [For text of units (a) to (f), see M.R.]

19.1 (3) obtained written attestation that the individual has satisfactorily
19.2 completed the requirements of this item and has achieved a level of competency sufficient
19.3 to function independently as an authorized user for medical uses authorized under
19.4 part 4731.4440. The written attestation must be signed by a preceptor authorized user
19.5 who meets the requirements in this part, part 4731.4414 or 4731.4443, or equivalent
19.6 requirements of the NRC or an agreement state. A preceptor authorized user who meets
19.7 the requirements in part 4731.4443, subpart 1, item B, must also have experience in the
19.8 oral administration of I-131 in quantities greater than 33 millicuries under part 4731.4443,
19.9 subpart 1, item B, subitem (1), unit (b), subunit vi.

19.10 **4731.4446 PARENTERAL ADMINISTRATION OF UNSEALED RADIOACTIVE**
19.11 **MATERIAL; WRITTEN DIRECTIVE REQUIRED; TRAINING.**

19.12 [For text of item A, see M.R.]

19.13 B. The physician under item A, subitems (2) and (3), must have:

19.14 [For text of subitem (1), see M.R.]

19.15 (2) work experience, under the supervision of an authorized user who meets
19.16 the requirements in this part, part 4731.4414 or 4731.4443, or equivalent requirements of
19.17 the NRC or agreement state, in the parenteral administration, for which a written directive
19.18 is required, of any beta emitter, or any photon-emitting radionuclide with a photon energy
19.19 less than 150 keV or parenteral administration of any other radionuclide for which a
19.20 written directive is required. A supervising authorized user who meets the requirements in
19.21 part 4731.4443 must have experience in parenteral administration of any beta emitter, or a
19.22 photon-emitting radionuclide with a photon energy less than 150 kilo electron volts for
19.23 which a written directive is required or parenteral administration of any other radionuclide
19.24 for which a written directive is required as specified in part 4731.4443, subpart 1, item B,
19.25 subitem (1), unit (b), subunit vi. The work experience must involve:

19.26 [For text of units (a) to (f), see M.R.]

20.1 (3) obtained written attestation that the individual has satisfactorily
20.2 completed the requirements in this item and item A, subitem (2) or (3), and has achieved
20.3 a level of competency sufficient to function independently as an authorized user for the
20.4 parenteral administration of unsealed radioactive material requiring a written directive.
20.5 The written attestation must be signed by a preceptor authorized user who meets the
20.6 requirements in this part, part 4731.4414, or 4731.4443, or equivalent requirements of
20.7 the NRC or agreement state. A preceptor authorized user who meets the requirements in
20.8 part 4731.4443 must have experience in parenteral administration of any beta emitter, or a
20.9 photon-emitting radionuclide with a photon energy less than 150 kilo electron volts for
20.10 which a written directive is required or parenteral administration of any other radionuclide
20.11 for which a written directive is required as specified in part 4731.4443, subpart 1, item B,
20.12 subitem (1), unit (b), subunit vi.

20.13 **4731.4458 MANUAL BRACHYTHERAPY TRAINING.**

20.14 Subpart 1. **Training and education requirements.** Except as provided under part
20.15 4731.4414, a licensee must require an authorized user of a manual brachytherapy source
20.16 for the uses authorized under part 4731.4450 to be a physician who:

20.17 A. is certified by a medical specialty board whose certification has been
20.18 recognized by the NRC or an agreement state and has obtained written attestation,
20.19 signed by a preceptor authorized user who meets the requirements of this part, part
20.20 4731.4414, or equivalent requirements of the NRC or an agreement state, that the
20.21 individual has satisfactorily completed the requirements of subpart 2 and has achieved a
20.22 level of competency sufficient to function independently as an authorized user of manual
20.23 brachytherapy sources for the medical uses authorized under part 4731.4450; or

20.24 B. has:

20.25 (1) completed a structured educational program in basic radionuclide
20.26 handling techniques applicable to the use of manual brachytherapy sources that includes:

21.1 [For text of unit (a), see M.R.]

21.2 (b) 500 hours of work experience, under the supervision of an
21.3 authorized user who meets the requirements in this part, part 4731.4414, or equivalent
21.4 requirements of the NRC or an agreement state at a medical institution, involving:

21.5 [For text of subunits i to vi, see M.R.]

21.6 (2) completed three years of supervised clinical experience in radiation
21.7 oncology, under an authorized user who meets the requirements of this part, part
21.8 4731.4414, or equivalent requirements of the NRC or an agreement state, as part of a
21.9 formal training program approved by the Residency Review Committee for Radiation
21.10 Oncology of the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, the Royal
21.11 College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, or the Committee on Postdoctoral Training
21.12 of the American Osteopathic Association. This experience may be obtained concurrently
21.13 with the supervised work experience required under subitem (1), unit (b); and

21.14 (3) obtained written attestation, signed by a preceptor authorized user
21.15 who meets the requirements of this part, part 4731.4414, or equivalent requirements
21.16 of the NRC or an agreement state, that the individual has satisfactorily completed the
21.17 requirements of this item and has achieved a level of competency sufficient to function
21.18 independently as an authorized user of manual brachytherapy sources for the medical uses
21.19 authorized under part 4731.4450.

21.20 [For text of subp 2, see M.R.]

21.21 **4731.4459 OPHTHALMIC USE OF STRONTIUM-90; TRAINING.**

21.22 Except as provided under part 4731.4414, a licensee must require an authorized user
21.23 of strontium-90 for ophthalmic radiotherapy to be a physician who:

21.24 A. is an authorized user under part 4731.4458 or equivalent requirements of the
21.25 NRC or an agreement state; or

22.1 B. has:

22.2 [For text of subitems (1) and (2), see M.R.]

22.3 (3) obtained written attestation, signed by a preceptor authorized user
22.4 who meets the requirements of this part, part 4731.4414, or 4731.4458, or equivalent
22.5 requirements of the NRC or an agreement state, that the individual has satisfactorily
22.6 completed the requirements in this item and has achieved a level of competency sufficient
22.7 to function independently as an authorized user of strontium-90 for ophthalmic use.

22.8 **4731.4479 REMOTE AFTERLOADER UNITS, TELETHERAPY UNITS, AND**
22.9 **GAMMA STEREOTACTIC RADIOSURGERY UNITS; TRAINING.**

22.10 Subpart 1. **Training and education requirements.** Except as provided under
22.11 part 4731.4414, a licensee must require an authorized user of a sealed source for a use
22.12 authorized under part 4731.4463 to be a physician who:

22.13 A. is certified by a medical specialty board whose certification process has been
22.14 recognized by the NRC or an agreement state, meets the requirements in item B, subitem
22.15 (4), and has obtained written attestation that the individual has satisfactorily completed
22.16 the requirements in this item and subpart 2 and has achieved a level of competency
22.17 sufficient to function independently as an authorized user of each type of therapeutic
22.18 medical unit for which the individual is requesting authorized user status. The written
22.19 attestation must be signed by a preceptor authorized user who meets the requirements of
22.20 this part, part 4731.4414, or equivalent requirements of the NRC or an agreement state for
22.21 an authorized user for each type of therapeutic medical unit for which the individual is
22.22 requesting authorized user status; or

22.23 B. has:

22.24 (1) completed a structured educational program in basic radionuclide
22.25 techniques applicable to the use of a sealed source in a therapeutic medical unit that
22.26 includes:

23.1 [For text of unit (a), see M.R.]

23.2 (b) 500 hours of work experience, under the supervision of an
23.3 authorized user who meets the requirements of this part, part 4731.4414, or equivalent
23.4 requirements of the NRC or an agreement state, at a medical institution involving:

23.5 [For text of subunits i to vi, see M.R.]

23.6 (2) completed three years of supervised clinical experience in radiation
23.7 therapy, under an authorized user who meets the requirements of this part, part 4731.4414,
23.8 or equivalent requirements of the NRC or an agreement state, as part of a formal training
23.9 program approved by the Residency Review Committee for Radiation Oncology of
23.10 the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, the Royal College of
23.11 Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, or the Committee on Postdoctoral Training of the
23.12 American Osteopathic Association. The experience may be obtained concurrently with
23.13 the supervised work experience required under subitem (1), unit (b);

23.14 (3) obtained written attestation that the individual has satisfactorily
23.15 completed the requirements in this item and has achieved a level of competency sufficient
23.16 to function independently as an authorized user of each type of therapeutic medical unit
23.17 for which the individual is requesting authorized user status. The written attestation must
23.18 be signed by a preceptor authorized user who meets the requirements of this part, part
23.19 4731.4414, or equivalent requirements of the NRC or an agreement state for an authorized
23.20 user for each type of therapeutic medical unit for which the individual is requesting
23.21 authorized user status; and

23.22 [For text of subitem (4), see M.R.]

23.23 [For text of subp 2, see M.R.]

23.24 **4731.4525 MEDICAL EVENT; REPORT AND NOTIFICATION.**

23.25 [For text of subps 1 and 2, see M.R.]

24.1 Subp. 3. **24-hour notification required.** A licensee must notify the commissioner
24.2 within 24 hours after discovery of a medical event.

24.3 [For text of subps 4 to 7, see M.R.]

24.4 **4731.4526 DOSE TO AN EMBRYO/FETUS OR CHILD; REPORT AND**
24.5 **NOTIFICATION.**

24.6 [For text of subps 1 and 2, see M.R.]

24.7 Subp. 3. **24-hour notification required.** A licensee must notify the commissioner
24.8 within 24 hours after discovery of a dose to an embryo/fetus or nursing child that requires
24.9 a report under subpart 1 or 2.

24.10 [For text of subps 4 to 6, see M.R.]

24.11 **4731.4600 DEFINITIONS.**

24.12 Subpart 1. **Scope.** The following definitions apply to parts 4731.4605 to 4731.4620.

24.13 Subp. 2. **Accredited.** "Accredited" means an individual who has satisfactorily
24.14 completed a nationally recognized examination in nuclear medicine and who maintains
24.15 the registration or certification of the examining organization. Nationally recognized
24.16 examinations are provided by the following organizations:

24.17 A. the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (N) (ARRT);

24.18 B. the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board (NMTCB); or

24.19 C. the American Society of Clinical Pathologists (NM) (ASCP).

24.20 Subp. 3. **Nuclear medicine technologist.** "Nuclear medicine technologist"
24.21 means a person other than a licensed practitioner of the healing arts who administers

24.22 radiopharmaceuticals and related drugs to human beings for diagnostic purposes,
24.23 performs in vivo and in vitro detection and measurement of radioactivity, and administers
24.24 radiopharmaceuticals to human beings for therapeutic purposes. A nuclear medicine
25.1 technologist may perform such procedures only while under the general supervision of
25.2 a licensed practitioner of the healing arts who is licensed to possess and use radioactive
25.3 materials.

25.4 Subp. 4. **Direct supervision.** "Direct supervision" means an accredited nuclear
25.5 medicine technologist or an authorized user currently listed on an agreement state or
25.6 United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission radioactive materials license is physically
25.7 present in the facility and available to respond.

25.8 **4731.4605 MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR NUCLEAR MEDICINE**
25.9 **TECHNOLOGISTS.**

25.10 Subpart 1. **General requirements.** Except as specified in part 4731.4610, any
25.11 individual working as a nuclear medicine technologist in Minnesota must meet the
25.12 following minimum eligibility requirements:

- 25.13 A. graduation from high school or its equivalent;
- 25.14 B. attainment of 18 years of age; and
- 25.15 C. ability to adequately perform necessary duties without posing a hazard to the
25.16 health or safety of patients, other employees, or members of the public.

25.17 Subp. 2. **Accreditation required.** Except as specified in part 4731.4610, any
25.18 individual working as a nuclear medicine technologist in Minnesota on or after January 1,
25.19 2011, must be accredited.

25.20 Subp. 3. **Record retention.** The licensee must retain documentation of accreditation
25.21 for five years and make it available for inspection upon request by the department.

25.22 **4731.4610 EXCEPTIONS.**

25.23 The individuals in items A to ~~E~~ D are exempt from the examination requirement
25.24 in part 4731.4600, subpart ~~3~~ 2:

26.1 A. a licensed practitioner of the healing arts who is listed as an authorized
26.2 user on an agreement state or United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission radioactive
26.3 materials license;

26.4 B. individuals working as nuclear medicine technologists under the direct
26.5 supervision of: (1) an individual who is accredited in nuclear medicine; or ~~by~~ (2) a
26.6 physician who appears as an authorized user on an agreement state or United States
26.7 Nuclear Regulatory Commission radioactive materials license;

26.8 C. students enrolled in and participating in an accredited program for nuclear
26.9 medicine technology or a school of medicine, osteopathy, podiatry, or chiropractic who, as
26.10 a part of the students' course of study, administers radioactive material during supervised
26.11 clinical experience; or

26.12 D. an individual working as a nuclear medicine technologist before January
26.13 1, 2011, who is not accredited, provided the individual has completed the training in
26.14 part 4731.4612.

26.15 **4731.4612 TRAINING FOR INDIVIDUALS FUNCTIONING AS A NUCLEAR**
26.16 **MEDICINE TECHNOLOGIST BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2011, WHO ARE NOT**
26.17 **ACCREDITED.**

26.18 Subpart 1. **Training program.** Individuals working as a nuclear medicine
26.19 technologist before January 1 , 2011, who are not accredited must complete a training
26.20 program designed to demonstrate competency in the following areas:

26.21 A. patient and personnel protection including:

26.22 (1) biological effects of radiation;

26.23 (2) basic concepts of radiation protection; and

- 26.24 (3) Minnesota Department of Health rules for radiation exposure;
- 26.25 B. radiopharmaceutical characteristics including:
- 27.1 (1) half-life;
- 27.2 (2) method of localization; and
- 27.3 (3) biodistribution;
- 27.4 C. proper handling of radioactive materials including:
- 27.5 (1) inspection and survey of packages;
- 27.6 (2) storage of radioactive material;
- 27.7 (3) disposal of radioactive waste; and
- 27.8 (4) United States Department of Transportation training requirements for
- 27.9 shippers;
- 27.10 D. factors affecting image quality including:
- 27.11 (1) equipment;
- 27.12 (2) patient and detector orientation;
- 27.13 (3) patient anatomical factors;
- 27.14 (4) anatomical landmarks;
- 27.15 (5) immobilization techniques; and
- 27.16 (6) radiopharmaceuticals;
- 27.17 E. facility monitoring including:
- 27.18 (1) survey equipment operation and uses; and
- 27.19 (2) radioactive spill responses; and

27.20 F. administration of radiopharmaceuticals as ~~determined~~ during supervised
27.21 clinical experience.

28.1 Subp. 2. **Clinical experience.** Clinical experience must be supervised by an
28.2 individual who is accredited in nuclear medicine or by a physician who appears as an
28.3 authorized user on an agreement state or United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
28.4 radioactive materials license.

28.5 Subp. 3. **Restrictions during training.** Individuals in a training program
28.6 indicated in subpart 1 cannot work as a nuclear medicine technologist before obtaining
28.7 documentation of competency as required in part 4731.4615 unless the individual works
28.8 under the direct supervision of:

28.9 A. an individual who is accredited in nuclear medicine; or

28.10 B. a physician who appears as an authorized user on an agreement state or
28.11 United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission radioactive materials license.

28.12 Subp. 4. **Continuing education.** Individuals working as nuclear medicine
28.13 technologists before January 1, 2011, who are not accredited must:

28.14 A. obtain 24 hours of continuing education on nuclear medicine every 24
28.15 months;

28.16 B. have the continuing education training approved by any of the organizations
28.17 listed in part 4731.4600, subpart 3 2; and

28.18 C. retain documentation of continuing education for five years and make it
28.19 available for inspection upon request by the department.

28.20 **4731.4615 DOCUMENTATION OF COMPETENCY.**

28.21 Subpart 1. **Nuclear medicine technologist; January 1, 2011.** An individual
28.22 functioning as a nuclear medicine technologist prior to January 1, 2011, and who is not

28.23 accredited must obtain documentation that the individual is competent to ~~applying~~ apply
28.24 ionizing radiation to human beings.

29.1 Subp. 2. **Who can document competency.** The documentation of competency must
29.2 be provided by a licensed practitioner of the healing arts under whose general supervision
29.3 the individual is employed or has been employed.

29.4 Subp. 3. **Procedures and equipment.** The documentation of competency must
29.5 specify the nature of procedures and the equipment the individual is competent to utilize
29.6 and must be limited to work performed before January 1, 2011.

29.7 Subp. 4. **Record retention.** The documentation of competency must be retained by
29.8 the individual for inspection upon request by the department.

29.9 **4731.4620 REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATORS OF FUSION IMAGING**
29.10 **DEVICES.**

29.11 Subpart 1. **Accreditation required.** When a unit is operated as a fusion imaging
29.12 device or in a dual mode such as a SPECT/CT or PET/CT device, the operator must be
29.13 accredited or must meet the requirements in chapter 4732.

29.14 Subp. 2. **Diagnostic CT imaging device.** When the unit is operated as a stand-alone
29.15 diagnostic CT imaging device, the operator must meet the requirements in chapter 4732.