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Kansas Information Notice 10-02

General License Guide

Addressees

This notice is addressed to all Kansas holders of a General License.

Purpose

The purpose of this information notice is to inform addressees about the requirements in the Kansas Administrative Regulations (K.A.R.s) that impact holders of a general license. The regulation 28-35-178b contains specific requirements. Links to the Kansas Administrative Regulations can be found on the Kansas Department of Health and Environment website at http://www.kdheks.gov/radiation/regs.html.

Description of Circumstances

A general license is a radioactive materials license issued for the possession of certain types of devices without the owner needing to apply for the license. These devices include detecting, measuring, gauging, or controlling thickness, density, level interface location, radiation leakage, or qualitative or quantitative chemical composition; or producing light or an ionized atmosphere. Specific examples of these devices include certain illuminated signs, gas chromatographs, some level gauges and certain density gauges. Information about the requirements of the general license is provided to the user of the device by the manufacturer when the device is purchased.

Discussion

K.A.R. 28-35-178b requires the holder of the general license to, in part
- Maintain all labels affixed to the device
- Follow instructions and precautions on labels
- Perform tests to check for leakage and proper operation of the on-off mechanism
  - Testing is not required for devices containing only tritium, such as tritium exit signs
- Maintain records
- Notify KDHE upon failure, damage or detection of removable, radioactive material
- Not abandon the device
- Not export the device unless in accordance to 10 CFR part 110
- Transfer the device only in accordance with regulation
  - Prior approval from KDHE is required for transfer of the device
  - Report to KDHE within 30 days of transfer
- Comply with other reporting requirements found in K.A.R. 28-35-228a, K.A.R. 28-35-229a
- Respond to written requests from KDHE to provide information within 30 days
- Appoint an individual responsible for having knowledge of the appropriate regulations and requirements
- Ensure day-to-day compliance with regulation
- Register each generally licensed device
  - annual fee and registration required
- Report change in the mailing address for the location of use within 30 days
- Limit the storage of devices not in use to no longer than two years.

There are no new requirements in this information notice. No specific action or written response is required. If you have questions regarding this information notice, please contact the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Radiation Control Section at 785-296-1560.