

Office of Radiation Protection

Roles and Responsibilities

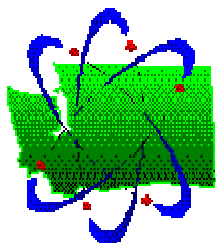
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The Washington State Department of Health is the state radiation control agency. The Department's Office of Radiation Protection works to protect the public and the environment from the harmful effects of radiation. By regulating the uses of radiation and measuring radiation levels, exposure is minimized and health is protected.

RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS



Radioactive materials are used in industry, research and in the healing arts. Through an intensive regulatory and licensing process, the Radioactive Materials Section protects workers and the public from harmful exposure to these materials. Staff Health Physicists license all users of significant amounts of radioactive materials (commonly referred to as "licensees") and inspect licensed facilities to ensure that regulations and license conditions are being followed and that proper protective measures are being applied.

