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To: Interested Parties

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Subject: Edits, amendments, and adoption of Oregon Administrative Rules, chapter 333, divisions 100, 102, 103, 106, 111, 116, 118, 119, and 120.

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**Proposed amendments and new rule text for OAR, chapter 333, divisions 100, 102, 103, 106, 111, 116, 118, 119, and 120 pertaining to Radiation Protection Services have been drafted. (See revised text for Division 106 rules for veterinary requirements on page two of this notice.)**

**In response to requests received to extend the public comment period for these rules, you are hereby invited to send written comments not later than July 18, 2008 at 3:00p.m. to the Public Health Rules Coordinator at the following address:**

DHS Public Health Division  
Brittany Sande, PH Rules Coordinator  
800 NE Oregon Street, Suite 930  
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You may also send comments by fax to (971) 673-1299.

Final rules will be filed after consideration of all comments.

For more details, please see the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Hearing, Statement of Need and Fiscal Impact, and the full text of the proposed rules at the following website: <http://www.healthoregon.org/rps> (Note: Recent changes to proposed Division 106 rules for Veterinary requirements for control of radiation are also posted on this website.)

If you have questions or would like a paper copy of these rules, please contact Todd Carpenter at (971) 673-0500. Thank you.

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**Recommended revision to OAR 333-106-0601(3):**

Below are changes agreed upon by a veterinary working group on these proposed rules which includes revised language to clarify the proposed rule and still provide latitude for the veterinarian to decide when animals need to be held during an X-ray procedure.

*OAR 333-106-0601*

***Veterinary Medicine Radiographic Installations Additional Requirements***

***(3) Operating Procedures:***

*(a) ~~The operator~~ All individuals shall stand well away from the useful beam and the animal during radiographic exposures;*

*(b) No individual ~~other than the operator~~ shall be in the X-ray room while exposures are being made unless such individual's assistance is required;*

*(c) When an animal must be held in position during radiography, mechanical supporting or restraining devices ~~should~~ shall be available and used as appropriate.*

*(d) If the animal must be held by an individual, that individual shall be protected with appropriate shielding devices, such as protective gloves and apron, and that individual shall be so positioned that no part of the body will be struck by the useful beam. The exposure of any individual used for this purpose shall be monitored with appropriate personnel monitoring devices.*

Notes:

- 1) The intention of the rule is to reduce unnecessary radiation exposure to the public and includes Veterinarians, Veterinary Technicians and Veterinary Assistants.
- 2) This revised radiation control rule **does not discuss animal sedation for X-ray procedures**. Animal sedation is directed by a Veterinarian for the safety of the animal under other rules or veterinary medical requirements.
- 3) The above revised text permits the Veterinarian to decide when animals need to be restrained or sedated during X-ray procedures.