

OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO FEE SCHEDULES IN CHAPTERS 218 AND 240, APPENDIX A

The Bureau of Radiation Protection (BRP) has recently completed a review of its fee collections and costs. This review was reported to the Environmental Quality Board on August 19, 2014, and is attached for your reference.

The Radiation Protection Program (RPP) includes four major functional areas within both the Central Office BRP and the Regional Offices:

- Radioactive Materials and Decommissioning
- Radiation-producing Machines (i.e., Accelerator, X-ray, and Vendors)
- Radon
- Nuclear Power Plants

This review pertains only to radioactive materials and decommissioning, radiation-producing machines, and radon. Nuclear power plant oversight functions are funded under Act 147 of 1984 (amended by Act 31 of 2007) and are subject to a separate fee analysis required by that Act. This analysis was completed in May 2014 and can be found in the publication, “Radiation Protection Act 31 of 2007 Report to General Assembly” (2900-BK-DEP4445).

Trend analysis indicates a need for increasing fees in the Radioactive Materials, Decommissioning and Radon program areas. Fees for Radiation-producing Machines are adequate for the next several years; therefore, no increase is proposed in that area.

With one exception, a 50 percent increase in each radioactive material license type and the professional fee (hourly rate) is proposed. The exception is for license category 2A(2)(c) – Source Material – metal extraction, which is proposed to be reduced by 50 percent. There is currently no licensee in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in this category, and regulatory oversight required for this license activity is significantly less than anticipated at the time this fee was established.

Under this proposal, Radon certification fees would also be increased by 50 percent to help address continued revenue shortfalls. The proposed course provider fee would increase approximately 53 percent due to rounding. Because a certification fee increase larger than 50 percent would likely cause many small businesses to cease performing radon work, a new fee category is proposed to minimize impact on the regulated community. This fee would be \$50 for each radon mitigation installation performed in Pennsylvania. There are roughly 8,000 – 10,000 new installations each year in Pennsylvania, which has the potential to raise an additional \$400,000 - \$500,000 annually to support the Radon program.