Call to order – 9:07 a.m.

Members in Attendance:
John Keklak
Tiffany Whitcomb
Anthony Montagnese
Michael Sheetz
Vincent Roding

Eric Boeldt
Kent Lambert
Shawn McNeely
Jean Gresick-Schugsta

Members Absent:
Douglas Eggli
Charles Chambers
Charles Stoup
Richard Purse
Paul Houle
John Pammer

William Thorne
Peter Smith
Janice Wirth
Margaret Blackwood
Joseph Och
Michele Tate

DEP Staff in Attendance:
David Allard
Joseph Melnic
John Winston
John Chippo
Keith Salador

Sharon Trostle
Kristina Hoffman
Dyran Altenburg
Terry Derstine
Lisa Forney

Members of the General Public in Attendance:
Karen Colucci
Eric Gingold

Kendall Berry
Michael O’Shea

Introduction of Members and Staff:
Mr. Allard welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending today’s meeting.

Adoption of Agenda:
Today’s agenda was approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes:
Meeting minutes from October 16, 2014, were approved unanimously, with one minor revision request. The committee wished to record that it is not difficult to use the 2 Gy peak skin dose, but rather simply state that it is unnecessary.

Open Floor:
The 2015 meeting dates were confirmed for April 2, June 4, and September 24, 2015.
Radiation Protection Program Update:
The purpose of the meeting was to focus on regulatory revisions; consequently, a full update was not presented. However, a few items of concern were discussed:

TENORM Study
The report was being released for peer review. It was anticipated the report would be published early January 2015.

Radon
The Department was informed of very high radon levels in a Lehigh County neighborhood. Initial investigation confirmed more than 10 houses with radon measurements exceeding 1,000 pCi/L. The highest was 3,700 pCi/L, and the residents of that home were encouraged to evacuate until remediation could be performed. The family did evacuate. A remediation system was installed and lowered the radon level to less than 3 pCi/L. (EPA and DEP recommend remediation for any home measuring greater than 4 pCi/L.)

Regulatory Revisions
Radiological Health Revisions

Chapters 215-228 - The following sections were discussed and comments were offered:

- Section 219.3 - Definition of “medical reportable event for radiation-producing diagnostic or interventional X-ray procedures”:
  o Use “peak skin dose” instead of “skin dose” in subparagraph (i)
  o Compromise the notification level at 3 Gy.

- Section 219.3 - Definition of “medical reportable event for radiation-producing machine “therapy””:
  o Add “wrong treatment site” to subparagraph (i)
  o Revise text in subparagraph (ii) from “…treatment sites or all other organs…” to “…treatment site or any other organ…”
  o Change “More than” to “Exceeds” in subparagraph (ii)(A) and (B)

- Section 221.2 - Add a definition for “Dose length product.”

- Section 221.2 – In QMP definition, address grandfathering experienced physicists. Review other states’ requirements.

- Section 221.11 - Include in the QA program a review of “diagnostic reference levels.”

- Section 221.16
  o Relocate additional items from Section 221.35a to consolidate requirements.
  o Change “certified” to “credentialed and privileged” in subsection (a)(2).

- Section 221.63
  o Revise “OBI” to “Therapy imaging” in section title.
- Change “accepted by the Department’ to “recommended by the manufacturer” in subsection (a).

- Sections 221.64(a)(3) and 221.65(3) - Replace “recognized by the Department” with “recommended by the manufacturer.”

- Section 221.204 - Performance evaluations, spot checks and surveys
  - Add additional personnel to the protocol review, such as radiologist and lead CT technologist.
  - Delete the review for “high resolution chest,” an unnecessary projection review.
  - Clarify the requirement for surveys by stating “radiation protection surveys.”

**Other Business:**
The committee was encouraged to continue sending email suggestions and comments prior to the meetings.

The next RPAC meeting is scheduled for April 2, 2015, at which action on the draft proposed rulemaking will be requested.

Adjournment – 3:17 p.m.