Radiation Protection Security Rule for Radioactive Materials

Environmental Quality Board Meeting

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The proposed rulemaking would add a reference to the new 10 CFR Part 37 Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) security regulation.
Background

• Security orders were issued by the NRC following the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

• DEP reissued orders when Pennsylvania became an Agreement State.

• Orders affect licensees of Category 1 and 2 (high activity) sources.
• The orders were codified into federal regulation as Part 37.

• DEP orders will remain in place until compatible Pennsylvania regulations are issued.

• DEP recently held workshops to explain the transition from security orders to Part 37.
• DEP’s Radiation Protection Advisory Committee endorsed this rulemaking.

• Federal deadline for Pennsylvania to have 10 CFR Part 37 equivalent requirements in effect is March 2016.

• NRC will audit our program to ensure this regulation is in place.
Summary

• The department recommends EQB approval for publication with 30-day public comment period

• Enhanced security of potentially dangerous radioactive materials will result from this regulation.
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