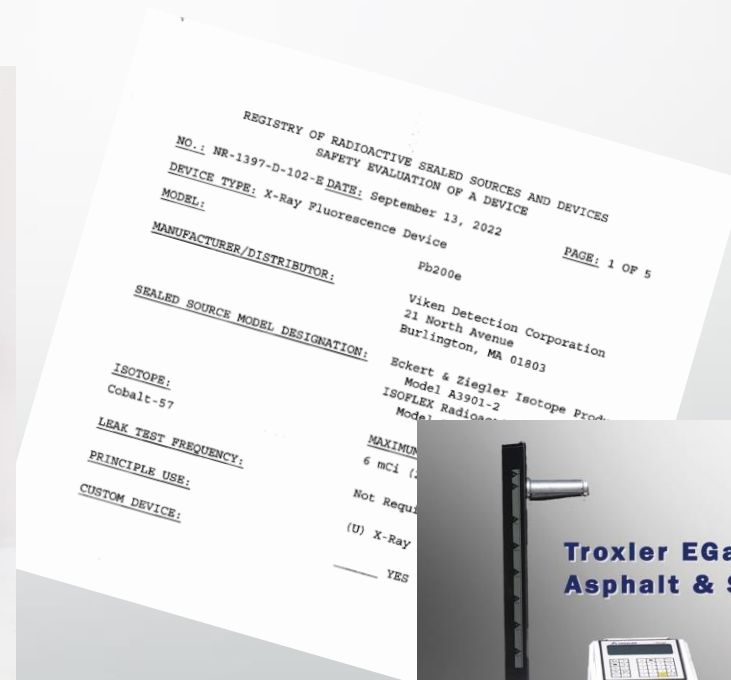
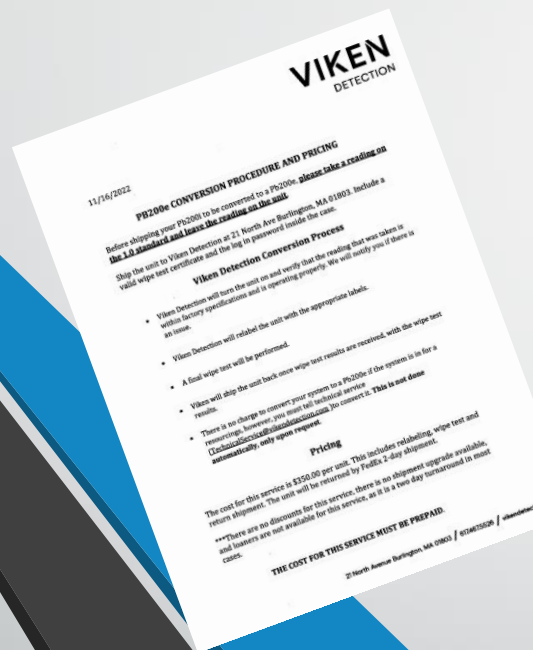


Exempt Device Distribution Discussion



What criteria is used to determine if the device will be used by members of the public and is it “enforceable” if the devices are exempt?

§ 32.30 Certain industrial devices containing byproduct material: Requirements for license to manufacture, process, produce, or initially transfer.

(c)(2) The device is unlikely to be routinely used by members of the general public in a non-occupational environment

This authorization seems to conflict with logic of aggregation of exempt quantities of material?

30.18 (e) No person may, for purposes of producing an increased radiation level, combine quantities of byproduct material covered by this exemption so that the aggregate quantity exceeds the limits set forth in § 30.71, Schedule B, except for byproduct material combined within a device placed in use before May 3, 1999, or as otherwise permitted by the regulations in this part.



Is there any accountability of these devices?

Could the States be notified of these devices in their jurisdiction, or at the least, when one of these devices are approved?

How is the quantity of units likely to accumulate in the same disposal site determined?

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- (2) It is unlikely that the external radiation dose in any one year, or the committed dose resulting from the intake of radioactive material in any one year, to a suitable sample of the group of individuals expected to be most highly exposed to radiation or radioactive material from disposal of the quantities of units likely to accumulate in the same disposal site will exceed 10 μSv (1 mrem).



If your State registers and regulates X-ray tube XRF devices, what are your plans to handle questions regarding exempt XRF devices that do not have any regulatory requirements in the States any longer?




Applicability

- 10 CFR 32.30 is applicable to industrial devices containing byproduct material for use under 10 CFR 30.22 or equivalent Agreement State regulations.
 - 8 devices currently licensed
- The use of the term, “industrial devices,” is intended to preclude the distribution of products that may be routinely used in residences. Although an exemption from licensing is not limited to any certain category of user, the products to be approved for use under this exemption should be intended for marketing to such end users as commercial and industrial firms; research, educational, and medical institutions; and Federal, State, and local government agencies.
- For the exemption to apply, it is required that the device is unlikely to be routinely used by members of the general public in a nonoccupational environment.
- The license application and registration certificate reviewers should consider whether a product could potentially be marketed to consumers for home use even if the applicant indicates that it is intended for occupational use.

Device Safety Assessment

- To demonstrate that a product meets the applicable safety criteria, a dose assessment must be developed that essentially accounts for the product throughout its entire life cycle after being transferred from the specifically licensed manufacturer and/or distributor including its ultimate disposal.
- To adequately assess the potential doses that could result from transferring a product for use under a class exemption, it must be possible to anticipate how the product will ultimately be used and the likely conditions of use.
 - This must include routine conditions, as well as likely and unlikely accident and misuse scenarios.
 - NUREG-1717, “Systematic Radiological Assessment of Exemptions for Source and Byproduct Materials,” provides a wide range of dose assessment scenarios that applicants can adapt to fit the specific aspects of the device.



Possible Enhancements to the National Materials Program

- NRC can communicate on new exempt devices that are regulated under 10 CFR 32.30
- Provide documentation on dose assessment in SS&DR

Guidance Documents

- NUREG-1556, Volume 3, “Application for Sealed Source and Device Evaluation and Registration”
- NUREG-1556, Volume 8, “Program-Specific Guidance About Exempt Distribution Licenses”
- NUREG-1717, “Systematic Radiological Assessment of Exemptions for Source and Byproduct Materials”



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