

Hot Topics

Radiation protection team changes

- Head of Radiation Protection (Libby) – statutory roles and accreditations as RPA, RWA, LPA
- “Specialist Adviser in Radiation Protection” (with RPA accreditation if possible) – vacancy – being advertised (G8 +)
- Scientific Support post – vacancy – to be advertised soon (G7) (~0.7FTE?)
- QA technician (Tim) (~0.7FTE)
- Admin support (Emma)

Vacancies

- Scientific support post
 - Works across the team and provides support across all areas of RP e.g. dosimetry, monitor test, practical monitoring, data surveys, equipment and source checks, assistance with audits, workshops etc – good role for a developing RPA!
- Additional RPA post – we need someone with RP qualifications RPA/RWA/LPA
 - RPA2000 is the awarding body – <https://www.rpa2000.org.uk/>

Online training

- Users' courses:
 - X ray basic introductory course for low risk work – 45 minute online + test
 - NOT suitable for higher risk and open beam work
 - Designed for equipment sharing projects as a “gateway”
 - Practical training on use of equipment MUST also be provided within departments
 - Also a similar laser introductory course is available
 - Not yet available for unsealed sources
- RPS course (unsealed sources)
 - ~7 hours online lectures and videos + 1 day live workshops – new RPSs will be invited soon, and we may have spaces for re-attendance

Other training

- Practical training – use a checklist – ensure documented in enough detail and/or refer to itemised local rules and procedures
- Local refresher training as needed (e.g. stock records and forms!)
- Contingency plan rehearsals
- Information and awareness training for first aiders
 - include in rehearsals and/or train first aiders separately on specific risks/controls/reassurance as appropriate
 - bespoke and *appropriate* training
 - refer to section 9 of First Aid Handbook – new version?

Quick reminders...

- Dosimetry – please return on time!
- Monitors – test programme
- Annual returns – changes – U/Th and SS (and X ray in future!)
- Sealed source leak testing – at least every 2 years – contact us for help/advice
- Sub-permits and decommissioning
- Old stocks - U/Th and others
- Cooperation between employers

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