

Radiation Protection Update

RPS update March 2017

The next RPS update will be on the morning of Wednesday 29 March 2017. The programme will include an update on the likely changes to IRR referred to below, and lessons learned from a few recent contamination incidents.

Changes to the Ionising Radiation Regulations ("IRR18")

Further information will soon be available (expected to come into force in January 2018). A consultation exercise is planned by HSE early in 2017. There are likely to be significant changes regarding "licensing" of certain work (which may have implications as early as mid-2017).

Environmental Permitting Regulations 2016

The draft consolidated Environmental Permitting Regulations <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukdsi/2016/9780111150184/contents> have now been laid before Parliament and are expected to come into force 1 January 2017. The 2016 Regulations consolidate the 2010 Regulations and amendments (incorporating the exemption regime). There are no significant changes relating to radioactive substances regulation – simply a "tidying up exercise". Please update your documentation to refer to the "**Environmental Permitting Regulations 2016**" or "**EPR16**". We will be amending the Safety Office documentation from early next year.

A few practical points to note...

- There have been a few issues relating to deliveries of materials recently - please let me know if you've had any problems.
- Several departments have some spare radiation protection items (shields, trays etc.) and we are storing a small stock of these. In the spirit of recycling, please tell us if you have any good quality items for recycling, or if you need any.
- One Department wanted me to pass on that Isocount www.isocountuk.com provide very reasonable scintillation counter servicing.
- In addition to Perkin Elmer www.perkinelmer.co.uk, Hartmann Analytic will soon be added to the approved suppliers list www.hartmann-analytic.com. It's worth mentioning that they can provide bespoke quantities, therefore minimising waste.

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