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To: Licensees operating under reciprocity in Minnesota

From: Radioactive Materials Unit

Subject: Reciprocity Agreement Expiration Dates

Informational Notice 2014-02

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) is issuing this Information Notice (IN) alerting licensees operating under reciprocity in Minnesota to an upcoming change in the one-year interpretation for reciprocity.

Summary of the Issue:

MDH is currently undergoing rulemaking changes to Chapter 4731 for Radioactive Materials. Included in the rule revision is changing the reciprocity period listed under 4731.0355 from "in a one year period" to "in a calendar year." This change is necessary to be consistent with the language in Minnesota Statute 144.1205 Subd. 8 describing reciprocity as a calendar year. Reciprocity recognition will continue to allow work in Minnesota for 180 days within the calendar year and the fee will remain the same.

Beginning January 1, 2015, licensees requesting reciprocity in Minnesota will receive an expiration date as December 31 of that calendar year rather than individual expiration dates based on the issued date. For example, a reciprocity agreement issued on September 10, 2015 will expire on December 31, 2015.

For licensees with current reciprocity agreements expiring in 2015, the date of expiration will remain as indicated on the MDH letter received in 2014. However, if the licensee requests to work in Minnesota beyond the expiration date in 2015, a new reciprocity application and fee must be submitted for the remainder of 2015.

Recommended Action: No action is required.