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### ARKANSAS INFORMATION NOTICE 13-01

To: All Medical Accelerator Licensees

From: Bernard Bevill, Section Chief  
Radiation Control Section 

Date: February 1, 2013

Subject: Exemption granted regarding RH-1608.c.7.C.

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This Information Notice (IN) is to advise all medical accelerator licensees of an exemption granted regarding RH-1608.c.7.C. of the Arkansas State Board of Health Rules and Regulations for Control of Sources of Ionizing Radiation.

RH-1608.c.7.C states the following:

*Each radiation monitor must be equipped with an emergency power supply separate from the power supply to the therapy unit. This emergency power supply may be a battery system.*

A request for an exemption to this regulation was received from a medical accelerator licensee who indicated that when power is lost to the accelerator, radiation cannot be produced. It stated that without radiation being emitted, there would be nothing to monitor and hence no need for an emergency power supply to the radiation monitor required by RH-1608.c.7.A. to continuously monitor beam status.

This exemption request was taken before the Arkansas State Board of Health on Thursday, January 24, 2013. The exemption was granted for all Arkansas medical accelerator licensees.

**This exemption in no way alters requirements regarding remote afterloader units.**

This IN requires no specific action or written response. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Bernie Bevill, Radiation Control Section Chief, at (501) 661-2301.