



Directorate of Nuclear Substances Regulation

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Subject: Expectations for Qualification of Certified Exposure Device Operators

Dear Licensee:

The purpose of this letter is to clarify the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (CNSC) expectations regarding the qualifications of certified Exposure Device Operators (EDOs).

In 2009, the CSA Group, in collaboration with the CNSC, other government departments and representatives from the industrial radiography industry, undertook a review of the EDO certification program. A new program for the examination and certification of EDOs was developed that introduced expectations for all certified EDOs to maintain their competence. In accordance with this change, on February 1, 2013, the CNSC started issuing EDO certifications for a defined period. Cards issued thereafter include an expiry date after which the certification is no longer valid.

As you are aware, section 12 (1)(a) of the General Nuclear Safety and Control Regulations requires all licensees to “ensure the presence of a sufficient number of qualified workers to carry on the licensed activity safely”. In order to continue to be considered qualified to safely operate an exposure device, certified EDOs are expected to maintain their competence by completing continuing training and accumulating work experience related to the use of exposure devices. Expectations for maintaining an EDO certification are documented in the CSA Group document *Certified Exposure Device Operator Personnel Certification Guide*, CSA PCP-09, which was issued in March 2015.

Further to these developments, as of January 1, 2017, the CNSC will only consider a worker to be qualified to operate an exposure device if they have a valid EDO certification card i.e., issued on or after February 1, 2013 that has not expired. As a result, any EDO whose certification card either does not have an expiry date or whose certification card has expired will not be considered qualified to work as a certified EDO. They should therefore not be allowed to operate an exposure device unless they are working under the direct supervision of a certified EDO with a valid EDO certification card. This includes those persons authorized under the Atomic Energy Control Board as Qualified Operators (QO). Any person who is found operating an exposure device unsupervised and who does not possess a valid EDO certification card will be subject to regulatory action.

Any certified EDO or QO who does not have a certification card with an expiry date or whose EDO certification card has expired should send an application to the CNSC as soon as possible. For more information on the application process, please contact the CNSC at one of the following addresses.

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Web: <http://www.nuclearsafety.gc.ca/eng/nuclear-substances/exposure-device-operators/index.cfm>

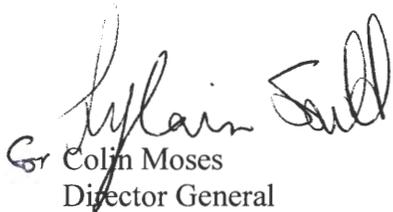
Email: CNSC.EDO-OAE.CCSN@canada.ca

Phone: 1-800-668-5284

For more information regarding this letter, please contact your licensing officer.

We recommend that you communicate this information to workers employed by your company who may be affected.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Colin Moses". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "C".

Colin Moses
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