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### PNRI INFORMATION NOTICE 2021-01

#### **PUBLICATION OF PNRI ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 02, SERIES OF 2020: AMENDMENT TO APPLICABLE CODE OF PNRI REGULATIONS (CPRs), CHANGING THE DESIGNATION OF A RADIATION SAFETY OFFICER (RSO)/RADIOLOGICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY OFFICER (RHSO) INTO A RADIATION PROTECTION OFFICER (RPO)**

#### **ADDRESSEES**

All PNRI radioactive material license holders.

#### **PURPOSE**

This Information Notice is issued to inform all PNRI licensees on the publication of PNRI Administrative Order (AO) No. 02, Series of 2020 in the Official Gazette Vol. 116 No. 46 on 16 November 2020. This PNRI AO entitled "Amendment to Applicable Code of PNRI Regulations (CPRs), Changing the Designation of a Radiation Safety Officer (RSO)/Radiological Health and Safety Officer (RHSO) into a Radiation Protection Officer (RPO)" was published to harmonize with the international best practice and in fulfillment of the signed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Department of Health - Food and Drug Administration (DOH - FDA) and Department of Science and Technology - Philippine Nuclear Research Institute (DOST - PNRI) on the joint harmonization which includes terminologies on the designation of Radiation Protection Officer (RPO).

#### **DESCRIPTION OF CIRCUMSTANCES**

The Philippine Nuclear Research Institute (PNRI) issued Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2015 adopting IAEA General Safety Requirements (GSR) Part 3 – Radiation Protection and Safety of Radiation Sources: International Basic Safety Standards which is the basis for the revision of CPR Part 3, "Standards for Protection Against Radiation".

The requirements on the designation of Radiation Safety Officer (RSO)/Radiological Health and Safety Officer (RHSO) and Assistant RSO/RHSO (ARSO/ARHSO) by all holders of PNRI license are provided in CPRs Part 3, "Standards for Protection Against Radiation"; Part 11, "Licenses for Industrial Radiography and Radiation Safety Requirements for Radiographic Operations"; Part 12, "Licenses for Medical Use of Sealed Radioactive Sources in Teletherapy"; Part 13, Licenses for Medical Use of Unsealed Radioactive



Material; Part 14, "Licenses for Medical Use of Radioactive Sources in Brachytherapy"; Part 15, "Licenses for Large Irradiators"; Part 16, Licenses for Licenses For The Use Of Radioactive Sources Contained In Industrial Devices; CPR Part 17, "Licenses for Commercial Sale and Distribution of Radioactive Materials and its Associated Devices"; Part 20, "Licenses to Manufacture and Dispense Radiopharmaceuticals"; Part 21, Licensing and Safety Requirements of Particle Accelerator Facilities for the Production of Radionuclide; Part 25, "Licenses for Commercial Providers of Nuclear Technical Services"; Part 26, "Security of Radioactive Sources"; and Part 27, "Security Requirements in the Transport of Radioactive Material".

To harmonize with the international best practice, the PNRI recognizes the need to amend the designation Radiation Safety Officer(RSO)/Radiological Health and Safety Officer(RHSO) into Radiation Protection Officer(RPO); and Assistant RSO/RHSO into Assistant RPO in all the regulations and other regulatory issuances. This led to the issuance of this Administrative Order.

## **DISCUSSION**

The PNRI Administrative Order No. 02, Series of 2020, "Amendment to Applicable Code of PNRI Regulations (CPRs), Changing the Designation of a Radiation Safety Officer (RSO)/Radiological Health and Safety Officer (RHSO) into a Radiation Protection Officer (RPO)" was published in the Official Gazette Vol. 116 No. 46 on 16 November 2020 and took effect fifteen (15) days thereafter. The provisions of this order are applicable to all addressees.

The PNRI AO is now available and can be downloaded from the PNRI website. ([www.pnri.dost.gov.ph](http://www.pnri.dost.gov.ph)).

## **REQUIRED LICENSEE RESPONSE**

The licensee is required to designate Radiation Protection Officer (RPO) in lieu of a Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) or Radiological Health and Safety Officer (RHSO) as provided under the said PNRI Administrative Order.

## **CONTACT**

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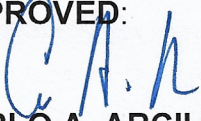
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