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**Subject:** Update: Healing Arts Radiation Protection Act

Good afternoon,

Thank-you for all your support and advice on the *Healing Arts and Radiation Protection Act* (HARPA) file. As noted in my previous email below from October 2021, as part of the Government's spring 2021 Red Tape Reduction package, the Ministry of Health committed to several actions coming out of our consultations with you this past summer. The objective of these targeted actions is to better enable the use of emerging technology while continuing to protect the safety of patients, workers and the public in the use of X-ray devices. I'm writing to confirm that all of these actions have been completed, including:

- Regulatory amendment to Reg. 543 on shielding design methods – **COMPLETE**
  - A proposed regulatory change was posted to the provincial regulatory registry in December 2021 and January 2022 to update the regulation to include an additional reference to more modern shielding design standards (NCRP 147) while maintaining the same dose limits.
  - These changes were recently **approved** by Cabinet and will be in effect as of July 1, 2022. The updated regulations can be found via the following link: [O. Reg. 87/22: X-RAY SAFETY CODE \(ontario.ca\)](#)
  - The ministry will be updating its guidance materials in advance of the effective date. Communication with stakeholders on the new guidance will occur in advance of the effective date (target April 2022).
- Streamline the CT designation process – **COMPLETE**
  - The ministry committed to updating and clarifying guidance to streamline the computerized tomography (CT) designation process for hospitals, create certainty for approval timelines, and eliminate unnecessary requirements.
  - The updated protocol was released on December 20, 2021. Ontario Health will be sharing the updated protocol with stakeholders shortly.
- Clarify the definitions surrounding “owner” and “operator” and the responsibility for demo devices – **COMPLETE**
  - The ministry committed to updating public-facing forms and pamphlets to clarify the definitions surrounding “owner” and “operator”, including a new guidance document to provide clarification regarding the responsibility of operating devices solely for demonstration purposes.
  - As of November 12, 2021, this updated guidance document is available upon request from the X-ray Inspection Service (contact [XRIS@ontario.ca](mailto:XRIS@ontario.ca))
- Clarify guidance for floor plan submission requirements for X-ray mobile devices – **COMPLETE**
  - The ministry also committed to clarifying and simplifying existing guidance documentation regarding floor plan submission requirements for mobile X-ray devices.

- As of November 10, 2021 this updated guidance document is available upon request from the X-ray Inspection Service (contact [XRIS@ontario.ca](mailto:XRIS@ontario.ca))

I'd like to thank you again for providing feedback during this process. Please let me know if you have any remaining questions or concerns. I also encourage you to share updated contact information for future engagement opportunities.

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