

# Hawaii Rad Health

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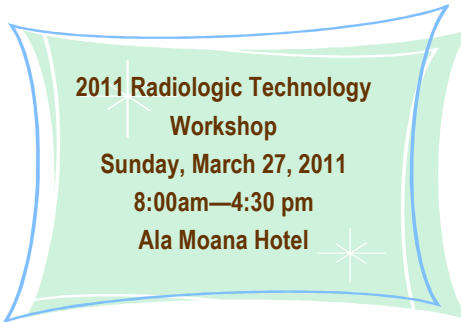
## 2011 Radiologic Technology Workshop

The Indoor and Radiological Health Branch will be sponsoring the *2011 Radiologic Technology Workshop* on Sunday, March 27, 2011 at the Ala Moana Hotel.

The program will include various topics in diagnostic imaging including Mammography. There will be at least seven pre-approved credits from the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) for participants.

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Speakers who have committed to this workshop include: Melissa Martin, MS, CMP; Lynne Fairbent, BS; Ronald Frick, MS, CHP, CMP; Philip Manly, MS, CHP, CMP; and John Pearce, MD.

Subjects include mammography, CT dose, QC in digital imaging, breast MRI, and recent regulation and legislation.

We hope that you will take advantage of this fortuitous opportunity to learn new information that will benefit both you and your profession. A registration form is included in this newsletter. Registration deadline is March 22, 2011. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Geoffrey Lau at (808) 586-4700.

## Facility and Service Licenses Expire Soon

Just a friendly reminder that Radiation Facility & Service Licenses (**except Dental and Veterinary Facilities**) expire on **March 31, 2011**.

Renewal Forms and the "Appendix to License" were mailed in January. Please note any changes on the renewal form, as needed. Sign, print your name and date the application form. Submit both the Appendix to License and Renewal form along with your payment. License fees are the same as in previous years. Please do not detach the appendix from the Renewal Form. This will allow us to apply the payment to the appropriate licensee.



If you have not yet received a renewal application form, please contact our office at (808) 586-4700.

*It is imperative that you renew on time*, as this saves administrative expenditures for our office. Thank you for your assistance.

***\*Please remember that the Radiation Facility License certificate is required to be posted in a location visible to all users of your facility.***

## Beware of Imposters



It has recently come to our attention that there have been a few individuals posing as Department of Health inspectors in order to gain access to personnel and facility records. Our Director’s office received a call from a dentist who became suspicious because the “caller” wanted to “inspect” their facility, but happened to call on a furlough day. This type of activity has occurred in the past with regards to restaurants and food establishments, but never for medical facilities.

We advise all facilities to check any person’s credentials prior to allowing them access to their facility or any records. Our staff will always be wearing their State IDs (as pictured left) when performing inspections. Should you have any questions or wish to verify an inspector’s credentials, please feel free to call our office at (808) 586-4700.

## Amendments to Licenses

Pursuant to Section 11-45-25 of Hawaii Administrative Rules, Chapter 11-45, Radiation Control, facility licensees are reminded that they must notify the Department in writing of any changes which would render the information contained in the license inaccurate.

A “Request for Amendment Form” must be submitted to our office if there are any changes to equipment information (i.e. replacement or addition/deletion of x-ray unit), facility location, mailing address, phone number, and/or responsible parties. Please do not wait until the license renewal period to update your information. The form may be downloaded and printed from our website:

<http://hawaii.gov/health/environmental/noise/radiationsection/radiationsection/pdf/radamend.pdf>

Be sure to complete all applicable sections of the amendment form. Enter all model numbers, serial numbers, and manufacture dates. X-ray unit information can normally be found labeled on the control panel. Please indicate whether it is an “Add” or “Delete”. The form should be signed and dated by a responsible individual authorized by the licensee.

Please be aware that removal and disposal of any x-ray units are subject to specific requirements. Units must be dismantled/disassembled by a Hawaii-licensed radiation service. Many units contain hazardous material which need to be disposed of in accordance with the regulations of the Department’s Solid and Hazardous Waste Branch. Please do not toss them in the dumpster or leave them for bulk pickup.

If you are unsure of the requirements or have any questions, please call the Radiation Section at (808) 586-4700. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

**Moving to a new office?**  
**Removing or adding an**  
**x-ray unit?**

## NRC Licenses for Radioactive Materials

Please be advised that the State of Hawaii is no longer licensing Naturally-occurring and Accelerator-produced Radioactive Materials (NARM). The Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is now the lead regulatory agency for ALL radioactive materials.

On August 8, 2009, the NRC waiver for NARM users in Hawaii expired. Any NARM users who did not already have a license with the NRC were required to file for licenses within a year of that date (August 8, 2010). Anyone who had a license with NRC was required to file for a license amendment before that date. Page 55882 of the Federal Register (Vol. 72, No. 189) gives the details for the transition plan and waiver termination. <http://nrc-stp.ornl.gov/narmtoolbox/finalnarmrule.pdf>

If you do not already have an NRC license or have not filed an amendment, you may be in violation of the regulations. Please contact the NRC for more information.

### U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Washington, DC 20555-0001

1-800-368-5642, 301-415-7000, TTD: 301-415-5575

<http://www.nrc.gov/>

## Upcoming Events

National Radiological Emergency Preparedness Conference, Inc  
21<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference  
April 18 – 21, 2011  
Orlando, FL  
[www.nationalrep.org](http://www.nationalrep.org)

ASTRO/RSNA/ASCO Cancer Imaging and Radiation Therapy Symposium and 3B Research Forum: Benchtop to Bedside and Back  
April 29 – May 2, 2011  
Atlanta, GA  
[www.astro.org](http://www.astro.org)

43<sup>rd</sup> Annual National Conference on Radiation Control  
May 16 – 23, 2011  
Austin, TX  
<http://www.crcpd.org/2011AnnualMeeting.aspx>

Health Physics Society  
56<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
June 26 – 30, 2011  
West Palm Beach, FL  
[www.hps.org](http://www.hps.org)



## The End of an Era

Our esteemed boss, Russell Takata, retired on Dec. 31, 2010 after 28+ years of service with the state. Russell has made a significant impact in promoting public health and radiation safety over his career. He has also served and chaired numerous committees for the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPD), of which he was made an honorary lifetime member.

Thank you, Russ, for your tireless effort and contributions! We wish you the best in your future endeavors.

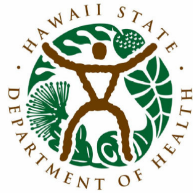
## Enforcement

A Notice and Finding of Violation and Order, No. 09-IRH-06, was issued to **John Magauran, M.D. dba Hawaii Ueno Medical Clinic** on June 29, 2009 for the following:

- ▶ Respondent failed to notify the Department of Health of a change to the physical location of the business, contrary to HAR, Section 11-45-25.
- ▶ Respondent abandoned the x-ray system, Gendex GX-525 (S/N: HY0160-0995) located at 1777 Ala Moana Boulevard, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96815, contrary to HAR, Section 11-45-62(b).

The Order specified a penalty in the amount of \$2,000. **The unit has been properly disposed of and the case has been settled.**

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