

WAC 246-233-012 General license for certain items and self-luminous products containing radium-226. (1) A general license shall be issued to any person to acquire, receive, possess, use, or transfer, in accordance with the provisions of subsections (2), (3), and (4) of this section, radium-226 contained in:

(a) Antiquities originally intended for use by the general public. For the purposes of this subsection, antiquities mean products originally intended for use by the general public and distributed in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, such as radium emanator jars, revigators, radium water jars, radon generators, refrigerator cards, radium bath salts, and healing pads.

(b) Intact timepieces containing greater than 0.037 megabecquerel (1 microcurie), nonintact timepieces, and timepiece hands and dials no longer installed in timepieces.

(c) Luminous items installed in air, marine, or land vehicles.

(d) All other luminous products, provided that no more than one hundred items are used or stored at the same location at any one time.

(e) Small radium sources containing no more than 0.037 megabecquerel (1 microcurie) of radium-226. For the purposes of this subsection, "small radium sources" means discrete survey instrument check sources, sources contained in radiation measuring instruments, sources used in educational demonstrations (such as cloud chambers and spinthariscopes), electron tubes, lightning rods, ionization sources, static eliminators, or as designated by the department.

(2) Persons who acquire, receive, possess, use, or transfer radioactive material under the general license issued in subsection (1) of this section are exempt from the provisions of chapters 246-221 and 246-222 WAC to the extent that such receipt, possession, use, or transfer is within the terms of such general license. This exemption shall not apply to any person who is also in possession of radioactive material under a specific license issued under chapter 246-235 WAC.

(3) Any person who acquires, receives, possesses, uses, or transfers radioactive material in accordance with the general license in subsection (1) of this section:

(a) Shall notify the department should there be any indication of possible damage to the product so that it appears it could result in a loss of the radioactive material. A report containing a brief description of the event, and the remedial action taken, must be furnished to the department within thirty days.

(b) Shall not abandon products containing radium-226. The product, and any radioactive material from the product, may only be transferred or disposed in accordance with chapter 246-232 WAC, or as otherwise approved by the department.

(c) Shall not export products containing radium-226 except in accordance with chapter 246-231 WAC.

(d) Shall dispose of products containing radium-226 at a disposal facility authorized to dispose of radioactive material in accordance with any federal or state solid or hazardous waste law, including the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as authorized under the Energy Policy Act of 2005, by transfer to a person authorized to receive radium-226 by a specific license issued under chapter 246-235 WAC, or equivalent regulations of an agreement state, or as otherwise approved by the NRC.

(e) Shall respond to written requests from the department to provide information relating to the general license within thirty calendar days of the date of the request, or other time specified in the request. If the general licensee cannot provide the requested information within the allotted time, it shall, within that same time period,

request a longer period to supply the information by providing a written justification for the request.

(4) The general license in subsection (1) of this section does not authorize the manufacture, assembly, disassembly, repair, or import of products containing radium-226, except that timepieces may be disassembled and repaired.

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