

8-HOUR NORM/TENORM RADIATION SAFETY OFFICER REFRESHER (SURVEYOR FOCUS) COURSE OUTLINE

Section 1.0 OIL AND GAS NORM/TENORM

- 1.1 Natural Background
- 1.2 Artificial Radiation Sources
- 1.3 Natural Background Radiation
- 1.4 NORM vs TENORM
- 1.5 Petroleum and Natural Gas Condensate
- 1.6 Oil and Gas Phases
- 1.7 Levels of Training

Section 2.0 RADIATION & HAZARDS

- 2.1 Matter and Energy
- 2.2 The Nucleus
- 2.3 Isotopes and Nuclides
- 2.4 Electrons
- 2.5 Non-ionizing Radiation
- 2.6 Ionizing Radiation
- 2.7 Half-Life
- 2.8 NORM/TENORM Radionuclides
- 2.9 NORM/TENORM vs. H₂S
- 2.10 Characteristics
- 2.11 ALARA Principle
- 2.12 Exposure Reducing Tools
- 2.13 Acute and Chronic Doses
- 2.14 Hazards
- 2.15 Comparable Risks
- 2.16 Gamma Rays
- 2.17 Beta Particles
- 2.18 Alpha Particles

Section 3.0 UNITS & STATE LIMITS

- 3.1 Radiation Units
- 3.2 Roentgen
- 3.3 REM
- 3.4 RAD
- 3.5 Curie
- 3.6 CPM
- 3.7 DPM
- 3.8 Prefixes
- 3.9 Federal NORM/TENORM Limits
- 3.10 NORM/TENORM Regulating State Agencies
- 3.11 General Licensee vs. Specific Licensee
- 3.12 Gamma Exposure Exemption Limits
- 3.13 Surface Contamination Exemption Limits
- 3.14 Waste and Soil Exemption Limits
- 3.15 Storage Time Limits



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- 3.16 Crude Oil, Natural Gas and Produced Water Exemptions
- 3.17 Surveyor Training

*Courses taught outside of Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Texas, and West Virginia will discuss any applicable draft rules, guides, or the CRCPD Part N as relevant alternatives.

Section 4.0 DETECTION & SURVEYS

- 4.1 General Radiation Instruments
- 4.2 Calibration
- 4.3 Check Sources and Response Checks
- 4.4 Scintillation Probes
- 4.5 Geiger-Mueller (GM, Pancake) Probes
- 4.6 Personal Monitoring Devices
- 4.7 Analyzing Gamma Rays in a Gamma Spectroscopy
- 4.8 Air Monitors
- 4.9 Common Complications
- 4.10 Background Radiation Surveys
- 4.11 Confirmatory Surveys
- 4.12 Rental Equipment Surveys
- 4.13 Pre-Maintenance Surveys
- 4.14 Post-Maintenance Surveys
- 4.15 Grid Surveys/Land Surveys
- 4.16 Surveying Scrap metal
- 4.17 Fixed Surface Contamination Surveys
- 4.18 Loose/Removable Contamination Surveys
- 4.19 Contamination on a Person/Frisks
- 4.20 Release Surveys

Section 5.0 FIELD PRACTICES

- 5.1 Basic Steps for Performing a Survey
- 5.2 Performing Surveys on Equipment for Gamma Radiation
- 5.3 Performing Average and Max Surface Contamination Surveys
- 5.4 Performing Removable Surface Contamination Surveys
- 5.5 Performing Grid Surveys
- 5.6 Performing Surveys on Scrap Metal for Recycling
- 5.7 Survey Documentation
- 5.8 Sampling
- 5.9 Shipping NORM/TENORM Samples
- 5.10 Equipment Marking/Labeling
- 5.11 Maintenance vs. Decontamination
- 5.12 PPE
- 5.13 Respirators
- 5.14 Restricted Areas
- 5.15 Shipping NORM/TENORM Loads
- 5.16 Releases





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REGULATIONS & GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS

CRCPD Part N
Arkansas ADH RH 6010
Louisiana: LAC 33:XV 14
Mississippi: MSDH 15:21.78.1.11
New Mexico: 20 NMAC 3.1 Subpart 14
North Dakota: NDAC 33-10-23
Ohio: OAC 3701:1-43-11
Texas: 25 TAC §289.259
West Virginia: 64 CSR 23
LDEQ NORM Manifest
Implementation Manual for Management of NORM in Louisiana

WRITTEN EXAM AND PRACTICAL SURVEY EXERCISE

