10A NCAC 15 .1627  PROCEDURES FOR RECEIVING AND OPENING PACKAGES

(a) Each licensee who expects to receive a package containing quantities of radioactive material in excess of a Type A quantity, as defined in Rule .0104 of this Chapter, shall make arrangements to receive:
   (1) the package when the carrier offers it for delivery; or
   (2) notification of the arrival of the package at the carrier's terminal and to take possession of the package expeditiously.

(b) Each licensee, upon receipt of a package containing radioactive material, shall monitor:
   (1) external surfaces of a package labeled as containing radioactive material for radioactive contamination unless the package contains only radioactive material in the form of a gas or in special form as defined in 10 C.F.R 71.4;
   (2) external surfaces of a package labeled as containing radioactive material for radiation levels unless the package contains quantities of radioactive material that are less than or equal to the Type A quantity, as defined in 10 C.F.R 71.4 and Appendix A to Part 71; and
   (3) all packages known to contain radioactive material for radioactive contamination and radiation levels if there is evidence of degradation of package integrity, such as packages that are crushed, wet, or damaged.

(c) The licensee shall perform the monitoring required by Paragraph (b) of this Rule as soon as practicable after receipt of the package, but not later than three hours after the package is received at the licensee's facility if it is received during the licensee's normal working hours, or not later than three hours from the beginning of the next working day if it is received after working hours.

(d) The licensee shall immediately notify the final delivery carrier and, by telephone and telegram, mailgram, or facsimile, the agency when:
   (1) removable radioactive surface contamination exceeds the limits of 10 CFR 71.87(i); or
   (2) external radiation levels exceed the limits of 10 CFR 71.47.

(e) Each licensee shall:
   (1) establish, maintain, and retain written procedures for safely opening packages in which radioactive material is received; and
   (2) ensure that the procedures are followed and that due consideration is given to special instructions for the type of package being opened.

(f) Licensees transferring special form sources in licensee-owned or licensee-operated vehicles to and from a work site are exempt from the contamination monitoring requirements of Paragraph (b) of this Rule, but are not exempt from the survey requirement in Paragraph (b) of this Rule for measuring radiation levels that is required to ensure that the source is still properly lodged in its shield.

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