

641—45.6 (136C) Radiation safety requirements for well-logging, wireline service operations and subsurface tracer studies.

45.6(1) Purpose. This rule establishes radiation safety requirements for using sources of radiation for wireline service operations including mineral-logging, radioactive markers, and subsurface tracer studies. The requirements of this rule are in addition to, and not in substitution for, the requirements of 641—Chapters 38, 39, and 40. The requirements of 641—45.1(136C) to 641—45.5(136C) do not apply.

45.6(2) Scope. This rule applies to all licensees or registrants who use sources of radiation for wireline service operations including mineral-logging, radioactive markers, or subsurface tracer studies.

45.6(3) Definitions. For the purpose of this subrule, the definitions of 641—Chapter 38 may also apply. As used in this rule, the following definitions apply:

“Energy compensation source (ECS)” means a small sealed source, with an activity not exceeding 3.7 MBq (100 microcuries), used within a logging tool, or other tool components, to provide a reference standard to maintain the tool’s calibration when in use.

“Fresh water aquifer” means a geologic formation that is capable of yielding fresh water to a well or spring.

“Injection tool” means a device used for controlled subsurface injection of radioactive tracer material.

“Logging assistant” means any individual who, under the direct supervision of a logging supervisor, handles sealed sources or tracers that are not in logging tools or shipping containers or who performs surveys required by 45.6(22).

“Logging supervisor” means the individual who uses licensed material or provides direct supervision in the use of licensed material at a temporary job site and who is responsible to the licensee for ensuring compliance with the requirements of these rules and the conditions of the license.

“Logging tool” means a device used subsurface to perform well-logging.

“Personal supervision” means guidance and instruction by the logging supervisor who is physically present at the temporary job site, who is in personal contact with logging assistants, and who can give immediate assistance.

“Radioactive marker” means licensed material used for depth determination or direction orientation. For purposes of this rule, this term includes radioactive collar markers and radioactive iron nails.

“Safety review” means a periodic review on radiation safety aspects of well-logging provided by the licensee for its employees. The review may include, as appropriate, the results of internal inspections, new procedures or equipment, accidents or errors that have been observed, and opportunities for employees to ask safety questions.

“Source holder” means a housing or assembly into which a sealed source is placed to facilitate the handling and use of the source in well-logging operations.

“Subsurface tracer study” means the release of unsealed licensed material or a substance labeled with licensed material in a single well for the purpose of tracing the movement or position of the material or substance in the well or adjacent formation.

“*Surface casing*” for protecting fresh water aquifers means a pipe or tube used as a lining in a well to isolate fresh water aquifers from the well.

“*Temporary job site*” means a place where licensed materials are present for the purpose of performing well-logging or subsurface tracer studies.

“*Tritium neutron generator target source*” means a tritium source used within a neutron generator tube to produce neutrons for use in well-logging applications.

“*Uranium sinker bar*” means a weight containing depleted uranium used to pull a logging tool down toward the bottom of a well.

“*Well*” means a drilled hole in which well-logging may be performed. As used in this rule, “well” includes drilled holes for the purpose of oil, gas, mineral, groundwater, or geological exploration.

“*Well-logging*” means all operations involving the lowering and raising of measuring devices or tools which may contain licensed material or are used to detect licensed materials in wells for the purpose of obtaining information about the well or adjacent formations and which may be used in oil, gas, mineral, groundwater, or geological exploration.

“*Wireline*” means a cable containing one or more electrical conductors which is used to lower and raise logging tools in the well-bore.

“*Wireline service operation*” means any evaluation or mechanical service which is performed in the well-bore using devices on a wireline.

45.6(4) Agreement with well owner or operator.

a. A licensee may perform well-logging with a sealed source only after the licensee has a written agreement with the employing well owner or operator. This written agreement must identify who will meet the following requirements:

- (1) If a sealed source becomes lodged in the well, a reasonable effort will be made to recover it;
- (2) A person may not attempt to recover a sealed source in a manner which, in the licensee’s opinion, could result in its rupture;
- (3) The radiation monitoring required in 45.6(8) and 45.6(17) will be performed;
- (4) If the environment, any equipment, or personnel are contaminated with licensed material, they must be decontaminated before release from the site or release for unrestricted use; and
- (5) If the sealed source is classified as irretrievable after reasonable efforts at recovery have been expended, the following requirements must be implemented within 30 days:

1. Each irretrievable well-logging source must be immobilized and sealed in place with a cement plug;

2. There must be a means to prevent inadvertent intrusion on the source, unless the source is not accessible to any subsequent drilling operations; and

3. A permanent identification plaque, constructed of long-lasting material, such as stainless steel, brass, bronze, or Monel, must be mounted at the surface of the well, unless the mounting of the plaque is not practical. The size of the plaque must be at least 17 cm (7 inches) square and 3 mm (1/8-inch) thick. The plaque must contain:

- The word “Caution”;
- The radiation symbol (the color requirement in 641— 40.60(136C) need not be met);
- The date the source was abandoned;
- The name of the well owner or well operator, as appropriate;
- The well name and well identification number(s) or other designation;
- An identification of the sealed source(s) by radionuclide and quantity;

- The depth of the source and depth to the top of the plug; and
- An appropriate warning such as, “Do not reenter this well.”

b. The licensee shall retain a copy of the written agreement for three years after the completion of the well-logging operation.

c. A licensee may apply, pursuant to 641—38.3(136C), for agency approval, on a case-by-case basis, of proposed procedures to abandon an irretrievable well-logging source in a manner not otherwise authorized in 45.6(26) “a”(5).

d. A written agreement between the licensee and the well owner or operator is not required if the licensee and the well owner or operator are part of the same corporate structure or otherwise similarly affiliated. However, the licensee shall still otherwise meet the requirements in 45.6(26) “a”(1) through (5).

45.6(5) *Limits on levels of radiation.* Sources of radiation shall be used, stored, and transported in such a manner that the transportation requirements of 641—39.5(136C) and the dose limitation requirements of 641—Chapter 40 are met.

45.6(6) *Storage precautions.*

a. Each source of radiation shall be provided with a storage or transport container. The container shall be provided with a lock, or tamper seal for calibration sources, to prevent unauthorized removal of, or exposure to, the source of radiation.

b. Sources of radiation shall be stored in a manner which will minimize danger from explosion or fire.

45.6(7) *Transport precautions.* Transport containers shall be physically secured to the transporting vehicle to prevent accidental loss, tampering, or unauthorized removal.

45.6(8) *Radiation survey instruments.*

a. The licensee or registrant shall maintain sufficient calibrated and operable radiation survey instruments at each field station to make physical radiation surveys as required by this subrule and by 641—40.36(136C). Instrumentation shall be capable of measuring 0.1 milliroentgen (25.8 nanocoulombs/kg) per hour through at least 50 milliroentgens (12.9 microcoulombs/kg) per hour.

b. Each radiation survey instrument shall be calibrated:

- (1) At intervals not to exceed six months and after each instrument servicing;
- (2) For linear scale instruments, at two points located approximately 1/3 and 2/3 of full-scale on each scale; for logarithmic scale instruments, at midrange of each decade, and at two points of at least one decade; and for digital instruments, at appropriate points; and
- (3) So that accuracy within 20 percent of the true radiation level can be demonstrated on each scale.

c. Calibration records shall be maintained for a period of two years for inspection by the agency.

45.6(9) *Leak testing of sealed sources.*

a. Testing and record-keeping requirements. Each licensee using sealed sources of radioactive material shall have the sources tested for leakage periodically. Records of leak test results shall be kept in units of microcuries (Bq) and maintained for three years after the leak test is performed.

b. Method of testing. Tests for leakage shall be performed only by persons specifically authorized to perform such tests by the NRC, an agreement state, or a licensing state. The wipe of a sealed source must be performed using a leak test kit or method approved by the NRC, an agreement state, or a licensing state. The wipe sample must be taken from the nearest assessable point to the sealed source where contamination might accumulate. The test sample shall be analyzed for radioactive contamination, and the analysis shall be capable of detecting the presence of 0.005 microcurie (185 Bq) of radioactive material on the test sample.

c. Interval of testing.

(1) Each sealed source of radioactive material (except an energy compensation source (ECS)) shall be tested at intervals not to exceed six months. In the absence of a certificate from a transferor indicating

that a test has been made six months prior to the transfer, the sealed source shall not be put into use until tested. If, for any reason, it is suspected that a sealed source may be leaking, it shall be removed from service immediately and tested for leakage as soon as practical.

(2) Each ECS that is not exempt from testing in accordance with 45.6(9) "c"(1) must be tested at intervals not to exceed three years. In the absence of a certificate from a transferor that a test has been made within the three years before the transfer, the ECS may not be used until tested.

d. Leaking or contaminated sources.

(1) If the test in 45.6(9) "c" reveals the presence of 0.005 microcurie (185 Bq) or more of removable radioactive material, the licensee shall immediately withdraw the source from use and shall cause it to be decontaminated, repaired, or disposed of by an NRC, agreement state, or licensing state licensee that is authorized to perform these functions. The licensee shall check the equipment associated with the leaking source for radioactive contamination and, if contaminated, have it decontaminated or disposed of by an NRC, agreement state, or licensing state licensee that is authorized to perform these functions.

(2) A report describing the equipment involved, the test results, any contamination which resulted from the leaking source, and the corrective action taken up to the time of the report shall be filed with the agency within five days of receiving the test results.

e. Exemptions. The following sources are exempted from the periodic leak test requirements of 45.6(9) "a" to "d":

- (1) Hydrogen-3 (tritium) sources;
- (2) Sources of radioactive material with a half-life of 30 days or less;
- (3) Sealed sources of radioactive material in gaseous form;
- (4) Sources of beta- or gamma-emitting radioactive material with an activity of 100 microcuries (3.7 MBq) or less; and
- (5) Sources of alpha- or neutron-emitting radioactive material with an activity of 10 microcuries (0.370 MBq) or less.

45.6(10) Quarterly inventory. Each licensee or registrant shall conduct a quarterly physical inventory to account for all sources of radiation. Records of inventories shall be maintained for two years from the date of the inventory for inspection by the agency and shall include the quantities and kinds of sources of radiation, the location where sources of radiation are assigned, the date of the inventory, and the name of the individual conducting the inventory.

45.6(11) Utilization records. Each licensee or registrant shall maintain current records, which shall be kept available for inspection by the agency for two years from the date of the recorded event, showing the following information for each source of radiation:

- a.* Make, model number, and a serial number or a description of each source of radiation used;
- b.* The identity of the well-logging supervisor or field unit to whom assigned;
- c.* Locations where used and dates of use; and
- d.* In the case of tracer materials and radioactive markers, the utilization record shall indicate the radionuclide and activity used in a particular well.

45.6(12) Design, performance, and certification criteria for sealed sources used in well-logging operations.

- a.* A licensee may use a sealed source for use in well-logging applications if:
 - (1) The sealed source is doubly encapsulated construction;
 - (2) The sealed source contains chemical and physical forms that are as insoluble and nondispersible as practical; and
 - (3) The sealed source meets the requirements of 45.6(12) "b," "c," and "d."

b. For a sealed source manufactured on or before July 14, 1989, a licensee may use the sealed source for use in well-logging applications if it meets the requirements of USASI N5.10-1968, "Classification of Sealed Radioactive Sources," or the requirements in 45.6(12) "c" or "d."

c. For a sealed source manufactured after July 14, 1989, a licensee may use the sealed source for well-logging applications if it meets the oil-well-logging requirements of ANSI/HPS N43.6-1997, "Sealed Radioactive Sources—Classification."

d. For a sealed source manufactured after July 14, 1989, a licensee may use the sealed source for use in well-logging applications if the sealed source's prototype has been tested and found to maintain its integrity after each of the following tests.

(1) Temperature. The test source must be held at -40 degrees C for 20 minutes, 600 degrees C for one hour, and then be subject to a thermal shock test with a temperature drop from 600 degrees C within 15 seconds.

(2) Impact test. A 5 kg steel hammer, 2.5 cm in diameter, must be dropped from a height of 1 m onto the test source.

(3) Vibration test. The test source must be subject to a vibration from 25 Hz to 500 Hz at 5 g amplitude for 30 minutes.

(4) Puncture test. A one gram hammer and pin, 0.3 cm pin diameter, must be dropped from a height of 1 m onto the test source.

(5) Pressure test. The test source must be subject to an external pressure of 1.695×10^7 pascals (24,600 pounds per square inch absolute).

e. The requirements in 45.6(12) "*a*," "*b*," "*c*," and "*d*" do not apply to sealed sources that contain licensed material in gaseous form.

f. The requirements of 45.6(12) "*a*," "*b*," "*c*," and "*d*" do not apply to energy compensation sources (ECS). ECSs must be registered with the NRC, licensing state, or agreement state.

45.6(13) *Labeling.*

a. Each source, source holder, or logging tool containing radioactive material shall bear a durable, legible, and clearly visible marking or label, which has, as a minimum, the standard radiation caution symbol, without the conventional color requirement, and the following wording:

DANGER ¹
RADIOACTIVE

This labeling shall be on the smallest component transported as a separate piece of equipment.

b. Each transport container shall have permanently attached to it a durable, legible, and clearly visible label which has, as a minimum, the standard radiation caution symbol and the following wording:

DANGER ¹
RADIOACTIVE
NOTIFY CIVIL AUTHORITIES
[OR NAME OF COMPANY]

45.6(14) *Inspection and maintenance.*

a. Each licensee or registrant shall conduct, at intervals not to exceed six months, a program of inspection and maintenance of source holders, logging tools, source handling tools, storage containers, transport containers, and injection tools to ensure proper labeling and physical condition. Records of inspection and maintenance shall be maintained for a period of two years for inspection by the agency.

b. If any inspection conducted pursuant to 45.6(14) “*a*” reveals damage to labeling or components critical to radiation safety, the device shall be removed from service until repairs have been made.

c. If a sealed source is stuck in the source holder, the licensee shall not perform any operation, such as drilling, cutting, or chiseling, on the source holder unless the licensee is specifically approved by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, an agreement state, or a licensing state to perform this operation.

d. The repair, opening, or modification of any sealed source shall be performed only by persons specifically authorized to do so by the agency, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, an agreement state, or a licensing state.

45.6(15) *Training requirements.*

a. No licensee or registrant shall permit any individual to act as a logging supervisor as defined in this rule until such individual has:

(1) Received, in a course recognized by the agency, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, an agreement state, or a licensing state, instruction in the subjects outlined in Appendix E of this chapter and demonstrated an understanding thereof;

(2) Read and received instruction in the rules contained in this chapter and the applicable sections of 641—Chapters 38, 39, and 40 or their equivalent, conditions of appropriate license or certificate of registration, and the licensee’s or registrant’s operating and emergency procedures, and demonstrated an understanding thereof; and

(3) Demonstrated competence to use sources of radiation, related handling tools, and radiation survey instruments which will be used on the job.

b. No licensee or registrant shall permit any individual to assist in the handling of sources of radiation until such individual has:

(1) Read or received instruction in the licensee’s or registrant’s operating and emergency procedures and demonstrated an understanding thereof; and

(2) Demonstrated competence to use, under the direct supervision of the logging supervisor, the sources of radiation, related handling tools, and radiation survey instruments which will be used on the job.

c. The licensee or registrant shall maintain employee training records for inspection by the agency for two years following termination of the individual’s employment.

45.6(16) *Operating and emergency procedures.* Each licensee or registrant shall develop and follow written operating and emergency procedures that cover:

a. The handling and use of sources of radiation, including the use of sealed sources in wells without surface casing for protecting fresh water aquifers, if appropriate;

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b. The use of remote handling tools for handling sealed sources and radioactive tracer material except low-activity calibration sources;

c. Methods and occasions for conducting radiation surveys, including surveys for detecting contamination, as required by 45.6(22);

d. Minimizing personnel exposure, including exposures from inhalation and ingestion of licensed tracer materials;

e. Methods and occasions for locking and securing stored licensed or registered materials;

f. Personnel monitoring and the use of personnel monitoring equipment;

g. Transportation of licensed or registered materials to field stations or temporary job sites, packaging of licensed or registered materials for transport in vehicles, placarding of vehicles when needed, and physically securing licensed materials in transport vehicles during transportation to prevent accidental loss, tampering, or unauthorized removal;

h. Picking up, receiving, and opening packages containing licensed or registered materials, in accordance with 641—40.65(136C);

i. For the use of tracers, decontamination of the environment, equipment, and personnel;

j. Maintenance of records generated by well logging personnel at temporary job sites;

k. The inspection and maintenance of sealed sources, source holders, logging tools, injection tools, source handling tools, storage containers, transport containers, and uranium sinker bars as required by 45.6(14);

l. Identifying and reporting defects and noncompliance;

m. Actions to be taken if a sealed source is lodged in a well;

n. Notifying proper persons in the event of an accident; and

o. Actions to be taken if a sealed source is ruptured that include actions to prevent the spread of contamination and minimize inhalation and ingestion of licensed materials and actions to obtain suitable radiation survey instruments as required in 45.6(8).

45.6(17) *Personnel monitoring.*

a. No licensee or registrant shall permit any individual to act as a logging supervisor or to assist in the handling of sources of radiation unless each such individual wears, at all times during the handling of licensed radioactive materials, a film badge, OSL device or thermoluminescent dosimeter (TLD) that is processed and evaluated by an accredited National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP). Each film badge, OSL device or TLD shall be assigned to and worn by only one individual. Film badges must be replaced at least monthly and OSL devices and TLDs replaced at least quarterly. After replacement, each film badge, OSL device or TLD must be promptly processed.

b. The licensee shall provide bioassay services to individuals using licensed materials in subsurface tracer studies if required by the license.

c. Personnel monitoring records and bioassay results shall be maintained for inspection until the agency authorizes disposition.

45.6(18) *Security.* During each logging or tracer application, the logging supervisor or other designated employee shall maintain direct surveillance of the operation to protect against unauthorized or unnecessary entry into a restricted area, as defined in 641—Chapter 38.

45.6(19) *Handling tools.* The licensee shall provide and require the use of tools that will ensure remote handling of sealed sources other than low activity calibration sources.

45.6(20) *Subsurface tracer studies.*

a. Protective gloves and other appropriate protective clothing and equipment shall be used by all personnel handling radioactive tracer material. Precautions shall be taken to avoid ingestion or inhalation of radioactive material.

b. No licensee shall cause the injection of radioactive material into potable aquifers without prior written authorization from the agency and any other appropriate state agency.

45.6(21) Particle accelerators. No licensee or registrant shall permit aboveground testing of particle accelerators, designed for use in well-logging, which results in the production of radiation, except in areas or facilities so controlled or shielded that the requirements of 641—40.15(136C) and 641—40.26(136C), as applicable, are met.

45.6(22) Radiation surveys.

a. Radiation surveys or calculations shall be made and recorded for each area where radioactive materials are used and stored.

b. Radiation surveys shall be made and recorded for the radiation levels in occupied positions and on the exterior of each vehicle used to transport radioactive material. Such surveys shall include each source of radiation or combination of sources to be transported in the vehicle.

c. If the sealed source assembly is removed from the logging tool before departing the job site, the logging tool detector shall be energized, or a survey meter used, to ensure that the logging tool is free of contamination.

d. Radiation surveys shall be made and recorded at the job site or wellhead for each tracer operation, except those using hydrogen-3, carbon-14, and sulfur-35. These surveys shall include measurements of radiation levels before and after the operation.

e. Records required pursuant to 45.6(22)“a” to “d” shall include the dates, the identification of individual(s) making the survey, the identification of survey instrument(s) used, and an exact description of the location of the survey. Records of these surveys shall be maintained for inspection by the agency for two years after completion of the survey.

45.6(23) Documents and records required at field stations. Each licensee or registrant shall maintain, for inspection by the agency, the following documents and records for the specific devices and sources used at the field station:

- a. Appropriate license, certificate of registration, or equivalent document(s);
- b. Operating and emergency procedures;
- c. Applicable regulations;
- d. Records of the latest survey instrument calibrations pursuant to 45.6(8);
- e. Records of the latest leak test results pursuant to 45.6(9);
- f. Records of quarterly inventories required pursuant to 45.6(10);
- g. Utilization records required pursuant to 45.6(11);
- h. Records of inspection and maintenance required pursuant to 45.6(14);
- i. Survey records required pursuant to 45.6(22); and
- j. Training records required pursuant to 45.6(15).

45.6(24) Documents and records required at temporary job sites. Each licensee or registrant conducting operations at a temporary job site shall have the following documents and records available at that site for inspection by the agency:

- a. Operating and emergency procedures;
- b. Survey records required pursuant to 45.6(22) for the period of operation at the site;
- c. Evidence of current calibration for the radiation survey instruments in use at the site;
- d. When operating in the state under reciprocity, a copy of the appropriate license, certificate of registration, or equivalent document(s); and
- e. Shipping papers for the transportation of radioactive material.

45.6(25) Notification of incidents, abandonment, and lost sources.

a. Notification of incidents and sources lost in other than downhole logging operations shall be made in accordance with appropriate provisions of 641—Chapter 40.

b. Whenever a sealed source or device containing radioactive material is lodged downhole, the licensee shall:

(1) Monitor at the surface for the presence of radioactive contamination with a radiation survey instrument or logging tool during logging tool recovery operations; and

(2) Notify the agency immediately by telephone and subsequently, within 30 days, by confirmatory letter if the licensee knows or has reason to believe that a sealed source has been ruptured. This letter shall identify the well or other location, describe the magnitude and extent of the escape of radioactive material, assess the consequences of the rupture, and explain efforts planned or being taken to mitigate these consequences.

c. When it becomes apparent that efforts to recover the radioactive source will not be successful, the licensee shall:

(1) Advise the well operator of the regulations of the appropriate state agency regarding abandonment and an appropriate method of abandonment, which shall include:

1. The immobilization and sealing in place of the radioactive source with a cement plug;
2. The setting of a whipstock or other deflection device; and
3. The mounting of a permanent identification plaque at the surface of the well, containing the appropriate information required by 45.6(25) "d."

(2) Notify the agency by telephone, giving the circumstances of the loss, and request approval of the proposed abandonment procedures, or specify the implemented abandonment before receiving approval because the licensee believed there was an immediate threat to public health and safety; and

(3) File a written report with the agency within 30 days of the abandonment. The licensee shall send a copy of the report to the appropriate state agency that issued permits or otherwise approved of the drilling operation. The report shall contain the following information:

1. Date of occurrence;
2. A description of the well-logging source involved, including the radionuclide and its quantity, chemical, and physical form;
3. Surface location and identification of the well;
4. Results of efforts to immobilize and seal the source in place;
5. A brief description of the attempted recovery effort;
6. Depth of the source;
7. Depth of the top of the cement plug;
8. Depth of the well;
9. The immediate threat to public health and safety justification for implementing abandonment if prior approval was not obtained in accordance with 45.6(25) "c"(2);
10. Any other information, such as a warning statement, contained on the permanent identification plaque; and
11. The names of state agencies receiving a copy of this report.

d. Whenever a sealed source containing radioactive material is abandoned downhole, the licensee shall provide a permanent plaque ² for posting the well or well-bore. This plaque shall:

(1) Be constructed of long-lasting material, such as stainless steel or Monel; and

(2) Contain the following information engraved on its face:

1. The word "CAUTION";
2. The radiation symbol without the conventional color requirement;
3. The date of abandonment;
4. The name of the well operator or well owner;
5. The well name and well identification number(s) or other designation;
6. The sealed source(s) by radionuclide and activity;
7. The source depth and the depth to the top of the plug; and
8. An appropriate warning, depending on the specific circumstances of each abandonment. ³

e. The licensee shall immediately notify the agency by telephone and subsequently by confirming letter if the licensee knows or has reason to believe that radioactive material has been lost in or to an underground potable aquifer. Such notice shall designate the well location and shall describe the magnitude and extent of loss of radioactive material, assess the consequences of such loss, and explain efforts planned or being taken to mitigate these consequences.

45.6(26) Reserved.

45.6(27) *Radioactive markers.* The licensee may use radioactive markers in wells only if the individual markers contain quantities of licensed material not exceeding the quantities specified in 641—Chapter 39, Appendix B, Exempt Quantities. The use of markers is subject only to the requirements of 45.6(10).

45.6(28) *Uranium sinker bars.* The licensee may use uranium sinker bars in well-logging applications only if they are legibly impressed with the words “CAUTION—RADIOACTIVE-DEPLETED URANIUM” and “NOTIFY CIVIL AUTHORITIES [or Company name] IF FOUND.”

45.6(29) *Use of a sealed source in a well without a surface casing.* The licensee may use a sealed source in a well without a surface casing for protecting fresh water aquifers only if the licensee follows a procedure for reducing the probability of the source’s becoming lodged in the well. The procedure must be approved by the NRC or licensing or agreement state.

45.6(30) *Energy compensation source.* The licensee may use an energy compensation source (ECS) which is contained within a logging tool, or other tool components, only if the ECS contains quantities of licensed material not exceeding 100 microcuries (3.7 MBq).

a. For well-logging applications with a surface casing for protecting fresh water aquifers, use of the ECS is only subject to the requirements of 45.6(9) to 45.6(11).

b. For well-logging applications without a surface casing for protecting fresh water aquifers, use of the ECS is only subject to the requirements of 45.6(4), 45.6(9) to 45.6(11), 45.6(25), and 45.6(29).

45.6(31) *Tritium neutron generator target source.*

a. Use of a tritium neutron generator target source that contains quantities not exceeding 30 curies (1110 MBq) and that is in a well with a surface casing to protect fresh water aquifers is subject to the requirements of this rule except subrules 45.6(4), 45.6(12), and 45.6(25).

b. Use of a tritium neutron generator target source that contains quantities exceeding 30 curies (1110 MBq) or that is in a well without a surface casing to protect fresh water aquifers is subject to the requirements of this rule except subrule 45.6(12).

²An example of a suggested plaque is shown in Appendix F of this chapter.

³Appropriate warnings may include: (a) “Do not drill below plug-back depth”; (b) “Do not enlarge casing”; or (c) “Do not re-enter the hole”, followed by the words, “before contacting the Iowa Department of Public Health.”