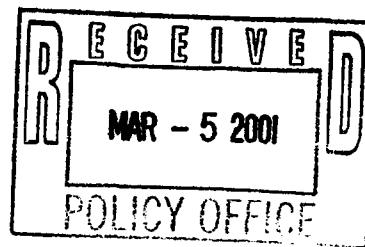


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Dear Madam/Sir:

The February 6, 2001 issue of the Pennsylvania Bulletin, Volume 31, Number 6, pages 794 and 795 addresses proposed amendments to Chapter 221 Radiological Health to update the standards for protection against radiation.

According to this publication subsection 221.56 Administrative Controls will be deleted and added as letter (m) under 221.11 Registrant Responsibilities. However, upon reviewing letter (a) under 221.56, I am requesting an amendment to state, "A dentist, **dental hygienist**, or an assistant may not hold patients or film during exposures." A dental hygienist is a licensed dental health professional that performs radiologic procedures in this Commonwealth. For your reference this is stated in the Pennsylvania Code, Title 49 Professional & Vocational Standards, Chapter 33, State Board of Dentistry, subsection 33.302 Auxiliary Personnel Performing Radiologic Procedures.

I appreciate your immediate consideration of this very important amendment. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address below or by email, flcap@hotmail.com.

Sincerely,

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