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AERB shuts down operation of Medical Diagnostic X-Ray facilities owing to non-compliances

During a surprise inspection conducted on April 16, 2015, the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) has found the following X-ray facilities in Mumbai and Navi Mumbai operating in contravention of Atomic Energy (Radiation Protection) Rules, 2004 and has sealed the following facilities till further orders:

- 1) Pt. Madan Mohan Malviya Hospital, Govandi
- 2) Healthcare Diagnostic Lab, Sion
- 3) Metro Care Diagnostic Centre, Sion
- 4) Millennium Life Line Hospital, Sanpada
- 5) New Millennium Multispecialty Hospital, Sanpada

Though all these facilities are having low potential radiological risks, they have been found not having the requisite 'Registration' from AERB. These facilities are also found to be not conforming to some of the requirements specified by AERB.

AERB has also issued warnings to the following institutions against operating x-ray equipment without requisite AERB Registration and asked them to comply with the requirements within 30 days, failing which x-ray equipment at these institutions shall be sealed indefinitely.

- 1) Lokmanya Tilak Municipal Medical College & Hospital, Sion Mumbai
- 2) Dr. V. T. Shah Diagnostic Centre & Clinic, Matunga
- 3) Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation hospital, Vashi
- 4) Insight CBCT, Vashi

- 5) Health Spring, Vashi
- 6) Neway Hospital, Sanpada

AERB is also advising the public to avoid patronizing the x-ray facilities which are not having valid Registrations issued by AERB.

In the recent times, AERB has initiated a series of measures to enhance the regulatory coverage for the medical diagnostic x-ray equipment in the country. AERB has specified requirements for ensuring safety in the use of medical diagnostic x-ray facilities. As per the provisions of the Atomic Energy (Radiation Protection) Rules, 2004, operating an x-ray equipment without obtaining a Registration from AERB amounts to contravention of the rule.

To improve compliance by the x-ray facilities to the provisions of the Rules as well as the specified safety requirements, AERB launched a web based elicensing system (e-LORA) to facilitate easy filing of applications for obtaining the AERB Registration. AERB has also undertaken a series of advertisements in the print media to reach out to the x-ray facilities asking them to obtain the registration from AERB.

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