

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

As part of ongoing enforcement actions initiated against medical diagnostic X-ray facilities operating without obtaining Atomic Energy Regulatory Board (AERB) Licence/Registration, AERB has conducted radiological surprise inspections of medical diagnostic X-ray centres at Jaipur, Raipur, Pune, Nagpur and Chennai during 05 - 21 May, 2015. Some of the Medical diagnostic X-ray facilities found violating the provisions and requirement of the Atomic Energy (Radiation Protection) Rules, 2004 at the aforesaid cities by operating X-ray equipment without obtaining Licence/Registration from AERB and therefore the authorised inspecting officials of AERB have sealed nearly 24 medical diagnostic facilities and warned nearly 11 medical diagnostic X-ray facilities to comply with the requirement within 30 days, failing to which X-ray equipment at these institutions shall also be sealed indefinitely.

Though all these facilities are having low potential radiological risks, they have been found not having the requisite Licence/Registration from AERB and also not conforming to some of the imperative radiological safety requirement as specified by AERB.

AERB is therefore advising the public to avoid patronizing the X-ray facilities which are not having valid Licence/Registration issued by AERB.

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 e-licensing system (e-LORA) to facilitate easy filling of applications for obtaining the AERB Registration/Licence. AERB has also undertaken a series of advertisements in the print media to reach out to respective stakeholders and public at large and subsequently cautioned them to obtain the Licence/Registration from AERB, which is a statutory requirement in the country.

It is therefore advised to all those medical diagnostic X-ray facilities who have not yet obtained Licence/Registration from AERB, to apply immediately through AERB's web based e-licensing system (e-LORA) and acquire the Licence/Registration of AERB prior to the safe operation of their medical diagnostic X-ray equipment at their facilities.

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