

**RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS CONFLICT OF INTEREST FOR
RADIATION SAFETY OFFICER/CONSULTANT - CLARIFICATION
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This is a clarification of the applicability of certain statements which appeared in the October 15, 2009, Radiation Machines Division Fact Sheet, published by the Radiological Health Program and located under "Informational Memos" linked to from the Radiological Health Program home page on the MDE website at www.mde.state.md.us. The statement involved the Department's position regarding the qualifications of a Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) identified by a medical licensee. The Department did not intend for the statement to operate as a prohibition on the ability of a medical licensee to hire a private consultant as a Radiation Safety Officer who is the same private consultant responsible for conducting the licensee's compliance reviews. If at any time the Department determines that such a prohibition is necessary, the Department will undertake the appropriate rule-making.