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PHILIPPINE NUCLEAR RESEARCH INSTITUTE

**PNRI Administrative Order No. 02
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AMENDMENT TO APPLICABLE CODE OF PNRI REGULATIONS (CPRs), CHANGING THE DESIGNATION OF A RADIATION SAFETY OFFICER (RSO)/RADIOLOGICAL HEALTH AND SAFETY OFFICER (RHSO) INTO A RADIATION PROTECTION OFFICER (RPO)

WHEREAS, the Philippine Nuclear Research Institute hereinafter referred to as PNRI is mandated by Republic Act No. 2067: “Science Act of 1958”, as amended, and Republic Act No. 5207: “Atomic Energy Regulatory and Liability Act of 1968”, as amended, to establish and issue regulations and orders with respect to atomic energy facilities and materials for the protection of the health and safety of the workers and of the general public; and for this purpose the regulations are codified in the Code of PNRI Regulations (CPR);

WHEREAS, Part II, Section 4(m) of R.A. No. 5207 provides for the issuance, amendment and revocation of regulations and orders as may be necessary or proper to carry out the purposes and provisions of the Act;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Nuclear Research Institute (PNRI) issued Administrative Order No. 1 Series of 2015 adopting IAEA General Safety Requirements (GSR) Part 3 – Radiation Protection and Safety of Radiation Sources: International Basic Safety Standards;

WHEREAS, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) General Safety Requirements (GSR) Part 3 provides for the harmonization of radiation protection and safety standards under the terms of the IAEA Statute and for the Member States to adopt or use, as far as practicable, as the basis for the revision of CPR Part 3, “Standards for Protection Against Radiation”;

WHEREAS, the requirements on the designation of Radiation Safety Officer (RSO)/Radiological Health and Safety Officer (RHSO) and Assistant RSO/RHSO (ARSO/ARHSO) by all holders of PNRI license are provided in CPRs Part 3, “Standards for Protection Against Radiation”; Part 11, “Licenses for Industrial Radiography and Radiation Safety Requirements for Radiographic Operations”; Part 12, “Licenses for Medical Use of Sealed Radioactive Sources in Teletherapy”; Part 13, Licenses for Medical Use of Unsealed Radioactive Material; Part 14, “Licenses for Medical Use of Radioactive Sources in Brachytherapy”; Part 15, “Licenses for Large Irradiators”; Part 16, Licenses for Licenses For The Use Of Radioactive Sources Contained In Industrial Devices; CPR Part 17, “Licenses for Commercial Sale and Distribution of Radioactive Materials and its Associated Devices”; Part 20, “Licenses to Manufacture and Dispense

Radiopharmaceuticals”; Part 21, Licensing and Safety Requirements of Particle Accelerator Facilities for the Production of Radionuclide; Part 25, “Licenses for Commercial Providers of Nuclear Technical Services”; Part 26, “Security of Radioactive Sources”; and Part 27, “Security Requirements in the Transport of Radioactive Material”;

WHEREAS, the PNRI recognizes the need to amend the designation Radiation Safety Officer(RSO)/Radiological Health and Safety Officer(RHSO) into Radiation Protection Officer(RPO); and Assistant RSO/RHSO into Assistant RPO in all the regulations and other regulatory issuances to harmonize with the international best practice;

WHEREAS, in view of this issuance, the above provisions on the applicable CPRs are hereby superseded;

WHEREFORE, pursuant to Part II, Section 4 (m) of R.A. No. 5207, as amended, the Philippine Nuclear Research Institute hereby prescribes the following:

Section 1. Amendment on the Applicable CPRs

The designation of a Radiation Safety Officer (RSO)/Radiological Health and Safety Officer (RHSO) and Assistant RSO/RHSO used in all the provisions in the following applicable CPRs shall be changed into Radiation Protection Officer (RPO) and Assistant RPO, respectively:

CPR	EXISTING	AMENDMENT
<i>Part 3, Standards for Protection Against Radiation</i>	<i>Radiological Health and Safety Officer (RHSO)</i>	<i>Radiation Protection Officer (RPO)</i>
<i>Part 11, Licenses for Industrial Radiography and Radiation Safety Requirements for Radiographic Operations</i>	<i>Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) Assistant Radiation Safety Officer (ARSO)</i>	<i>Radiation Protection Officer (RPO) Assistant Radiation Protection Officer (ARPO)</i>
<i>Part 12, Licenses for Medical Use of Sealed Radioactive Sources in Teletherapy</i>	<i>Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) Assistant Radiation Safety Officer (ARSO)</i>	<i>Radiation Protection Officer (RPO) Assistant Radiation Protection Officer (ARPO)</i>
<i>Part 13, Licenses for Medical Use of Unsealed Radioactive Material</i>	<i>Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) Assistant Radiation Safety Officer (ARSO)</i>	<i>Radiation Protection Officer (RPO) Assistant Radiation Protection Officer (ARPO)</i>
<i>Part 14, Licenses for Medical Use of Radioactive Sources in Brachytherapy</i>	<i>Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) and Assistant RSO (ARSO)</i>	<i>Radiation Protection Officer (RPO) Assistant Radiation Protection Officer (ARPO)</i>
<i>Part 15, Licenses for Large Irradiators</i>	<i>Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) Assistant RSO (ARSO)</i>	<i>Radiation Protection Officer (RPO) Assistant RPO (ARPO)</i>
<i>Part 16, Licenses for Licenses for the Use of Radioactive Sources Contained in Industrial Devices</i>	<i>Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) and Assistant RSO (ARSO)</i>	<i>Radiation Protection Officer (RPO) and Assistant RPO (ARPO)</i>
<i>Part 17, Licenses for</i>	<i>Radiation Safety Officer</i>	<i>Radiation Protection Officer</i>

<i>Commercial Sale and Distribution of Radioactive Materials and its Associated Devices</i>	<i>(RSO)</i>	<i>(RPO)</i>
<i>Part 20, Licenses to Manufacture and Dispense Radiopharmaceuticals</i>	<i>Radiological Health and Safety Officer (RHSO)</i>	<i>Radiation Protection Officer (RPO)</i>
<i>Part 21, Licensing and Safety Requirements of Particle Accelerator Facilities for the Production of Radionuclide</i>	<i>Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) Assistant RSO (ARSO)</i>	<i>Radiation Protection Officer (RPO) Assistant RPO (ARPO)</i>
<i>Part 25, Licenses for Commercial Providers of Nuclear Technical Services</i>	<i>Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) Assistant RSO (ARSO)</i>	<i>Radiation Protection Officer (RPO) Assistant RPO (ARPO)</i>
<i>Part 26, Security of Radioactive Sources</i>	<i>Radiation Safety Officer (RSO)</i>	<i>Radiation Protection Officer (RPO)</i>
<i>Part 27, Security Requirements in the Transport of Radioactive Material</i>	<i>Radiation Safety Officer (RSO)</i>	<i>Radiation Protection Officer (RPO)</i>

Section 2. Effectivity.

This Order shall take effect fifteen (15) calendar days following its publication in the Official Gazette or in a newspaper of general circulation.

APPROVED:

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