

NOTICE FOR LASER AND IPL OPERATOR SAFETY TRAINING SCHOOLS

Dear Training Facilities:

Arizona Revised Statutes, Title 30, Chapter 4, is the authority under which the Arizona Radiation Regulatory Agency (ARRA) administers the State's radiation control program. The Arizona Revised Statutes authorize the Agency to regulate the use, storage and disposal of sources of radiation.

In conformance with the statutory requirements, the Agency has established regulations for the safe use of sources of radiation. Arizona Administrative Code (A.A.C.), Title 12, Chapter 1, Article 14, contains "Rules for the Control of Nonionizing Radiation". These rules required that all Laser and IPL Operator Safety Training Schools be registered with the Agency.

The requirement for a medical laser /IPL operator training course approval is defined in A.A.C. R12-1-1439 in the rulemaking package adopted February 1, 2005 by Agency and accepted by the Governor's Regulatory Review Council.

For all training schools approved prior to the recent law change, please note that if you had an Agency approval for your school, this approval was based on the previous rule, which was subject to change or modification as needed.

The new law, A.R.S. §32-516 and A.R.S. §32-3233, requires that additional information be provided to the Agency to meet approval requirements. All training schools must provide documentation stating that each instructor has at least 100 hours of hands on experience per procedure being taught. Also, if the training school incorporates hands-on training, the supervising health professional (Medical Director) must provide documentation that he or she has had at least 24 hours of didactic training on subjects listed in Article 14, Appendix C.

If you have any questions or need further information please call Ms. Sonia Carpena at (602) 255-4845 ext.263.