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Effective March 4, 2020 the Virginia Department of Health, Office of Radiological Health instituted an exemption from Virginia Administrative Code 12VAC5-481-340 which allows individuals that meet certain conditions to inspect non-medical x-ray producing machines as provided below:

1. The non-medical x-ray producing machine(s) must be low energy (100 kVp or below) and must fall into the category of Baggage, Cabinet or Analytical.
2. Inspector(s) must meet the requirements of 12VAC5-481-340 or one of the three following alternate requirements for initial qualifications:
  - A. Hold an Associate's Degree in a science with three years of non-medical x-ray equipment inspection experience, and provide documentation of having satisfactorily completed a Radiation Safety training course.
  - B. Have five years of non-medical x-ray equipment inspection experience verified by a qualified mentor and provide documentation of having satisfactorily completed a Radiation Safety training course.
  - C. Have one year of non-medical x-ray equipment inspection experience verified by a qualified mentor and provide documentation of having satisfactorily completed a Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) training course of a minimum of 40 hours.
3. A Private Inspector working under this exemption must provide verification of an annual Radiation Safety Officer (RSO) training refresher course and remit the required annual \$150.00 fee pursuant to 12VAC5-490-50 to be listed as a Private Inspector.
4. The exemption shall expire upon the regulatory adoption of rules for the inspections of non-medical low energy x-ray equipment (100 kVp or below).

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by telephone at (804) 864-8170 or by email at [lea.perlas@vdh.virginia.gov](mailto:lea.perlas@vdh.virginia.gov)

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