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Effective May 1, 2021 the Virginia Department of Health, Office of Radiological Health instituted an exemption from Virginia Administrative Code 12VAC5-481-1653 (2) (B) for the requirement of operators to wear personnel monitoring badges when using dental handheld x-ray equipment. **However**, all operators must continue to wear protective lead shielding when using a dental handheld x-ray unit.

This exemption shall expire upon the regulatory adoption of rules for the discontinued use of personnel monitoring and adoption of wearing lead protection when using dental handheld x-ray units.

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

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