

University of Vermont
Radiation Safety Office
004 Rowell Building
656-2570

Waiver of Certification Requirement:

Classroom Limited-Use of Radioactive Materials

Introduction

The University of Vermont's (UVM) Radiation Safety Office (RSO) will authorize the use of radioactive material for teaching or demonstration purposes in academic courses without requiring the students to be certified. This authorization will be under the name of the investigator and the course name and number. Each time the course is taught the "Classroom Limited-Use Exemption Form" must be completed and sent to the RSO at least 3 weeks prior to the classroom use of radioactive materials. Based on the information provided, the RSO will give provisional approval for this limited use. The RSO will schedule and perform radiation surveys in the classroom after each use and verify that radioactive materials are used and waste disposed of properly. If at all possible try to use the radioactive material in an already certified radiation handling lab.

Information Required for Classroom Limited-Use

Please fill out the attached; "Classroom Limited-Use Exemption Form" and mail it to the Radiation Safety Office, 004 Rowell Building.

Only authorized principle investigators are allowed to request this exemption.

Setup and Final Survey

If the radioactive materials are not going to be used in an already established certified radiation handling lab the RSO will certify the classroom and provide radioactive waste containers, signs, labels, etc. and decommission the classroom after the final use of radioactive materials. The RSO will perform a contamination survey after each classroom use (if used more than one time). This survey and decommissioning must be done before the end of the scheduled lab time in order to allow the RSO time to clean and prepare the lab for the next class using this space. The area may then be released for general use. If the radioactive materials are to remain in the area, special arrangements need to be made with the RSO.

Please call the RSO at 656-2570 if you have any question regarding this policy or completing the attached exemption form.

Classroom Limited-Use Exemption Form

Please use this form to request a waiver of the certification requirement for classroom use of radioactive materials. Please submit this form to the RSO three weeks prior to first use of radioactive materials.

1) Name of Authorized Principle Investigator: _____

2) Name of instructor in charge of classroom: _____

3) Location of radioactive material use: _____
Is this lab space already certified for radioactive material use? ___Yes ___No

4) Course number and title: _____

5) Date(s) of radioactive materials use: _____

6) Names of students registered for this class: (attach a list or use space below)

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

7) Description of Proposed Use and Procedures for each isotope including;
A. Safety Instruction for Students. Best if done one week prior to the use.
(RSO is available to help with handouts and/or a safety lecture)
B. Extent to which students will be handling radioisotopes.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

For RSO use only

Provisional Approval by RSO _____ Date: _____