

Registered Inspection (RI) Program Newsletter

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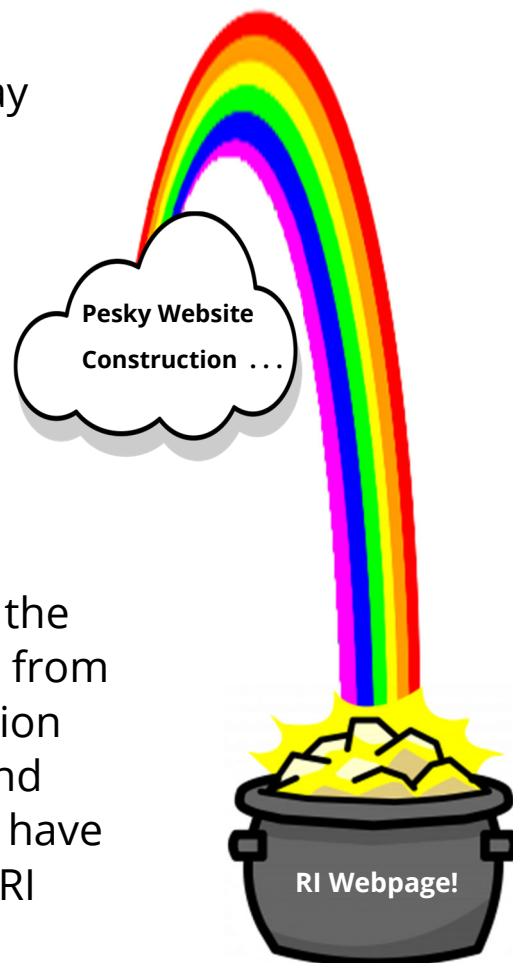


DRH Website — Under construction!

If you have been on DRH's website recently, you may have noticed some things have ... moved around.

That's because DRH's website is currently in the process of being updated and improved. One of those improvements will eventually include the addition of a Registered Inspection Program webpage! This will mean that for the first time all the basics of the RI Program as well as frequently asked questions will be in one convenient location.

Unfortunately construction often makes a mess. At the moment the inspection checklists have been pulled from the website. If you need a copy of the latest inspection checklist please email xray.registration@tn.gov and the RI team would be happy to provide it. Or, if you have any FAQs you'd think would be great for the future RI webpage, please let us know!



Did you know?

Rainbows, while technically radiation, are not regulated by DRH as they are non-ionizing radiation.

As such, you do not need a registration to possess rainbow-producing equipment.



A Friendly Warning from Yorick, the DRH Mascot!

"Top of the morning to you! Back in the days before I was all bones, registrants would buy their x-ray equipment from reputable sellers of FDA-approved x-ray equipment.

Well, times have changed, and these days a registrant might be tempted to buy a cheaper x-ray unit from a spurious online company. State and Registered Inspectors have recently come across handheld dental x-ray units that are not FDA-approved with minimal or no self-shielding. These devices are capable of delivering cumulative exposures that are above the annual limit defined in SRPAR.

If you come across a brand of x-ray machine that you are unfamiliar with, especially a handheld x-ray unit, please test it with caution. And if you find it is unsafe, please let us know so we can spread the word!

That's it for now. Back to searching for that glowing pot of gold at the end of the rainbow! (Sure hope that glow isn't Cherenkov radiation ...)"



If you have any questions or suggestions about the RI program, please email xray.registration@tn.gov with the subject line "RI Newsletter".