

# Guidance on Security Screening X-ray Devices

Security Screening Equipment and Worker Protection

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## What?

- The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) is recommending policies and procedures that will eliminate unnecessary exposure to x-rays from security screening devices.
  - Guidelines are advisory in nature and informational in content.
  - Not a standard or regulation. Voluntary.



## What?

#### Will describe





- Potential risks and hazards
- Any regulatory requirements
- Good work practices
- Safety approaches and programs



## What?

All types of uses:



Baggage Cargo Personnel



Small and large systems



## Why?

Technological developments and applications of x-ray machines for security screening have rapidly increased as our concern for national security and other risks has escalated.



## Why?

- More machines
- More screenings
- More workers potentially exposed



 Greater need to ensure good work practices while meeting our security requirements.



## Why?









## References

- NCRP Commentary No. 16 2003
- NCRP Commentary No. 20 2007
- ISCORS GUSSHUIR
- ANSI/IEEE 42.47-2010
- ANSI/IEEE 42.4006-2008
- ANSI/HPS N43.17-2009

- ANSI/HPS N43.16 (pending)
- NIOSH HETA #2003-0206-3067 (and other Health Hazard Evaluation reports
- Information from FDA
- Information from TSA



## Contents

- Executive Summary and Introduction
- What are X-ray screening devices?
- Radiation Safety
- What are the radiation doses?
- NIOSH study
- A process for protecting workers
  - Engineering and Administrative Controls
- Where to go for more information
- References and Appendices



# Audience and Stakeholders

- Primarily Employers
- Should also be employee-friendly
- Organizations that use x-ray security screening equipment
  - Federal government
  - State and local government
  - Private sector users, e.g. building managers, security firms, etc.



## When?

- Internal review draft completed
- Provide to ISCORS Guidance Subcommittee November 15
- ISCORS review simultaneous with OSHA/DOL review
- 30 day comment period is the goal
- It is a short document -- no need to panic





