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The following is a non-exhaustive list of the general duties of the Radiation Protection Officer

1. Ensuring that all relevant regulations and licence conditions, including radiation safety procedures, are upheld.

2. Assisting in the preparation and amendment of radiation safety procedures.

3. Ensuring that radiation surveys and quality assurance tests are carried out, such as regular testing and calibration of monitoring equipment and regular operational checks of safety and warning systems.

4. Reporting to the management, the Radiation Protection Advisor (where such a person has been appointed) and to the RPII any incident that could give rise to a radiation hazard.

5. Arranging individual dose assessment for exposed workers.

6. Assisting the licensee in the classification of controlled and supervised areas.

7. Ensuring the safe keeping of all records required by the conditions of license.

8. Acting as the contact person with the RPII, as appropriate, on all licensing matters and matters generally relating to radiological protection.

It is important to note that the RPO may and indeed must be consulted on certain issues, however, responsibility rests with the employer as the licensee.

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Mission Statement

“In the three year period from 2008 to 2010 the RPII will grow the level of awareness and implementation of the measures needed to protect people in Ireland from the harmful effects of ionising (and non-ionising) radiation through scientifically based regulation, monitoring and advice.”

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