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I. INTRODUCTION (Purpose and Intent)

The purpose of the policy is to provide policies and procedures governing fee assessments pertinent to the disposal of radioactive waste. A fee is charged to active users of radioisotopes for disposal costs of radioactive waste. The fee covers costs associated with the disposal of radioactive waste generated in research laboratories and educational and teaching environments in the University of South Florida System (“USF System”). These costs include disposal of radioactive material at a licensed facility within the United States as well as the costs associated with interim storage, collecting, packaging, and shipping of the radioactive materials.

II. STATEMENT OF POLICY

The disposal of radioactive waste is controlled by both federal and state regulatory agencies. The safe and proper disposal of radioactive waste is the responsibility of the USF System Office of Research & Innovation, Division of Research Integrity & Compliance. It is the responsibility of the Vice President for Research & Innovation, the Director of Research Integrity & Compliance, and the USF System Radiation Safety Officer to establish policies and procedures to ensure compliance with radioactive waste disposal rules and regulations (64E-5.332 Florida Administrative Code) and to establish necessary radioactive waste removal schedules and appropriate fee schedules.

III. PROCEDURES

Radioactive waste disposal fees are applied as follows:

- A.** An annual radioactive waste fee, payable at the beginning of each Fiscal Year (FY), is charged to all active users. An active user is defined as any radioisotope user that generated radioactive waste during the previous FY.

- B.** The fee schedule will be evaluated and revised at the beginning of each new FY based on previous year costs.
- C.** The fee covers disposal of radioactive materials routinely generated in research laboratories and teaching environments.
- D.** The fee does not cover the disposal of mixed waste (any hazardous chemical combined with a radioactive material). Users generating mixed waste must have prior approval of the Radiation Safety Officer.
- E.** Users of large amounts of long-lived radioactive materials or users of radioactive materials in animals may be assessed additional fees to cover the increased cost of disposal for these materials.
- F.** Principal Investigators (PIs) are required to include the disposal fee as a direct cost in all contracts or grants that denote the use of radioactive materials.
- G.** The disposal fee and any appropriate overage costs are charged to the appropriate administrative unit responsible for teaching laboratories and other research laboratories that do not receive externally sponsored contract or grant support.
- H.** Failure to pay the annual disposal fee may jeopardize the PI's or administrative unit's ability to use radioisotopes. The USF System Radiation Safety Committee will evaluate such situations on a case-by-case basis and make recommendations for resolution to the appropriate administrative officials.

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