

48-1623. Surety requirements to meet license requirements; radiation site closure and reclamation fund established; funding arrangements for long-term care; radiation long-term care fund established; contracts for care and decommissioning services. (a) For licensed activities involving source material milling, source material mill tailings and disposal of low-level radioactive waste, the secretary shall, and for other classes of licensed activity involving low-level radioactive material, the secretary may establish by rule and regulation standards and procedures to ensure that the licensee will provide an adequate surety or other financial arrangement to permit the completion of all requirements established by the secretary for the decontamination, closure, decommissioning and reclamation of site, structures and equipment used in conjunction with such licensed activity, in case the licensee should default for any reason in performing such requirements.

(b) All sureties required pursuant to subsection (a) which are forfeited shall be paid to the secretary, who shall remit such moneys to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of a special fund called the radiation site closure and reclamation fund which is hereby established. All moneys in this fund are hereby appropriated and may be expended by the secretary as necessary to complete such requirements on which licensees have defaulted. Moneys in this fund shall not be used for normal operating expenses of the secretary or the department.

(c) For license activities involving the disposal of source material, mill tailings and disposal of low-level radioactive waste, the secretary shall, and for other classes of licensed activity when low-level radioactive material which will require surveillance or care is likely to remain at the site after the licensed activities cease the secretary may, establish by rule and regulation standards and procedures to ensure that the licensee, before termination of the license, will make available such funding arrangements as may be necessary to provide for long-term site surveillance and care.

(d) All funds collected from licensees pursuant to subsection (c) shall be paid to the secretary who shall remit such funds to the state treasurer in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 75-4215, and amendments thereto. Upon receipt of each such remittance, the state treasurer shall deposit the entire amount in the state treasury to the credit of a special fund called the radiation long-term care fund which is hereby established. All funds accrued as interest on moneys deposited in this fund are hereby appropriated and may be expended by the secretary for continuing long-term surveillance maintenance and other care of facilities from which such funds are collected as necessary for protection of the public health, safety and environment. Notwithstanding any other provision of this subsection, if title to and custody of any radioactive material and its disposal site are transferred to the United States upon termination of any license for which funds have been collected for such long-term care, the collected funds and interest accrued thereon shall be transferred to the United States.

(e) The sureties or other financial arrangement and funds required by subsections (a) and (b) shall be established in amounts sufficient to ensure compliance with those standards, if any, established by the United States nuclear regulatory commission pertaining to decontamination, closure, decommissioning, reclamation and long-term site surveillance and care of such facilities and sites.

(f) In order to provide for the proper care and surveillance of sites subject to subsection (c) of this section which are not subject to K.S.A. 48-1620 or 48-1621, and amendments thereto, the state may acquire by gift or transfer from other governmental agencies or private persons, any land and appurtenances necessary to fulfill the purposes of this section. Any such gift or transfer is subject to approval and acceptance by the state legislature.

(g) The secretary may provide by contract, agreement, lease or license with any person, including another state agency, for the decontamination, closure, decommissioning, reclamation, surveillance or other care of a site subject to this section as needed to carry out the purposes of this section.

(h) In the event a person licensed by any governmental agency, other than the secretary, desires to transfer a site to the state for the purpose of administering or providing long-term care, a lump sum deposit shall be made to the radiation long-term care fund. The amount of such deposit shall be determined by the secretary taking into account the factors stated in subsections (c) and (e) of this section.

(i) All state, local or other governmental agencies, shall be exempt from the requirements of subsections (a) and (c).

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