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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Montana State University President H. K. Newburn has moved to surround University research involving radiation with safeguards in accordance with Atomic Energy Commission standards by appointing a three-man Radiation Hazards Committee.

Appointed to the committee to formulate and enforce regulations on the procurement and use of sources of radiation on the campus are Dr. Mark J. Jakobson, professor of physics; Dr. LeRoy H. Harvey, professor of botany, and Dr. Wayne P. Van Meter, assistant professor of chemistry. Dr. Jakobson is chairman of the committee and will serve as acting radiological safety officer until a permanent officer is named.

The committee is cooperating with a representative of the AEC Licensing Division in setting up regulations to meet the requirements for a campuswide radioisotope license from the AEC, Dr. Newburn said. The regulations will govern procurement and use of sources of radiation by MSU employees.

University staff members engaged in research using radiation will be required to report to the safety officer the specific isotopes and amounts required in their experiments and give an account of specific measures that will be taken to insure adherence to radiological safety standards.

The safety officer will present the pertinent information about any experiment to the committee. If the committee members approve the application, they will apply to the AEC for the amounts and kinds of isotopes requested.

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