



**Title:** Guidelines for the Use of Radioactive Materials  
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### **Purpose**

Mercer University has provided formal assurance to the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and the Department of Natural Resources of the State of Georgia that it will follow procedures which will assure the protection of all individuals involved with research projects.

### **Scope**

This assurance applies to research conducted by anyone on the premises of Mercer University and to research conducted elsewhere by faculty, students, staff, or other representatives of the University, whether or not the research is sponsored by DHHS. This assurance also applies to research licensed by the State of Georgia and approved by the University for conduct not on University premises by employees of the University.

### **Exclusions**

None

### **Policy Statement**

In order to comply with this assurance, Mercer University has established an institutional committee qualified to review research and instructional projects that involve radioactive agents. This committee has been designated as the Institutional Radiation Safety Committee (IRSC). The primary function of the IRSC is to assist the investigator in the protection of individuals and the environment from potential contamination. All projects that involve the use of these substances and/or devices are to be conducted under these guidelines.

The full text of the policy and procedures of the Institutional Radiation Safety Committee is located for faculty reference in the Environmental, Health and Safety Office, in the offices of the local Radiation Safety Officers, and on Mercer University's website at <https://ehso.mercer.edu/safety/radiation-safety.cfm>.

### **History**

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