

I am the Manager of a small independent nuclear pharmacy. I have been in this field for over 13 years. The proposed changes to the DOT regulations are costly and unnecessary. In my time in this field, I have never seen a problem that these changes would correct. The low levels of radiation associated with W-1 and Y-II packages along with present DOT regulations seem to do a fine job of protecting the workers and the public from any dangers. These changes will also be very costly to businesses and the government trying to regulate this new program. I presently have 15 part-time drivers. The cost to my company would be huge, the increase in safety would be nonexistent, and the increase cost would be passed on to the hospital and the patient. Since most of our patients are elderly, The increase cost would ultimately be passed on to the government under Medicare costs. Please reject these highly unnecessary changes. Thank you.