



WHAT TO EXPECT DURING AN ARPANSA INSPECTION

This document explains what you can expect during an ARPANSA inspection.

Monitoring compliance

The CEO of ARPANSA has appointed various inspectors in accordance with Part 7 of the *Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Act 1998* (the ARPANS Act). The inspectors are granted a range of powers so that they can appropriately monitor compliance with the ARPANS Act.

It is a condition of all licences that the licence holder or a person covered by the licence allow ARPANSA inspectors to enter and inspect the site or a facility, apparatus or material at reasonable times. Any inspections of third party premises will be done with the consent of the occupier.

Where it is considered necessary to access premises without consent, sections 77 to 79 of the ARPANS Act allow inspectors to enter premises with a monitoring warrant or an offence related warrant.

The scope of an inspection will generally be notified to the licence holder prior to the inspection being conducted. In a standard inspection, an inspector would expect to examine the workplace, assess work activities and review management practices towards health and safety and the protection of the environment.

The inspector may gather information by talking to employees, taking measurements, conducting tests, inspecting and copying documents, taking photographs, video recordings and samples. In circumstances which involve hazardous situations, the inspector has the power to seize equipment or materials or may direct others to take appropriate actions.

Ensuring compliance

At the completion of an inspection, the inspectors will provide the CEO of ARPANSA with information gathered during the course of the inspection including any evidence indicating that a licence holder is not complying with their licence conditions. Generally, the inspector will raise any issues relating to compliance with the licence holder's representatives during the inspection.

The information is then assessed by the CEO of ARPANSA to determine if the licence holder has been compliant with the ARPANS Act. Licence holders will be given the opportunity to comment on findings prior to adverse findings being made.

Further information regarding compliance can be obtained from RPB-MAN-270 Regulatory Compliance Policy and RPB-COM-SUP-270B Regulatory Guide: Reporting Compliance. More information can about the ARPANS legislation and its implementation can be found on the ARPANSA website www.arpansa.gov.au.