

CRCPD Working Group Fact Sheet

HS/ER-5 Committee on Emergency Response
Planning

October 2025

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Continuous Working Group (Rotation required annually, last rotation 05/20)

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Resource Individuals					
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DOD	Lt. Col David Holmes		CDRH	Michael Noska	
CDC	Armin Ansari				
Notes and Comments					
HS/ER-5 also serves in the following capacities: (a) CRCPD’s representative to the FRMAC Management Panel; (b) Member of the DOE Transportation External Coordinating Working Group.					
* Rae Walker rotated from Advisor to Chairperson.					
* Ken Evans rotated from Chairperson to Member.					
* David Asselin rotated from Member to Advisor.					
NOTE: If difficulty in getting resource persons, contact the following Federal Liaisons to the Board of Directors for assistance.					
CDRH	Donald Miller	(301) 796-3299			
EPA	Stefanie Bacon	(202) 343-9063			
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Charges:

1. As requested by the CRCPD Board, review, evaluate and provide comments to federal agencies and other organizations regarding regulatory guidance, documents, plans and procedures related to radiological emergency response planning and response.
2. Address the technical issues regarding any radiological emergency planning or response. Included in these issues, but not limited to, are such matters as instrumentation, dose assessment or projections with any calculation methods, protective drugs, decontamination, environmental analysis, and radiological team equipment in general. The Committee is to provide recommendations on the technology and approaches to the various technical problems in emergency response and planning.
3. Facilitate cooperation between the federal agencies and state radiation control programs regarding issues and initiatives related radiological emergency response and planning as necessary. Assist in identifying state assets to support radiological responses including personnel, radiation monitoring equipment, environmental sampling capabilities, laboratory assets and radioassay facilities of state radiation control programs.
4. Provide liaison for the CRCPD with the Federal Radiological Preparedness Coordinating Committee (FRPCC) and represent CRCPD on FRPCC subcommittees as requested. Provide support to and participation on the FRPCC Subcommittee on Offsite Emergency instrumentation.
5. Participate in the FRMAC Working Groups: Mission Analysis, Health and Safety, Monitoring and Sampling, Laboratory Analysis, Assessment and Operations.
6. Review draft FRMAC documentation, plans, and procedures. Compile committee member and advisor input into a single document for Board review and approval as necessary. Provide feedback and comments directly to FRMAC when appropriate.
7. Review and schedule participation of state radiation control staff in FRMAC exercises and other meetings of mutual interest, agreed upon at least 30-60 days in advance of performance. Provide support to other federal radiological exercises as requested including exercise development, evaluation and control.
8. Serve as point of contact between the Advisory Team and CRCPD to develop Advisory Team information for publication on the CRCPD web site. Work with the CDC, EPA, FDA, HHS and other federal agencies as requested on issues related to Advisory Team plans, procedures and training programs. Participate on working groups formed by the Advisory Team including the Concept of Operations, Agency Training, Team Training, and Outreach Training Working Groups. Provide a technical representative to attend the annual meeting of the Advisory Team.
9. Represent CRCPD at the Annual National Radiological Emergency Planning Conference when invited to provide an update on CRCPD radiological emergency preparedness-related activities and as funding allows. Promote

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membership in CRCPD and state participation in committee activities on working groups.

10. Develop and maintain an Ingestion Pathway Checklist to assist state radiological emergency response planning groups with coordinating federal participation in state ingestion pathway exercises. Ensure that federal contacts are current and the checklist is distributed to interested stakeholders. Provide list to the CRCPD Board for publication on the CRCPD website.
11. Working with the OED, provide the FEMA REP Program with an assessment of the nation's level of exposure assessment capability. Query the Program Directors gaining an assessment of the technology used by the State and local organizations to respond and assess a radiological release. Provide the FEMA REP Program with a report of the current technologies, equipment and procedures used.
12. Utilizing the information gained from the state exposure assessment capability evaluation, provide a cursory review of FEMA REP 21 and 22, to include whether the guidance is still relevant and applicable.

Note: When a Letter/Number combination appears in brackets after a charge, it denotes how the charge links to CRCPD's Goals and Objectives, as listed in [CRCPD's Strategic Plan](#).

If interested in serving on this working group, contact the Chairperson at rae.walker@dshs.texas.gov.