



Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc.

RESOLUTION

Relating to: *The promulgations by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) of Radiological Emergency Preparedness (REP) program guidance relating to radiation detection, exposure, and other issues relative to scientific standards.*

WHEREAS: *FEMA has proposed to promulgate new emergency planning guidelines in the form of draft FEMA REP-19 and FEMA REP-20, and has previously issued exercise guidelines in the form of FEMA REP-14 and FEMA REP-15; and*

WHEREAS: *FEMA has announced its intention to develop new standards for hand held monitoring instruments in addition to the standards previously adopted for portal monitoring instruments; and*

WHEREAS: *Through the adoption of such guidance, FEMA asserts authority to establish radiation protection standards which is not within the statutory jurisdiction of the agency; and*

WHEREAS: *FEMA intends that the above-referenced guidelines will be used in determining whether existing and approved State and utility REP plans continue to meet the planning and preparedness criteria established under 44 CFR 350 and NUREG-0654;*

NOW BE IT RESOLVED:

That the CRCPD calls upon FEMA to affirm that REP guidance does not constitute minimum or binding requirements on any State or other jurisdiction with respect to radiation measurement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That States and other jurisdictions desiring to adopt radiation protection standards that differ from those advocated by FEMA may do so provided such standards are scientifically defensible and meet the intent of the criteria established under NUREG-0654.



CRCPD Chairperson

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