



CONFERENCE OF RADIATION CONTROL PROGRAM DIRECTORS, INC.

RESOLUTION

Relating to: The Release from Regulatory Control of Solid Materials from Nuclear Facilities.

WHEREAS: There is no national regulatory standard for consistently clearing solid materials from nuclear facilities; and, the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc. (CRCPD) recognizes inconsistencies in the current approach to decisions made on clearing solid materials from regulatory control, and

WHEREAS: A uniform clearance standard has clear advantage over the current case-by-case approach in clearance of solid materials, and

WHEREAS: The CRCPD has historically recommended that naturally occurring and accelerator produced radioactive material (NARM) and technically enhanced naturally occurring radioactive material (TENORM) be treated consistently and uniformly in the development of standards for the control of solid materials, and

WHEREAS: The CRCPD, in prior resolutions, has advocated for development of an individual dose criterion and establishment of a policy and rulemaking based on sound, risk-based policy for exempting products or practices based on associated individual risks being trivial, and

WHEREAS: A risk based and technically defensible standard will serve to improve public confidence while maintaining human health and protection of the environment, and

WHEREAS: The U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) will soon be making a decision on whether to move forward with a rulemaking process or other alternatives, and

WHEREAS: NRC decisions on selection of a final dose criterion and concentration guidelines would be driven by a rulemaking process that includes stakeholder involvement and building upon already established national and international technical consensus, and

WHEREAS: NRC rulemaking would include transparent and independent analysis of technical bases for the rulemaking, and

WHEREAS: The Department of Energy (DOE), with its current initiative to develop a Programmatic Environmental Impacts Statement on scrap metal, may independently move forward to develop clearance criteria for their facilities, and

WHEREAS: National standards developed by NRC would serve to encourage DOE and other federal and state agencies to establish compatible standards, and

WHEREAS: Regulations pertaining to controlling solid materials would provide a lasting and durable legal foundation for decisions made on clearing solid materials from nuclear facilities.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED:

That the CRCPD recommends the NRC move forward without delay with a rulemaking process for developing national standards for the control of solid materials from nuclear facilities,

That standards include a prohibition against the importation of solid materials exceeding the U. S. standard, and

That technical bases developed by NRC need to include considerations of NARM and TENORM.

Approved by the CRCPD Membership on May 8, 2002

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