

Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc.

Resolution

Proposed State ROSS Coordinator

Relating to Training, Qualifying, Certifying and Deploying

Radiological Operations Support Specialists (ROSS)

Whereas the events of September 11, 2001 stimulated an assessment of national vulnerabilities, and that assessment identified the radiological dispersal device and the improvised nuclear detonation as two of the fifteen National Planning Scenarios for which the nation must be prepared; and

Whereas an interagency assessment of the gaps in our preparedness for an improvised nuclear device, the IND Forum, identified the lack of radiological and nuclear emergency subject matter experts as one of the more significant gaps requiring prompt and focused attention; and

Whereas the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Department of Energy National Nuclear Security Administration (DOE NNSA) and Department of Homeland Security National Urban Security Technology Laboratory (DHS NUSTL) have supported the development of the Radiological Operations Support Specialist (ROSS) to fill that gap; and

Whereas the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPD) has joined with FEMA, DOE NNSA and DHS NUSTL to form the ROSS Steering Committee which guides the development of the ROSS to specifically serve State and local authorities having jurisdiction for radiological and nuclear emergency decision-making; and

Whereas the State Radiation Control Program Directors either serve as or serve with the authority having jurisdiction for radiological and nuclear emergency decision-making; and

Whereas State Radiation Control Program Directors can identify individuals best suited to be trained and developed to serve as ROSS in their jurisdiction; and

Whereas State Radiation Control Program Directors can identify individuals within their jurisdiction who can coordinate the training, development and deployment of ROSS in their jurisdiction; and

Whereas a State ROSS Coordinator identified by the State Radiation Control Program Directors will be provided guidance and support by the ROSS Steering Committee and CRCPD Homeland Security and Emergency Response Committee HS/ER-4 in helping ROSS be trained and qualified using their ROSS Position Task Books; and

Whereas State Radiation Control Program Directors can benefit from the development of ROSS in their jurisdiction and benefit from having a measure of control over ROSS developed in their jurisdiction;

Now be it resolved that each State Radiation Control Program Director identify a State ROSS Coordinator for their jurisdiction, and that the State ROSS Coordinator be from the agency within their jurisdiction having radiological and nuclear emergency decision-making authority.

Be it further resolved that the State ROSS Coordinator will help people get trained as ROSS through FEMA, connect trained ROSS to Evaluators who can sign off ROSS for completed tasks in their ROSS Position Task Books, identify ROSS eligible for Type 3, 2 or 1 certification to the ROSS Steering Committee, and assist in the deployment of ROSS through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact in an actual radiological or nuclear emergency.



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Accepted by CRCPD Membership

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