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Message from Chairperson Angela Leek, CHP

I've always known the important role CRCPD plays regarding leadership, coordination, and support across the entire radiation protection community, but during these past few months as the CRCPD Chairperson, I'm reminded of the influence that CRCPD has. **The important contributions of each individual state allow us to coordinate on important initiatives and to speak with a stronger voice together.** I wanted to mention this to remind you all of the importance of our CRCPD community and urge you to find ways to support the work of CRCPD in any way you can. **Our organization and committees do amazing work and are positioned to make significant impacts in radiation protection and regulation, but we can't do it without all of you.** Please reach out to me or any of the Board members and we will help you get involved.



It has been a whirlwind of activities over the last few months with many meetings and opportunities to share initiatives important across all of the CRCPD councils.

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CRCPD Influences

Homeland Security

Specific to Homeland Security and Emergency Response (HS/ER), Ruth McBurney, Ken Evans (IL) and I had the opportunity to brief CRCPD efforts related to emergency preparedness and response with our Advisory Team for the Environment, Food, and Health (A-Team) and the Federal Radiological Monitoring and Assessment Center (FRMAC) partners. **CRCPD also has an opportunity to share state perspectives with the Federal Radiological Preparedness Coordinating Committee (FRPCC) regarding gaps in radiological preparedness.** We will be working with our committees and you as our membership to gather data to inform this initiative.

Health Physics Society, Organization of Agreement States, and International Atomic Energy Agency

I'm happy to say that I was able to attend both the Health Physics Society meeting in July and the Organization of Agreement States (OAS) meeting in August in person. **Thank you to both organizations for hosting these events as a hybrid of in-person and virtual attendance and allowing CRCPD to share information about our organization and committee initiatives.** We were able to highlight the Source Collection and Threat Reduction Program (SCATR) program with partners during both meetings, and I urge you to continue to talk with your licensees about using the program to dispose of sources they no longer want or need. It was an honor to represent the CRCPD membership on this and many other topics during these meetings and I will continue to strive to share information that reflects CRCPD's initiatives and needs. **In mid-September, I will also represent the CRCPD at the International Atomic Energy Agency's General Conference, so please let me know if you have thoughts or information that I can share with this international community.**

Organization of Agreement States and

U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

We are also coordinating with the board members from the OAS to prepare for our annual meeting with the Commissioners at the U.S.

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Message from Chairperson *(continued)*

CRCPD Influences - continued

2022 Annual Meeting Agenda Plans

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Nuclear Regulatory Commission (USNRC) on October 28th, 2021. **We plan to discuss several priorities of importance for our members related to growing and maintaining the health physics workforce within the states, waste monitoring and source recovery and disposal, COVID-19 successes and impacts, and discussions related to the timeline impacts of rulemaking and policy efforts.** We are glad to have the opportunity to coordinate with OAS and the USNRC on this important opportunity to share state perspectives with the Commissioners.

Fall Board Meeting

The CRCPD Board is planning for our fall Board meeting in November in Alexandria, Virginia. We will continue to work on further defining our strategic plan priorities and will also plan the 2022 annual meeting agenda. **If you haven't done so already, please consider submitting an abstract for our conference in Tucson, Arizona, next year. Abstract submissions are due by October 22, 2021.** I also hope to focus some discussion on knowledge management and retention and also finding ways to share the benefits and importance of CRCPD membership and participation. **As a part of this effort, we are considering the creation of short videos to answer all of the questions you've had but never asked about CRCPD such as: how CRCPD works, quick overviews of each council and their associated committees, and ideas on how to get involved and share information.** I hope to kick this off with a series of Chairperson Chats, so watch for these over the next few months and let us know if you have a question or topic idea we should cover.

I wish you all continued health and safety as we transition into the fall season! We are stronger together and I am glad to have each one of you as part of the CRCPD team.



Greetings from Your Executive Director



Ruth E. McBurney, CHP

Communication

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Ruth McBurney

We'll Meet Again!

As the old song goes, **“We'll meet again, don't know where, don't know when, but I know we'll meet again some sunny day!”**

Just when we thought we would be able to plan for fully in-person conferences and meetings, we are having to adjust once again to the ever-evolving pandemic situation. However, just as last year about this time, innovation among our staff and volunteers has come through again during the latest surge. **Through the use of technology and the hard work of our membership, we are able to still communicate, provide training, carry out the mission of CRCPD and maintain financial stability of the organization.**

Communication and Outreach

The Committee on Communication and Outreach has really been active in looking at ways to add value to membership in CRCPD through better communication tools among the members, committees and interest groups. **One of the areas that is really looking promising is an upgrade to the website.** We are looking forward to making it more appealing and more user friendly over the coming months.

Meeting Planning

We have starting planning for a few in-person meetings, but may need to make adjustments, based on federal and state travel restrictions, as we go along. It's like being an amateur juggler, uncertain of where the balls in the air will land. **Right now, we have several balls in the air (plans), for which we are adding a measure of flexibility to accommodate the uncertainty of the fall season: an upcoming workshop, radon training event, and the fall Board of Directors meeting.**

Train-the-Trainer Workshop

The Train-the-Trainer Workshop for Population Monitoring is still planned for late September in Orlando, Florida. **There are still a few in-person slots available, and CRCPD is providing travel funding.** We plan to video the workshop and will have the link available as part of our radiological emergency response tool kit for volunteers.

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Executive Director

Greetings *(continued)*

Safety Nets

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Ruth E. McBurney

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Radon Training Event

The Radon Training Event is still being planned to be held the second week of October. **We are hoping we can still meet in person but are trying to be adaptable as situations change.** The Radon Committee is to be commended for putting together a great lineup of speakers for the event, so we will assure that the training is provided.

Fall Board Meeting

As the Board meets this fall, it is likely to be a hybrid event to accommodate Board members and liaisons that cannot travel.

Fortunately, we have become quite adept at online meetings! In addition to the normal business of the organization, the Strategic Plan will be reviewed to see how we are doing in meeting our goals. I recently attended the annual meeting of the Health Physics Society and noted that many of the items in their strategic plan were similar to CRCPD's.

National Conference on Radiation Control - 2022

Also, at the fall meeting, we will be starting to plan next year's in person National Conference on Radiation Control, to be held in Tucson, Arizona, **May 16-19, 2022. Mark your calendars and hope there will be no more meeting restrictions by then—I think we are all ready to travel!** That may be the “some sunny day” when we will meet again for sure.

Safety Nets

Throughout this juggling act, we have set out safety nets to help make sure that the balls we have in the air will land without breaking. **As we ride this wave, let us know how we can better serve the radiation control community.**

Also, this is a great time to get involved on a committee to have input on future activities and pending issues. **We will soon be sending out a list of working groups where there is the greatest need for volunteer expertise.** I hope you will take time to review the list and find a niche into which you can fit and can provide assistance to all states, not just your own.



CRCPD Becomes Supporter of 2022 IRPA North American Regional Congress

IRPA North American Regional Congress

CRCPD recently sent a letter of support for the 2022 International Radiation Protection Association North American Regional Congress, being organized by the Health Physics Society.

The Congress will be held as a hybrid event in St. Louis, Missouri, the week of February 20 – 24, 2022.

We encourage our members and colleagues to participate by making a presentation, either virtually or in person, or attending the event. ***The call for abstracts has been posted, and the deadline for abstracts is October 15, 2021.*** Many of the topics to be addressed are relevant to the radiation protection issues of our organization.

The following site provides much more information about the Regional IRPA Congress, including the outline of the Congress and the hotel venue:

<http://burkclients.com/hps/2022IRPA/site/>



Release of New Success Stories in Radiation Emergency Preparedness

by Adela Salame-Alfie, PhD, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Success Stories in Radiation Emergency Preparedness

We are happy to announce that we recently released four new Success Stories in Radiation Emergency Preparedness. CDC supports many state and local public health and emergency management jurisdictions in radiation emergency planning and preparedness activities. **These best practice videos highlight some of the ways**

state and local partners have used CDC training, tools, and other resources.

Many of these videos showcase partners preparing and training volunteers for community reception centers (CRCs). **CRCs are locations designated by emergency response officials to provide screening for radioactive contamination and other services to people who have been affected by a radiation emergency.**

In this release, we highlight the following programs:

- **Texas Department of Health** discusses how they developed strong regional partnerships to build capacity for radiation emergency preparedness and response, leveraging resources developed by CDC.
- Public health officials with the **El Paso, Texas, Department of Health** describe how they developed partnerships with other regions in Texas, as well as neighboring states and Mexico, to plan for a radiation emergency, including exercising response plans for a community reception center.
- The Director of **Ventura County, California Health Department** discusses how his agency's experiences in developing a community awareness campaign and planning for a nuclear terrorist incident not only helped his community prepare for a radiation emergency, but also can help other localities who are trying to do the same.
- Public health officials with the **Mississippi State Department of Health** describe their multi-year effort to increase capacity by building up the tools, training, and relationships needed to prepare for and respond to a radiation emergency.

You can check these and other success stories videos at <https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/radiation/emergencies/success.htm>

You can also check other resources in our Radiation Emergencies Webpage https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/radiation/emergencies/index.htm?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Femergency.cdc.gov%2Fradiation%2Findex.asp



National Radon Training Event

Marriott Bethesda North
Rockville, Maryland
October 11 - 13, 2021

Just a Reminder to register now!

Registration and hotel information are now available for this year's National Radon Training Event in Rockville, Maryland, scheduled for October 11 – 13, 2021, at <https://www.crcpd.org/event/31stRadonEvent>

Be sure to register for the conference on this site.

The current plan for the training event is to hold it in-person and co-located with the 2021 International Radon and Vapor Intrusion Symposium at the Bethesda North Marriott. If the format of the event changes due to the ongoing pandemic and travel restrictions of state and federal programs, we will notify everyone of the change to either a hybrid or virtual event by broadcast e-mail and on the website.

A great agenda has been put together by the E-25 Committee on Radon, and includes panel discussions on Low-Income Mitigation Assistance and Environmental Justice, as well as presentations on code change efforts for residential, workplace and school buildings.

In addition, a one-day Building Technical Capacity Training will be held on Sunday, October 10, 2021. The topic for this year's BTC Training is "Optimal Mitigation System Design for State and Tribal Radon Programs."

Stay tuned for more information and opportunities to participate!



CRCPD Welcomes New Members

New Members July & August

Director Member

Lea A. Perlas (VA)

Directory Information

The Directory of Personnel Responsible for Radiological Health Programs is available online for members and our federal partners and is updated regularly. Visit www.crcpd.org



Call for News

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Would you like to share some information about your work, or some project or issue that you're involved in?

CRCPD is interested in what you are doing and would like to share your knowledge and experiences with other CRCPD members through a feature article in the ***Newsbrief***.

If you would like to submit an article, please contact Ruth McBurney (rmcburney@crcpd.org) suggesting a topic you'd like to present.

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We welcome your news and photographs, too, if you'd like to share.



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