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FROM THE CHAIRPERSON



PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

By Patrick Mulligan

Let me start by saying how wonderful it was to reconnect, in person, with everyone last month in Tucson at the 54th Annual National Conference on Radiation Control. The Program Committee could not have picked

a more suitable theme for meeting, and I believe anyone that attended would agree that we are all- Better Together. While virtual meetings served us well during the pandemic, nothing can replace in person engagement between colleagues to foster professional relationships and technical collaboration. **I was delighted to see so many new faces at the meeting and appreciated the opportunity to meet many of you. I was equally delighted to see many old friends and colleagues after such a long hiatus.**

The conference agenda included a long list of distinguished speakers who shared their expertise and insights into a wide variety of technical topics on radiation protection. We were honored and privileged to have the Honorable David Wright, Commissioner U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) deliver the keynote address outlining the NRC's vision for the future

SPEAKERS SHARED INSIGHTS

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focusing on “Building a Diverse Team,” “Communication” and “Teamwork.” We are very grateful for the time Commissioner Wright took out of his busy schedule to attend the conference and spend the week with us. **The meeting was huge success, and we are grateful for the leadership and direction that Past Chair, Kim Steves (KS), Member-at-Large, Karen Tuccillo (NJ) and Mendy Cremeans (Office of the Executive Director [OED]) provided in putting together an exciting program for the attendees.** We also recognize the contributions and support of our many federal and organizational partners at conference. And, of course, we recognize the efforts of the entire OED staff that worked behind the scenes to ensure the conference was a success. Great Job!

CRCPD Strategic Plan

Finally, the Board met on June 22nd to review the CRCPD *Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives* and set priorities for the coming year. Many of the priorities will remain the same as last year. **With the number of critical initiatives in progress, the Board believes that it is essential to maintain focus on these priorities to support the initiatives.** The priorities upon which we agreed follow.

BE PROACTIVE IN HANDLING NEW ISSUES.

This priority is a carryover from the previous year. With all the emerging new technologies and the ever-changing landscape of radiation protection across all modalities, it is critical for the CRCPD to continually identify and address new issues. The CRCPD Board will continue to make emerging issues a priority.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE**EMERGING ISSUES ARE A PRIORITY**

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FROM THE CHAIRPERSON*(continued)***PLANNING FOR THE
FUTURE*****INCREASE THE AVAILABILITY OF
ELECTRONIC BASED INFORMATION.***

This priority is a carryover from the previous year. The CRCPD continues to support the outstanding work of the G-73 Committee on Communication and Outreach as they increase the CRCPD presence on social media. OED staff continue to work on updates to the CRCPD web pages and will work in the coming year to make additional improvements to enhance the availability of electronic based information.

***PROMOTE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARTICIPATION IN
COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES.***

The work accomplished in our committees and task forces is the backbone of the CRCPD. We hope to encourage participation, to better recognize contributions of our working members, and emphasize the benefits to state programs from staff participation in CRCPD Committees.

PROVIDE TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CRCPD MEMBERS.

This priority is a carryover from the previous year. As the CRCPD welcomes more and more new members, including a fair number of new Director Members, training opportunities for our membership becomes a critical function of our mission. The G-55 Committee on Training is working toward categorizing existing training modules and identifying new training that will benefit the membership.

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*(continued)*PLANNING FOR THE
FUTURE**CONTINUE AND ENHANCE THE
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CRCPD AND
THE ORGANIZATION OF AGREEMENT STATES**

This priority is a carryover from the previous year. The CRCPD has a number of ongoing initiatives that depend on the close coordination and cooperation with OAS. The G-74 Committee on Work Force Development is a joint effort between NRC, CRCPD and OAS to help identify opportunities to leverage available resources and generate interest in careers in radiation protection and health physics. The newly created G-75 Task force will work closely with NRC and OAS to develop general license program guidelines that are consistent across the National Materials Program and reflect “best practices” across Agreement State Programs. Continued focus on the partnership between CRCPD and OAS is essential to ensure alignment between OAS and CRCPD for cross-cutting issues.

We Need You

The continued success of the CRCPD into the future relies on the tireless efforts of you, our members. **The CRCPD Board recognizes and appreciates the time and effort of our volunteers that serve on the many working group and the contributions they make to support radiation protection.**

**CRPCP AND OAS
RELATIONSHIP**

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FROM THE CHAIRPERSON*(continued)***PLANNING FOR THE
FUTURE**

As the CRCPD continues to expand the number of Working Groups and Task Forces to address emerging issues that face the radiation protection community, we call on your knowledge and expertise to assist us with identifying some enthusiastic and interested members to serve on the following working groups.

- The G-74 Health Physics Work Force Development and Coordination.
- The G-75 General Licensing Program Guideline Development Task Force
- The HS/ER-14 Task Force for Guidance Development for Radiological Respiratory Protection for Ancillary Emergency Workers

If you or one of your colleagues is interested in volunteering to serve on any of these working groups, you can reach or to me directly (Patrick.mulligan@dep.nj.gov) or fill out the Working Group Interest Form found on the [CRCPD website](#) and submit it to Mendy Cremeans (mcremeans@crcpd.org).

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CRCPD Board of Directors

I want to recognize and thank outgoing Board members - **Kim Steves (KS)** and **Karen Tuccillo (NJ)** for their dedication and service to CRCPD over their three-year terms.

I welcome **Rikki Waller (ID)** - Chair-elect, **Becki Harisis (NE)** - Member-at-Large and **Cynthia Costello - Treasurer Elect** who joined the CRCPD Board of Directors at the annual meeting and I look forward to working with them over the coming year.

I also want to give a special thanks to all of the Board members, the entire **OED staff and Executive Director Ruth McBurney** for their hard work and dedication to support the mission of the CRCPD during the past year.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not express my sincere appreciation for the many contributions **Angela Leek** made during her term as Chair and for mentoring me over the past year. I am very much looking forward to the coming year in my role as Chair for this amazing organization!

Please let me or any other board member know if you have thoughts or ideas on ways we can continue to strengthen and grow our efforts in radiation protection.



Angela Leek (IA), Chairperson; Mike Snee (OH), Member-at-Large and SSR Council Chair; Tanya Ridgle (LA County, CA), Member-at-Large and HS/ER Council Chair; Ruth McBurney, Executive Director; Kim Steves (KS), Past Chair; Lisa Bruedigan (TX), Treasurer; Karen Tuccillo (NJ), Member-at-Large and Environmental Nuclear Council Chair; and Pat Mulligan (NJ), Chair-Elect.

THANKS AND
RECOGNITIONS

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
MESSAGE



CONNECTIONS—BETTER TOGETHER!

By Ruth McBurney, CHP

Connections—Better Together!

The conference year got off to a great start at the 54th National Conference on Radiation Control in Tucson, AZ. This year's meeting restored our ability not only to meet in person for sharing presentations and training in in a nice venue, but also to provide recognitions and awards in person, discuss issues in a larger forum, and have those important sidebars and small conversations that move the organization forward. Since there has been a significant turnover in personnel in the state programs since we were last able to meet in person in 2019, it was also great to meet many of the new program directors and other new state program representatives at the conference. **A big thank you to the speakers, moderators, and organizers for putting together a great program.** As the theme reiterated: It was all Better Together!

Practical Arrangement with IAEA

While in Tucson for the annual conference and since then, the Board leadership and I have been discussing the potential renewal of our Practical Arrangement with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) with our partners at IAEA. **Since 2016, CRCPD and IAEA have partnered in the Practical Arrangement “for non-exclusive cooperation between the Parties in the area of Radiation Safety.”** The areas of cooperation will continue to be in the areas of medical technologies, naturally occurring radioactive material, and radon.

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**EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE***(continued)***CONNECTIONS—BETTER TOGETHER!****National Nuclear Security Administration's
Consequence Management**

While in Tucson, we were also able to meet with the representatives of the various federal agencies with whom we cooperate. As an example, we are looking forward to ongoing discussions with our federal partners in assisting in coordinated national responses to radiological accidents and incidents and filling gaps in preparedness. **The more connections and efforts we make as the collection of state radiation control programs, the better all of our programs, state, territorial, local and federal, will be.** This year, and hopefully in the years to come, the National Nuclear Security Administration's Consequence Management program provided the opportunity for state radiation control staff to train alongside their counterparts in their Radiological Assistance Program (RAP) regions.

Food and Drug Administration

Also, FDA has added two more state radiation control program staff to its Technical Electronic Product Radiation Safety Standards Committee. **This will provide greater input from the state perspective on the safety standards for machine-based radiation.**

**Health Physics Society
and the American Academy of Health Physics**

Another connection we are making is through the Health Physics Society and the American Academy of Health Physics. We are

**FEDERAL
AGENCIES:
CONTINUING
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**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
MESSAGE** *(continued)***CONNECTIONS—BETTER TOGETHER!**

being given the opportunity to provide journal articles for one complete edition of the Health Physics Journal. **You will see a Call for Abstracts in this edition of the Newsbrief.** I am sure that we can feature a lot of the great work that the state programs and CRCPD as an organization have done and make it available to the whole health physics community. In addition, we have been asked to join a panel at this year's Health Physics Society meeting in July to discuss the International Commission on Radiation Protection's System of Radiological Protection.

Connections Enhance the Profile of CRCPD

All these connections are helping to enhance the profile of CRCPD in the wider radiation safety community, both nationally and internationally. **I am proud of the work you are doing, both in your programs and for our organization.**

Best Wishes!

Lastly, I wish you all a happy and safe Fourth of July!

**HEALTH PHYSICS
JOURNAL ARTICLES**

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CALL FOR PAPERS: HEALTH PHYSICS JOURNAL

OPPORTUNITY

CRCPD is excited to announce that we have the opportunity to provide content for a special issue of the Health Physics Journal dedicated to topics important to CRCPD and our membership.

TOPICS

The CRCPD Board will determine the focus of the content for this issue and is still considering whether it should be targeted to a specific issue, or include a cross section of topical areas. Our CRCPD issue will likely include between 8 - 10 articles and is targeted for publication in early 2023.

ABSTRACTS

We are asking all of you who are interested in publishing a peer reviewed article for this CRCPD issue to submit an abstract of an article topic you would be willing to author for publication. These abstract submissions should be sent to Angela Leek at angela.leek@idph.iowa.gov by **COB 7/31/2022**. The Board will review all submissions and determine how to best organize the issue.

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THANKS

Thank you for considering a contribution to this journal issue. We look forward to sharing topics important to CRCPD through these HP Journal publications. Please reach out to Angela Leek if you have questions.

GERALD S. PARKER AWARD OF MERIT

presented to

Mary Ann Spohrer

for her significant contribution in the field of radiation protection, and for her contributions to the mission of the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors. Ms. Spohrer served on the CRCPD Board of Directors for six years, both as a Member-at-Large for three years and as its Treasurer from 2019 – 2021. During both her tenures, she served as Chair of the Healing Arts Council. Both as an officer and Council Chair, she served the organization in an exemplary manner.



Mary Ann Spohrer
and Angela Leek, CRCPD Chairperson

Ms. Spohrer is recognized nationally and internationally for her service to radiation protection in the healing arts, which include service as liaison to ASTRO, serving as Chair, member, and/or advisor on numerous Healing Arts Council committees and healing arts-related Suggested State Regulations working groups.

Without reservation, Mary Ann Spohrer has proved to be a leader in the field of radiation protection.

JAMES W. MILLER AWARD

presented to
Rikki Waller

Rikki Waller is hereby recognized for her leadership and exceptional service to CRCPD through her contributions to radiation protection and for her service to the Idaho Radiation Control Program.

As the Chairpersons of CRCPD's H-7 Committee on Diagnostic X-ray since 2018. Ms. Waller has demonstrated leadership and commitment to the field of radiation safety by leading the monthly X-ray Topics and Trends conference calls.

These calls are instrumental in bringing the state radiation control programs together each month, along with partners from the Food and Drug Administration, American Association of Physicists in Medicine and the American College of Radiology,



Rikki Waller
and Angela Leek, CRCPD Chairperson

to discuss new modalities, current trends, and challenges facing the regulated x-ray community. Rikki has also contributed to the Healing Arts Council, serving as Member and Advisor on the H-4 Committee on NEXT, H-11 Committee on Mammography, H-32 Committee on CT, and H-38 Committee on Radiation Medical Events.

Ms. Waller's leadership and service to CRCPD have been exemplary and will assist state programs in their x-ray programs. Her commitment to the State of Idaho and to CRCPD is to be praised. For her efforts, Rikki Waller is recognized as this year's recipient of the James W. Miller Award.

JOHN C. VILLFORTH LECTURE SERIES

Named 2022 Villforth Lecturer

John Cardarelli II, PhD.

John Cardarelli II, PhD. was chosen by the Board of Directors as this year's John C. Villforth Lecturer for the National Conference on Radiation Control. The ongoing guest lecture series was named in honor of John C. Villforth, former director of the Food and Drug Administration's Center for Devices and Radiological Health, for his strong support of the CRCPD in its early years of development and outstanding leadership.



John Cardarelli
and Angela Leek, CRCPD Chairperson

Dr. Cardarelli is the current President of the Health Physics Society. He has worked in radiation protection with the CDC and EPA for 30 years.

His topic at the 54th National Conference was "History of the LNT Model."

CHARLES M. HARDIN AWARD FOR EXEMPLARY PERFORMANCE

presented to

Bruce Hirschler

The Charles M. Hardin Award for Exemplary Performance is presented to a member of the OED staff who has made significant contributions, beyond normal expectations, in a specific area of support for CRCPD members and/or fellow staff members that furthered the goals and objectives of the CRCPD.

This year's Award was presented to Bruce Hirschler by Executive Director Ruth McBurney for his outstanding work in expanding CRCPD's social media and web presence.



Bruce Hirschler
and Ruth McBurney, Executive Director

He was a great help to the G-73 Committee on Communication and Outreach. Bruce recognizes the vision CRCPD has for social media, a new updated website, and general communications and works diligently to support that vision.

CRCPD PUBLIC SERVANT AWARD

presented to

David Spelic

For his many contributions to radiation protection and support of state radiation control programs including, in particular, his long-term service to the Nationwide Evaluation of X-Ray Trends.



His continuing dedication and successful support of the mission of CRCPD demonstrates his exemplary leadership and commitment to assuring high standards of quality in radiation protection in the United States.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS AWARD
FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN THE FIELD OF
RADIATION PROTECTION**

presented to

*E-46 Task Force to Develop a Workshop and
Guidance on Radiation Protection Issues Related to
TENORM*

Gary Forsee (IL), Chairperson	Chuck McCracken (OH), Member
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The Task Force to Develop Workshop and Guidance on Radiation Protection Issues Related to TENORM is recognized for the outstanding report that they developed on Continuing Efforts for NORM Regulatory Framework Development and Risk-Informed Decision Making. The report captures the proceedings of the NORM IX workshop.

It also serves as an exceptionally valuable document in describing the status of state radiation control programs in regulating oil and gas NORM materials and identifying the priority issues in regulation of NORM and the barriers to a regulatory framework.

The work accomplished by this task force enhances the role of the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors in providing valuable consensus guidance and greater collaboration in addressing radiation issues.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS AWARD
FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN THE FIELD OF
RADIATION PROTECTION**

presented to

James H. Grice, III
Radiation Program Manager, Colorado

James Grice is recognized for his exceptional leadership and thoughtful approaches to addressing evolving regulatory situations, including the regulation of new x-ray technologies, implementing new regulations for TENORM, and the application of existing regulations to new or unusual circumstances.



Jim's methodical, supportive, and optimistic approach to problem solving and decision-making, along with his commitment to quality, has earned him the respect of his staff and increases the value and validity of the work the program produces. His dedication to the state and the people he serves is commendable.

PARTNERS: NCRP

NCRP STATEMENT NO. 14: INSTRUMENT RESPONSE VERIFICATION AND CALIBRATION FOR USE IN RADIATION EMERGENCIES

By Laura Atwell

The Statement provides recommendations for maintaining the readiness of radiation detection equipment for use in a large-scale nuclear or radiological emergency. It addresses the varied instrument inventories retained by municipal, county, and state entities, which may provide valuable and actionable information during an emergency, but are not otherwise routinely used for regulatory compliance or health physics applications.

The statement describes a tiered, mission-oriented approach that includes periodic laboratory calibrations and source-response checks, and methods for using empirical data to determine periodicity.

Local jurisdictions may tailor the approach to match their equipment inventories and response missions to maintain response capacity. The approach is intended to enable users to attain confidence in their equipment while working within their available funding and resources.

Statement 14 was prepared by experts with experience in instrument testing, design, and usage and included input from state and local radiation program managers and emergency response organizations.

The Statement can be downloaded for free from [NCRP](https://www.ncrponline.org).

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SAVE THE DATE!

THE 2022 RADON TRAINING EVENT

October 23 -26, 2022

Hyatt Regency in Bellevue, Washington

(near Seattle)

The 2022 Radon Training Event will be co-located with the International Radon and Vapor Intrusion Symposium and will share one day of presentations with the American Association of Radon Scientists and Technologists (AARST). Training on radon testing, policies and reduction techniques will be provided.

More information on the Training Event and Registration will be available soon on the [CRCPD website](#).

CRCPD WELCOMES

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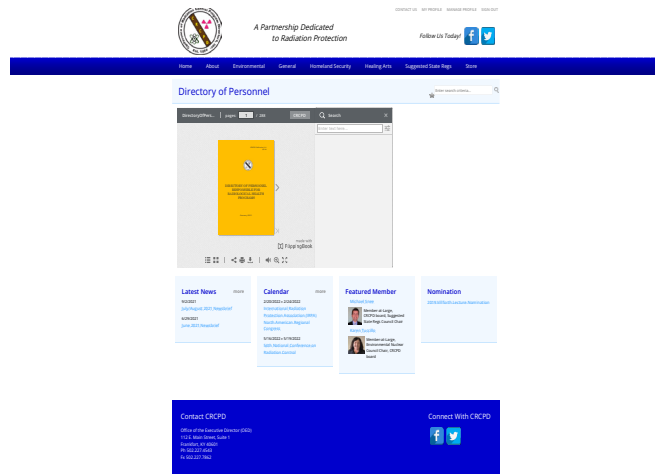
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DIRECTORY INFORMATION

The Directory of Personnel Responsible for Radiological Health Programs is available online for members and our federal partners and is updated regularly. Visit [CRCPD](#).



CALL FOR NEWS

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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