



Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc.

# NEWSBRIEF

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A Partnership Dedicated to Radiation Protection

June 2020

## Message from Chairperson Kim Steves

As the summer progresses, we are all watching the pandemic as it evolves. I know that many of us are facing significant challenges in maintaining operations in the face of COVID-19. **It is incumbent upon us to find creative ways to operate in this new world.** I hope that you all will consider becoming involved and continue volunteering with the various CRCPD Committees and Task Forces. We are working hard to increase our organization’s capabilities to facilitate virtual participation.



Your CRCPD Board and Office of Executive Director staff have remained engaged in the work of your organization.

Please take a moment to visit the CRCPD website. You will find a CRCPD COVID-19 Response Panel. We hope this site can be a tool to help your radiation control program locate COVID-19 guidance and information specific to your program. **Within this site you will find a “State Reference Sharing Library.”** There are tools and information there, shared from other states, which may help you as you develop new internal protocols for this time of pandemic. If you have developed documents or forms or other tools for use to provide services, information, or guidance during the pandemic, and you are willing to share them, please consider sharing them using the form on the site. **One note, for radioactive materials programs, please also visit the Organization of Agreement States website, where they have a site set up for sharing materials-specific COVID exemptions and waivers.**

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## Message from Chairperson *(continued)*

### Discussions Due to COVID-19

\**Discussion with FEMA about our letter dated April 20, 2020 requesting a temporary extension to the time interval between evaluated Radiological Emergency Preparedness (REP) exercises.*

\**Discussion with NRC to discuss potential emergency preparedness biennial exercise exemptions due to impacts from the COVID-19 public health emergency.*

## Engaged in the Work of CRCPD - *continued*

### FEMA and NRC Interactions

We recently met virtually with several members of the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) to introduce our board members and meet their leadership. During this meeting, we discussed our letter dated April 20, 2020 requesting a temporary extension to the time interval between evaluated Radiological Emergency Preparedness (REP) exercises. **Our specific request was that FEMA consider a one-year extension to the current REP exercise cycle starting on May 1, 2020 and ending on April 30, 2021.**

Since that time, we also participated in the June 23rd U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) Public Meeting to discuss potential emergency preparedness biennial exercise exemptions due to impacts from the COVID-19 public health emergency. **Thank you to Ken Evans (IL) for providing the CRCPD comments during this meeting, and for keeping us engaged with our federal partners on this issue.**

Also during the meeting with FEMA, we discussed options and potential scope of work for a new contract. Our previous five-year contract with FEMA ended in August of 2019, and we hope to continue this partnership with FEMA into the future. **It is our plan to have quarterly virtual meetings with our partners at FEMA to keep the lines of communication open and provide mutual support on projects.**

We have also been engaged with the NRC in the discussions pertaining to Small Modular Reactors with a focus on offsite emergency preparedness. **Our HS/ER-5 Committee is working to prepare CRCPD comments on the NRC Proposed Rule for Emergency Preparedness for Small Modular Reactors and Other New Technologies.** It is our position that at least a minimum level offsite emergency preparedness is needed for these types of reactors and that the licensee has an obligation to support the local responders in the community.

## Message from Chairperson *(continued)*

## Engaged in the Work of CRCPD - *continued*

### OSHA Ionizing Radiation Standards

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Kim Steves

### OSHA Ionizing Radiation Standard

CRCPD co-signed with multiple partners onto a June 10th letter which was sent to the Secretary of Labor stating that the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Ionizing Radiation Standard is insufficiently protective and not relevant to all workers. This letter focused on radon exposure limits and was coordinated by our partners at the American Association of Radon Scientists and Technologists (AARST). However, our Board has also begun moving forward with development of a second letter to ask OSHA to review their entire section of radiation standards in addition to the radon-specific references.

### National Radon Training Conference Training

We did, unfortunately, cancel the in-person National Radon Training Conference which was scheduled for November. **However, we are actively working on options to offer some of the training and information which would have been presented at that meeting virtually, and hopefully find other ways to funnel the information and funding down to the states and tribes which have a use for it.**

### CRCPD Strategic Plan

Finally, the Board met on June 16th to review the CRCPD Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives and set priorities for this year. The priorities upon which we agreed are:

- **Maintain a Sound Fiscal Plan.** This priority is a carry-over from the previous year. With the impacts the pandemic has had on our ability to hold meetings and conferences, and the potential impact to federal grant and contract funding, we will focus on forecasting the future income and expenditures for our organization, and ensuring we maintain a strong fiscal base.

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## Message from Chairperson *(continued)*

## Engaged in the Work of CRCPD - *continued*

### Focus on SSRs Revisions

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Kim Steves

- **Increase the Availability of Electronic Based Information.** We have created a new task force on Communication and Outreach. We are also working to enhance our information sharing during this pandemic and upgrade our internal systems for virtual meetings and communications.
- **Promote Standardization.** I hope you all are familiar with the project which has been led by Angela Leek (IA) for the past year, to reorganize our Suggested State Regulations Council, and add a steering committee to help prioritize and guide the process of revising SSRs. This, along with the work with OSHA to address our concerns and review the entire radiation section of OSHA standards, will be a focus.
- **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 each of your contributions, and emphasize the benefits to your programs from staff participation in CRCPD Committees.

It is definitely a challenging time, but **I am excited for all the new things about which we are learning that will enable us to continue to ensure radiation protection in this unprecedented situation.** Please do not hesitate to contact me or any of your Board members with any suggestions or ideas or needs that you have.

*Kim Steves*



## Greetings from Your Executive Director



Ruth E. McBurney, CHP

### Annual Meeting

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Ruth E. McBurney

## Carrying On Radiation Protection Activities

We certainly had a different type of CRCPD annual meeting this year. We were not able to provide the great line-up of speakers, social events, and award presentations we been planning for since last fall. **We still were able to have a virtual business meeting, during which the gavel was passed from Jeff Semancik to Kim Steves, new board members were introduced, and the work of the outgoing members were acknowledged—Karen Beckley as Past Chair and Angela Leek as Member-at-Large.**

Also, awards were announced. **Congratulations to those receiving the awards—our way of saying thank you to those who have accomplished much in their volunteer efforts for CRCPD.** The awards for which a large plaque is presented will be presented in person (hopefully) next year. Certificates have been mailed to the awardees of the Board of Directors Meritorious Service and Outstanding Achievement Awards. We are also mailing the Public Servant Award to its recipient. An article on the awardees is published in this edition of the *Newsbrief*.

The pandemic has caused many changes in how you are carrying out radiation protection activities. Also, changes are being made in how the members, board and committees interact and how training is conducted. This will probably continue through the rest of this calendar year. **Although we are not able to meet in person for a while, I want to assure you that the CRCPD Office of the Executive Director and the Board of Directors are working to make sure that members’ needs for interaction and training are still met and the work of CRCPD will continue.** Here are some of the things that we are working on and some new opportunities for volunteer involvement.

### Means of Collaboration

We are continuing to look at ways that committees and the board can collaborate online without having to scan the inbox for the latest draft of a document or the date and time of the next conference call. **This would mean having all information for the working group in one place to which new material could be uploaded.**

## Executive Director

Carrying On Radiation Protection Activities - *continued*Greetings *(continued)*Communication and  
Outreach Working  
Group

*“We are currently looking for volunteers for this working group, so if you have interest and knowledge in this area, let us know!”*

Ruth E. McBurney

## Training and Continuing Education

**Several opportunities for training and continuing education have come our way and we are passing those along to the membership.** For example, since the annual meeting of the American Association of Physicists in Medicine (AAPM) is virtual this year, the organization has offered free registration for state regulators. The International Atomic Energy Agency is providing webinars on a variety of radiation protection topics. We are also passing along information on some radon webinars that are being conducted this summer, and we are planning to do more of these into the fall.

## Exhibit at AAPM Meeting

**CRCPD will be exhibiting at the virtual AAPM meeting** to provide outreach on our mutual interactions, the Qualified Medical Physicist Registry, and the Source Collection and Threat Reduction (SCATR) Program for disposition of disused sources.

## Communication and Outreach Working Group

**A new working group on Communication and Outreach has been established by the board to review the website for improvements and develop a plan for greater use of social media and other platforms for member interaction.** We are currently looking for volunteers for this working group, so if you have interest and knowledge in this area, let us know!

## Use of Grant Funding

As a result of the cancellation of this year’s annual conference and the possibility of other face-to-face meetings, we are adjusting how we use the grant funding to continue to carry out the important work of CRCPD.

**Finally, I would like to thank our great donors who continue to contribute to the organization even without face-to-face interaction.** Usually we acknowledge them at the annual meeting, but since that didn’t happen, we will be establishing a special acknowledgement in the *Newsbrief* for our Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze Level contributors. Their gifts to CRCPD are greatly appreciated.

*Stay safe this summer and carry on!*





## BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S BUSINESS MEETING MAY 7, 2020

### Board of Directors Actions

**CRCPD Awarded Much Deserved Recognition to Individuals and Working Groups for Contributions and Distinguished Service.**

**The Board Passed a Resolution on “Proposed State ROSS Coordinator Relating to Training, Qualifying, Certifying and Deploying Radiological Operations Support Specialists (ROSS).”**

**The Board of Directors Acknowledge Financial Contributions to CRCPD from Organizations.**

### Individuals Honored and Remembered

#### Those Who Have Passed Away Since the 2019 CRCPD Meeting

<b>John C. Villforth</b>	<b>FDA Bureau of Radiological Health</b>
<b>Mel Fry</b>	<b>Kentucky Radiation Control Director</b>
<b>Jim Williams</b>	<b>US Department of Transportation</b>
<b>Lou Witt</b>	<b>US EPA Office of Radiation and Indoor Air</b>
<b>Cliff Harris</b>	<b>NC Radiation Protection Section</b>
<b>Rich Baker</b>	<b>Arizona Radiation Control—Radon Contact</b>
<b>Yukiya Amano</b>	<b>Director General, IAEA</b>
<b>Victims of COVID-19 Pandemic</b>	



## GERALD S. PARKER AWARD

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### WILLIAM IRWIN, ScD, CHP



*William Irwin (Bill) was awarded the Gerald S. Parker Award for his significant contribution in the field of radiation protection, and in particular, for his contributions to the mission of the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors.*

*Doctor Irwin served on the Board of Directors of CRCPD and was its Chairperson in the 2015 – 2016 year.*

*His other significant contributions include Chairing the HS/ER-4 Committee for Evaluation of Federal Guidelines, Resources, and Tools for Response to Radiological Dispersal Devices (RDDs) and Improvised Nuclear Devices (INDs); representing CRCPD on several National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements (NCRP) Committees; and serving as leader in the Radiation Operations Support Specialist (ROSS) program from concept to operation to the present. These contributions have fostered our nation's radiological emergency preparedness.*

*For these contributions, Bill Irwin has proved to be a leader in the field of radiation protection.*





## JAMES W. MILLER AWARD

### ANGELA LEEK, CHP

*Angela Leek was awarded the James W. Miller Award in recognition of her leadership and exceptional service to CRCPD through her contributions to radiation protection in emergency response preparedness and the Suggested State Regulations (SSR) process and for her service to the Iowa Radiation Control Program. Angela has been involved in radiation protection since 2006, and currently serves as Director of the Iowa Program.*



*In addition to her responsibilities in Iowa, Ms. Leek also is active in supporting the development and implementation of the Radiological Operations Support Specialist (ROSS) program in coordination with the Federal Emergency Management Administration Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Office (FEMA-CBRN), and leads a CRCPD subcommittee working to develop educational content to support ROSS competency. She also is a member of the CRCPD Board of Directors and served as the Council Chair for the SSR Council for the past three years. She undertook the reorganization of the SSR Committees, thereby increasing efficiencies and reducing volunteer workload, and automated the report submission process for all committees and board members.*

*Ms. Leek's leadership and service to CRCPD have been exemplary and will assist state programs in their emergency response programs, CRCPD committees and processes and the entire membership. Her commitment to the State of Iowa and to state radiation programs is to be praised. For her efforts, Angela Leek was recognized as this year's recipient of the James W. Miller Award.*



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

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### **JEFFREY ECKERD**



*Jeff Eckerd was awarded the Board of Directors Meritorious Service Award for all his personal significant contributions over the years to working groups he has served on. Specifically, Jeff is a long-time member and current co-chair of the H-4 Committee on Nationwide Evaluation of X-ray Trends (NEXT). Jeff served on the E-37 Committee on Naval Nuclear Propulsion and still serves as an advisor to that working group, was an advisor to the E-43 Committee for Interagency Environmental Data Sharing and Communication and a resource person for the H-7 Committee on Diagnostic X-ray. Jeff also serves as the Director Member from Hawaii to the CRCPD.*



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

### **RECIPIENTS**

E-34 Committee

Joe Klinger (IL),  
Chairperson

Kaci Studer (IN),  
Member

Russell Clark (LA),  
Member

Derek Bailey (CO),  
Member

&

Toni Smith (ISRI)

*The E-34 Committee on Unwanted Radioactive Materials/Coordinator/Liaison - ISRI and the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, Inc., (ISRI) are to be commended for their collaboration in the development and production of a brief YouTube type video on radioactivity and scrap. The E-34 Committee and ISRI wrote the script and completed the video shoot at a scrap facility in Indianapolis, in which members of E-34 and ISRI appear. The video reinforces the message regarding what to do, who to contact, and radiation safety principles in the less than four minutes. The video can be viewed on the ISRI and CRCPD websites. Feedback on the video has all been very positive.*

*The work accomplished by this committee enhances the role of the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors in providing valuable guidance on radioactivity and scrap recycling.*



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

## RECIPIENTS

**Gary Forsee (IL),  
Chairperson**

**Chuck McCarcken  
(OH), Member**

**Bill Kennedy  
(NCRP), Consultant**

**Phil Egidi (EPA),  
Federal Resource**

**Adela Salame-Alfie  
(CDC), Federal  
Resource**

**Jared Thompson  
(AR), Member**

**Jeff Semancik (CT),  
Member**

**Andy Lombardo  
(HPS), Consultant**

**Armin Annsari  
(CDC), Federal  
Resource**

**Margaret Henderson  
(CRCPD),  
Rapporteur**

*The Task Force to Develop Workshop and Guidance on Radiation Protection Issues Related to TENORM was recognized for the excellent workshop that they developed and executed during the 9th International Symposium on Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (NORM IX). Feedback on the workshop from those participating was all very positive and has provided useful guidance to CRCPD in developing Suggested State Regulations and guidance documents for TENORM. International participants provided valuable input as well and gave kudos to CRCPD for its workshop. The work accomplished by this task force enhances the role of the Conference of Radiation Control Ptoram Directors in providing valuable consensus guidance and greater collaboration in addressing radiation issues.*



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS PUBLIC SERVANT AWARD

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### PHILLIP EGIDI

*Phillip Egidi was awarded the Board of Directors Public Servant Award for his many contributions to radiation protection and support of state radiation control programs including, in particular, the excellent management of the Scientific Committee and tireless service in the planning of the 9th International Symposium on Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material (NORM IX). 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.*





**IN APPRECIATION FOR  
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AS A  
MEMBER OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
2017-2020**

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**KAREN  
BECKLEY**

*for her dedication and service as Chair-Elect,  
Chairperson, and Past Chairperson over  
the last three years on the Board of Directors.*

**ANGELA  
LEEK**

*for her three years of service on  
the Board of Directors as Member-  
at-Large and Chair of the Suggested  
State Regulations Council.*





## SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

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### Donor Appreciation

One of the things we are pleased to do at our National Conference on Radiation Control each year is to acknowledge and thank our generous donor organizations and individuals for their support of CRCPD and its activities. Although we did not meet in person this year, we would like to take this opportunity to thank the following contributors:

### PLATINUM CONTRIBUTORS

*American Association of Physicists in Medicine*

*American College of Radiology*

*American Society for Radiation Oncology*

### GOLD CONTRIBUTORS

*Bionomics*

*Nuclear Energy Institute*



**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.



## CRCPD Welcomes New Members

**New Members  
June 2020**

### Associate Members

Jill Arenz (IL)

Joann Harthcock (TX)

Ada Jardiri (IL)

Robert Snyder (NY)

**Directory Changes  
June 2020**

Page 1 - 2020 – 2021 Board of Directors:

Kimberly Steves, Kansas, Chair-Elect, change to Chairperson;

Jeffrey D. Semancik, Connecticut, Chairperson, change to Past Chairperson

Karen Beckley, Nevada, delete as Past Chairperson

Remove Angela Leek, Iowa as Member-at-Large and insert as Chair-Elect, telephone: 515/281-3478, email: angela.leek@idph.iowa.gov

Insert – Lisa Bruedigan, Texas, as Treasurer Elect, 512/834-6629, email: lisa.bruedigan@dshs.texas.gov

Insert – Michael Snee, Ohio, as Member-at-Large, telephone: 614/644-2727, email: michael.snee@odh.ohio.gov

Delete Kimberly Steves, Kansas as Homeland Security/Emergency Response Council and insert Michael Snee, Ohio

Page 5 – Alabama change address - Visitor/Delivery address: 208 Legends Court, Prattville, AL 36066 new phone number 334/290-6244; new fax number as of July 10, 2020 - 334/285-9342

Page 52 – Nebraska - remove Howard Shuman and insert Vacant.



## Call for News

## Call for News

*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](mailto: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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