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FROM THE CHAIRPERSON



THE FABRIC OF CRCPD

By Lisa Bruedigan

CRCPD members and partners,

This month has been filled with bill analysis, other urgent projects, doctor appointments, and family commitments, and I'm behind in meeting the newsletter deadline. So

now I sit here on the last day of February working on this article, which I've started with different intro topics three times. Should I talk about how time flies and how it can't possibly be March already? Maybe I should share a recent article about nature using winter as a time to rest and recharge before spring comes and correlate that to how many of us are out of sync with the seasons and only stop when we are forced to due to illness or a winter storm.

Now, some of you are wondering why I'm telling you this and what it has to do with CRCPD. There are two reasons: I think most of you can relate to having too much to do and insufficient time. Two, a very wise person, our editor Margaret Henderson, reminded me that I usually write about my current work and then gave me a few thoughts to ponder.

WHY WE MAKE TIME FOR CRCPD

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Collaboration

The thread that makes up the base of our fabric is collaboration.

When someone asks me to describe what CRCPD is or does, I often reply that we are a group of state radiation control programs that work collectively on projects so that none of us have to reinvent the wheel all by ourselves. **These collaborations wouldn't happen if we didn't excel at sharing information.**

Through surveys, ongoing working group projects, and the connections we make at the annual meeting, we do our best to stay up to date with the current issues, changes, and challenges the radiation community encounters.

Information Sharing

Another foundational thread in our fabric is information sharing. **A great example of this is the monthly H-7 call, which has been ongoing for years and has covered many topics.** During these calls, we discuss new technology, ask questions about how other states have handled an issue, and identify new areas where CRCPD can develop additional guidance. Joann Harthcock, Healing Arts Chair, has taken on the daunting task of compiling the notes from all these calls into a searchable document we call the Matrix. **It is almost finished, so be on the lookout for an announcement on how to access it.**

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Committee Work

We continue to add threads to our fabric annually through our committee work as we develop guidance documents, suggest state regulations, and work with national and international partners. **None of us has all the answers, but together, we can create a well-rounded product that addresses a need, is aligned with current radiation safety standards, and isn't overly burdensome to our stakeholders.** Your engagement is crucial for the future of our community.

New Board Members

Each year, we weave in a new and colorful thread with the election of our board members. Tanya Ridgle (CA, LA County) is returning to the board as our new Chair-Elect, and Kristina Verderame (CT) starts her first term as a Member-at-Large. We are excited about our new board members and the new ideas and energy they will bring. I'm confident they will represent you well.

Lastly, I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge the changes and uncertainty some of our federal partners are experiencing. The board and the executive staff want you to know we are monitoring the situation for any potential impact. In the meantime, we continue working on projects that carry out our mission. Some might wonder if this could create a hole in the fabric of our organization. **The board is confident that if it does, we will do our part to weave it back together or find a matching patch to keep our fabric strong.**

Until next time., Lisa Bruedigan

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
MESSAGE

REFLECTIONS ON THE PAST AND PRESENT OF CRCPD



As we are coming up on the 56th Anniversary of the first national conference on radiation control, held in Montgomery, AL, in March of 1969, **I have been thinking a lot about how we as an organization got here and many of the milestones along the way.** From the formation to structuring, and the work of committees and task forces, CRCPD has grown as an organization due to the will and determination of

many state radiation control directors and staff to volunteer their time and abilities to share experiences, develop uniform standards and programs, and learn from each other. They also identified the need to provide a unified voice of the states to work with the federal agencies. The original motivations for the formation of CRCPD are still at the top of our mission statement:

- To promote consistency in addressing and resolving radiation protection issues;
- To encourage high standards of quality in radiation protection programs; and
- To provide leadership in radiation safety and education.

Starting with a modest grant from the Public Health Service (which was later split to serve both FDA and EPA) to fund the first national conferences, CRCPD has grown to partner with multiple federal agencies and organizations in providing for consistent radiation protection standards and guidance and in addressing new radiation issues.

HOW CRCPD GOT TO THIS POINT

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**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
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Through the years, numerous programs and initiatives have been developed through the work of CRCPD, primarily through many thousands of volunteer hours from directors and staff of state radiation control programs working together on committees toward goals and charges. Some of the major initiatives have included:

- The Nationwide Evaluation of X-Ray Trends over many years
- Suggested State Regulations
- Guidance and Training
- Discrete NARM and diffuse NORM guidance and regulation
- Disposition Orphan and Disused and Unwanted Radioactive Material
- Whitepapers and guidance documents on a variety of radiation protection issues
- Homeland Security and Emergency Response programs
- The Radiological Operations Support Specialist program
- Radiation Response Volunteer Corps development and toolkit

These do not cover all the work of CRCPD, but they do point out how important the organization is to state radiation control programs and to radiation protection in general.

Requests and Special Studies

We also get many requests for “testing the pulse” of the states on various issues and regulations. We are becoming good at doing surveys on things like fee structures, x-ray inspections, NORM regulations, etc., and have a collection of these surveys at our office.

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Recently, the H-7 Committee on Diagnostic X-Ray, which holds periodic virtual meetings with state radiation control x-ray staff on x-ray topics and trends, is developing a matrix of frequently asked questions and responses on these topics. These should be available soon and will be placed on our website. This will be a valuable tool for the state x-ray programs.

Articles Featuring CRCPD's Work

The Health Physics Journal, a publication of the Health Physics Society, asked CRCPD to provide articles for a special edition, which has recently been published electronically in the March 2025 edition. We are excited that much of the work of CRCPD is featured in the series of articles. The HP Journal editors have even asked if we would be interested in doing this on an annual basis. This would be a major undertaking, but we have some good things going on that will be worth writing about in the future.

National Conference on Radiation Control

The most recent priority for the OED and the Program Planning Committee is the upcoming 57th National Conference on Radiation Control in Tucson, AZ, May 19-22, 2025. We hope you will read more about it in another article in this *Newsbrief* and will make plans to attend! I always enjoy seeing old friends and colleagues and meeting new ones as we gather to address the latest developments and challenges in radiation protection at the national and state levels.

I hope to see many of you there!

**FEATURING THE
WORK OF CRCPD**

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57th NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RADIATION CONTROL

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Protecting**

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CRCPD ELECTION RESULTS



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Tanya Ridgle works full-time for Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Radiation Management as a Principal Radiation Protection Specialist. In this role, Ms. Ridgle handles all matters related to radiological emergency preparedness and response for Los Angeles County, including responding to and investigating incidents involving radioactive materials, providing radiation safety training and support to local first responders and stakeholders, and assisting with the development of radiological emergency plans and procedures. Ms. Ridgle began her career in the Radiation Safety field immediately after receiving her Bachelor of Science in Chemistry from the University of California, Los Angeles in 2001 and has over 23 years of experience in the field of Radiation Safety.

Ms. Ridgle served on the Board of Directors for CRCPD as the Homeland Security/Emergency Response (HS/ER) Council Chair from 2021 through 2023. Currently, she chairs the HS/ER-13 Task Force for Development of Population Monitoring Train the Trainer Workshops and HS/ER-18, Training Coordinating Committee. Ms. Ridgle is also a member of HS/ER-4, Committee for Evaluation of Guidelines, Resources and Tools for Radiological and Nuclear Emergency Response and Recovery, and is currently certified as a Type 2 Radiological Operations Support Specialist.

In addition to working for Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Radiation Management, Ms. Ridgle is a Department of Homeland Security (DHS) certified Counter Terrorism Operations Support instructor who provides technical instruction to emergency responders on Radiological/Nuclear prevention and response.

CRCPD ELECTION RESULTS



In March 2024, following nearly four years dedicated studies and full-time work in the field, Kristina earned a Master of Health Physics from Oregon State University. She successfully passed Part 1 of the Certified Health Physics exam in June 2024. She is currently preparing for Part 2, scheduled for July 2025.

KRISTINA VERDERAME MEMBER-AT-LARGE

Kristina Verderame is currently a Radiation Control Physicist with the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, conducting industrial x-ray inspections and working on the Agreement State Program. Kristina has been working on the development of Connecticut's Agreement State application, program procedures, and regulatory updates. She also enjoys working in radiological dose assessment during REP drills within the Emergency Operations Center.

Prior to working in the Connecticut program, Kristina worked with the South Carolina Emergency Management Division as a Radiological Emergency Preparedness (REP) planner.

During her time in South Carolina, Kristina played a key role in rewriting the Medical Services Drill Handbook and training program for managing radiologically contaminated, injured patients. This project sparked her interest in emergency radiation dose assessment and the technical aspects of regulatory health physics.

Her growing interest in regulatory health physics led Kristina to return to school. In 2020, she began coursework in health physics, and she took on a new role as a Radiation Safety Specialist with the Virginia Department of Health. She gained experience in NRC Agreement State work, radiological dose assessment, and regulatory compliance. She also developed a passion for radiological materials licensing, particularly medical licensing.

Kristina earned a B.S in Fire Science and a M.S. in Emergency Management from the University of New Haven, Connecticut.

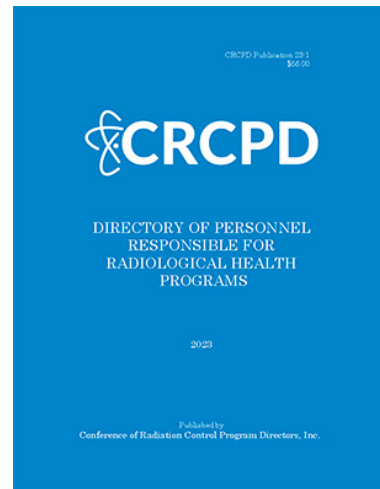
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CRCPD is interested in what you are doing and would like to share your knowledge and experiences with other CRCPD members through a feature article in the *Newsbrief*.

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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