

## About CRCPD

THE CONFERENCE of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc. (CRCPD), is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit, non-governmental, professional organization, established in 1968 to provide a common forum for the exchange of information among state and local radiation control programs and to provide a mechanism for states to communicate with the federal government on radiation protection issues. The mission of CRCPD is:

- 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.

The primary membership of the organization is comprised of radiation professionals in state and local government that regulate the use of radiation sources. However, any individual interested in radiation protection may become an Affiliate or International member.

The work of CRCPD is overseen by a seven-member Board of Directors who provide policy and budget guidance, committee structure, and direction to the Executive Director, whose office carries out the day-to-day operations and provides assistance to the Board. Committees of Radiation Control Program Directors are assigned under five councils, each chaired by a Board member: The Environmental Nuclear Council, the General Council and Liaisons, the Healing Arts Council, the Homeland Security/Emergency Response Council, and the Suggested State Regulations Council. These five councils have more than 70 working groups consisting of volunteer members across the country researching a variety of topics pertinent to radiation protection.

Through the work of the volunteer committees and partnerships with several federal agencies and other organizations, CRCPD provides tools and sharing resources and experience in radiation emergency response; provides guidance documents on new radiation technologies, patient and worker safety, and other emerging issues; holds an annual conference where updates from state and federal agencies and the work products of CRCPD can be presented and discussed and training can be held; provides training for state radiation control staff; provides safe disposition options for disused and orphan radioactive sources; and collaborates with other organizations and federal partners. Through these actions, CRCPD has been able to address radiation protection issues, provide model state regulations for enhancing consistency among the state regulatory programs, and develop methods for addressing radiation control, protection, and security issues. These activities have supported CRCPD's mission statement and CRCPD's goal to keep radiation exposure of the patient, worker, and general public to the lowest practical level, while not restricting the beneficial use of this valuable energy source.

RUTH MCBURNEY

*Conference of Radiation Control  
Program Directors, Inc.  
Frankfort, KY  
[mcburney@crcpd.org](mailto:mcburney@crcpd.org)*

