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FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

THE FOCUS DURING CHANGING TIMES

by Patrick Mulligan

It was wonderful to reconnect with everyone who attended the 57th Annual National Conference on Radiation Control last month in Tucson. **The Program Committee did an amazing job putting together a wonderful program that highlighted the theme for the week: "Advance Radiation Control: Forward Thinking, Forward Protecting."** Each year the Annual Meeting provides a unique opportunity 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. It was an awesome week!

The conference agenda included a long list of distinguished speakers that shared their expertise and insights into a wide variety of technical topics on radiation protection. **We were honored and privileged to have CRCPD Executive Director Ruth McBurney deliver the keynote address highlighting CRCPD's past, present and future, focusing on the leadership the organization has provided and continues to provide in the field of radiation control.**

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We were also fortunate to have Adela Salame-Alfie, Ph.D., provide the John C. Villforth Lecture titled "Volunteering for CRCPD: A Win-Win Combination." Her inspiring words highlighted the many opportunities for members to get involved with CRCPD initiatives and the gratifying sense of accomplishment that participation brings. The meeting was a huge success, and we are grateful for the leadership and direction provided by Past Chair, Rikki Waller (ID), Member-at-Large, Becki Harisis (NE), Executive Director, Ruth McBurney, and Mendy Cremeans, Office of the Executive Director (OED). We also recognize the contributions and support of our many federal and organizational partners at the meeting. 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!

Recognition and Tribute to Ruth McBurney

As you are all aware, CRCPD Executive Director, Ruth McBurney, informed the Board earlier this year that the time had come for her to step back from her leadership role with CRCPD after 18 years of tireless service for the organization. **At the annual meeting, OED staff and other volunteers organized a gathering honoring the outstanding achievements Ruth made over her long career in both state government and with the CRCPD.** Kevin Nelson and Angela Leek from the **Health Physics Society** (HPS) were on hand to deliver a proclamation recognizing the long list of achievements Ruth attained during her career. In addition, anonymous donors started the **Ruth E. McBurney Travel Scholarship,** an endowment, presented by Mr. David Allard. It will provide funding opportunities for deserving individuals to attend the CRCPD Annual Meeting. Ruth was honored by Justin

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GRATITUDE

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Plaque for Host State was presented to the head of the AZ program, Brian Goretzski by Lisa Bruedigan.

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Griffin and Melanie Florez from the **Office of Radiological Security (ORS) in the Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration.** They provided a Certificate of Appreciation and Challenge Coin for her many contributions radiological security and for fostering a strong collaborative partnership between the ORS and CRCPD. Pam Platt from the **American College of Radiology (ACR)** gave Ruth a Certificate of Appreciation for all she had done to further the partnerships between the CRCPD and ACR. Ruth also received international recognition from Miroslav Pinak, **International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)**, with a Certificate of Appreciation for her work on the Practical Arrangement that outlines CRCPD's collaboration across international borders on radiation protection initiatives. Finally, many, many attendees waited their turn to express their gratitude and appreciation for the hard work, dedication and love for CRCPD that Ruth clearly demonstrated during her career. There was laughter and there were tears as colleagues and friends expressed their heartfelt emotions. We are fortunate to be able to keep Ruth engaged on a part-time basis to assist with the transition in executive leadership of CRCPD and maintain continuity in our grant management program.

All the best to Ruth!

CRCPD Leadership Changes

Each year at the Annual Meeting, we say goodbye and recognize Board members who have completed their terms and welcome those that have been selected by the membership to lead the CRCPD into the future. This year we say thank you to **Becki Harisis (NE),** Chair of the Suggested State Regulation Council, for the past three years. Her positive attitude and infectious smile will be missed. We also say thank you to **Cynthia Costello (NY),**

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RUTH E. McBURNEY, CHP

TRANSITION

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Appreciation Plaques

Lisa Bruedigan and Becki Harisis

Lisa Bruedigan and Cynthia Costello

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who has served the CRCPD as Treasurer for the past two years and her first year on the Board as Treasurer Elect. Cindy's attention to detail was admirable. Past Chair, **Rikki Waller (ID)** will have to wait another year for us to officially recognize her service and say thank you. Rikki has agreed to serve one more year as Past Chair while **Lisa Bruedigan** transitions to the role of CRCPD Executive Director on July 1, 2025. Thanks for staying on Rikki. We wish Lisa all the best in her new role and thank her for her many, many years of service on the CRCPD Board. Lisa, you have our confidence and support.

I also want to welcome our new board members. **Michael Gries (NE)** takes on the responsibility of Treasurer after serving the past year as Treasurer Elect. I am confident that Michael will diligently watch over the CRCPD finances for the coming years. We also welcome Chair Elect, **Tanya Ridgle (LA County)**. Tanya took a year off as a Board member and we are all excited to have her back. Finally, we welcome **Kristina Verderame (CT)**, who has graciously agreed to take on the challenges of the Homeland Security/ Emergency Response Council.

Finally, I, once again, rotate into the role as CRCPD Chair. I am both honored and grateful for another opportunity to serve all of you. **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.

CRCPD Strategic Plan

At the annual meeting, the Board reviewed the CRCPD Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives and set priorities for the coming year. Some of the priorities will remain the same as last year. With the

LISA BRUEDIGAN

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

JULY 1, 2025

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Patrick Mulligan

Lisa Bruedigan, outgoing Chairperson and incoming Executive Director, and Patrick Mulligan, incoming Chairperson

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number of critical initiatives in progress, the Board believes that it is essential to maintain focus on these priorities to support the initiatives. Several new priorities have been added to redirect the focus onto emerging issues. **The priorities that will be the focus for the coming year are:**

•DETERMINE MEMBERSHIP NEEDS.

The Board agreed that it was time to shift focus under Goal #1 to the needs of the membership. In a changing world with new technology, it is important to listen to the membership and determine how the CRCPD can best support the needs of the radiation control community. **With this focus, the Board and OED will take proactive measures to elicit feedback from the membership on how to best meet the ever-changing needs.**

•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 have made great progress in the past year to update and improve the CRCPD web pages. **The team will work in the coming year to make additional improvements to enhance the availability of electronic-based information for the membership.**

•PROMOTE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PARTICIPATION IN COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES.

This remains a priority for the Board. **The work accomplished in our committees and task forces is the backbone of the**

STRATEGIC PLAN

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CRCPD. We hope to encourage participation, 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 CRCPD welcomes more and more new members, including a fair number of new Director Members, training opportunities for our membership become a critical function of our mission. **We hope to re-invigorate the various committees that address training needs and provide more opportunities for training across the membership.**

•ASSURE EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT OF CRCPD.

With the imminent change in the Executive Director of CRCPD, the Board agreed that it was necessary to focus attention on this Goal and Objective to help support a smooth transition. The Board has every confidence that Lisa Bruedigan will continue to provide strong leadership. At the same time, the Board recognizes that she will need additional support as she learns the intricacies of her new position. T**he Board wants to focus on giving Lisa the tools and support she needs to succeed.**

•ACTIVELY LIAISON WITH PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND FEDERAL AGENCIES.

Staffing and policy changes at the federal level have brought many challenges for all of us. As we continue to navigate the changing landscape, it is important for CRCPD to remain focused

PROVIDING TRAINING

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on collaborative efforts and partnerships that have been built over many years. The collaborative approach that includes partner organizations and federal agencies has strengthened the radiation protection community. **The Board recognizes how vitally important these relationships are and how critical it is to maintain these partnerships moving forward.**

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 groups and the contributions they make to support radiation protection. 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 as members or advisors to any of the many committees of CRCPD. **Please be on the lookout for additional calls for volunteers and consider volunteering yourself or encouraging a colleague to get involved.** It is truly worthwhile and rewarding.

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 web site (www.crcpc.org) and submit it to Mendy Cremeans (mcremeans@crcpd.org).

VALUE OF COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES!

by Ruth McBurney, CHP

As I write this last article as your Executive Director, I am filled with gratefulness for so many things that came with serving such a great organization. I have had many opportunities to expand my horizons and work with many amazing and brilliant people, both across the United States and around the world. I found that serving as Executive Director, I was involved in a wide range of activities across the spectrum of radiation control as well as management of a non-profit organization. These activities required technical, diplomatic and financial management skills, most of which I had to learn on the job. Thankfully, I had a great team of staff, contractors, and volunteers to help along the way.

There are so many people and events that I am grateful for as I wind up my time as Executive Director.

GRATEFULNESS

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Ruth McBurney

National Conference

First, for the latest great National Conference, kudos to the Program Planning Committee who held numerous impromptu meetings to make adjustments to the ever-changing agenda, to the speakers and moderators, including last-minute speakers who stepped up to fill in for those who were unable to attend. We received numerous comments about how good the program, venue, and location were. The OED staff were also flexible and put in a lot of extra hours to make sure the program, conference app, and all the hiccups along the way were resolved.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE *(continued)*

Thanks also to our exhibitors and sponsors for providing networking and information transfer opportunities at the conference.

And at the Annual Conference, I really would like to thank the organizers, presenters, and sponsors of my SURPRISE retirement party! I was overwhelmed by the outpouring of tributes, gifts and kind words, even from many of our friends and colleagues who were unable to attend in person. **It truly made my last conference as Executive Director a lasting memory that filled my heart with joy.**

Trust and Support

I offer my deep gratitude for the trust and support of the Boards of Directors and federal partners with whom I have had the pleasure of working over the years. **You have shown tremendous dedication to the mission of CRCPD, commitment to excellence in radiation protection, and ability to adapt to challenges, including financial struggles, a worldwide pandemic, and changing travel policies in state and federal agencies.**

Collaboration

I am also delighted to have been able to collaborate with many other organizations with mutual interests, such as our Radiation Protection Advisory Committee, consisting of the American College of Radiology, the American Association of Physicists in Medicine, and the American Society for Radiation Oncology; the National Alliance for Radiation Readiness; the National Radon Action Plan Leadership Team; Image Gently; the Health Physics Society; the National Council on Radiation Protection; the International Atomic Energy Agency; and the International Commission on Radiation Protection, just to name a few.

A SPECIAL THANKS

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Office of the Executive Director Staff

I have been fortunate to work closely with the staff of the Office of the Executive Director (OED), several of whom have been with the organization since I first started working at CRCPD 18 (and a half) years ago. **Their knowledge, professionalism, dedication, innovation, and fiscal responsibility have been fantastic.** I am honored to have worked with such a superb group and am happy to call them my friends.

Membership and Friends

To you, the membership and friends of CRCPD, thank you for the privilege of directing the OED for these many years. **I really appreciate your willingness to serve on and lead working groups, speak at annual meetings, and put in numerous volunteer hours that would have cost millions of dollars for consultants hired.** Our CRCPD products have been recognized by national organizations, federal agencies, and international organizations. You continue to be of great assistance to state and local radiation control programs through the guidance, Suggested State Regulations, training and mentorship you have developed.

Although I will be stepping down as Executive Director, I will still be working in a part-time position to assist the new Executive Director, Lisa Bruedigan, to make a smooth transition and help her as needed for several months. Lisa will be a great Executive Director, and I know you will enjoy working with her. She brings many years of serving as a volunteer on working groups and the Board, ending with serving as Chairperson. I will also still be available to serve on working groups where needed.

Best wishes to all of you and to CRCPD.
Thanks for the memories!

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR STAFF

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Ruth McBurney

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RUTH E. McBURNEY TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP

by

David J. Allard, CHP, FHPS

THE RUTH E. MCBURNEY TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP

HONORS RUTH FOR THE DECADES OF LEADERSHIP AND SUPPORT THAT SHE HAS PROVIDED TO CRCPD.

If you attended the annual meeting, hopefully you heard about the Ruth E. McBurney Travel Scholarship that is being created to honor Ruth for the decades of leadership and support that she has provided to CRCPD and the entire field of radiation protection and control. Funding for this scholarship was made through an initial anonymous gift of $10,000. This article is to request you consider a donation to the scholarship fund. We hope all of the CRCPD Membership, and the many friends and colleagues of Ruth will also contribute. Whatever amount you can afford will be greatly appreciated. A link for donations to this travel scholarship should be active on the CRCPD website shortly.

This travel support scholarship will be available to an Associate Member(s) of the CRCPD. It won't be used for support of Director Members, who have their meeting travel supported by federal grant[s]. The support intends to provide funds to an Associate Member[s] who might not normally be able to attend a CRCPD Annual Meeting. The CRCPD Board will be considering additional support through a waiver or reduction of the meeting registration fee to the awardee(s).

RUTH E. McBURNEY TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP - CONTINUED

The CRCPD Board is very pleased that we can honor Ruth with this Travel Scholarship in her name. We encourage you to make a tax-deductible contribution in whatever amount you can, and, talk to others about doing the same. You should receive additional information via email with details on how contribute. Please keep an eye out for that information.

Lastly, the plan is to publish a list of the names (only) of those who donated to the Scholarship in the December Newsbrief.

Ruth has put so much time and effort into the CRCPD and the field of radiation protection – let's show her how much that work is appreciated!

Scholarship Award Details

APPLICATION

An application will be available in the near future for Associate Members applying for this travel scholarship. The application will require a short abstract (less than 100 words) for an oral or poster presentation. Abstracts must describe a radiation protection or control: project, research effort, survey, major inspection, special investigation, emergency response event or exercise, laboratory experiment or method, regulation or guidance development, or other related endeavor. A single table, photo, illustration or graphic may be included.

SUBMISSION & CERTIFICATION

The application and abstract will need to be submitted several months before the Annual Meeting, and will require the signature of the Associate Member to confirm they performed the majority of the work, as well as their respective Director Member's name to confirm they are on staff of a state, territory, or city/municipality Radiation Control Program.

REVIEW & AWARD

CRCPD's Awards Committee will review the abstracts, rank them, and make a recommendation to the Board. Depending on the income accrued from the initial award donation, and other contributions during the CRCPD fiscal year, the Awards Committee and Board shall determine if a travel scholarship award or multiple awards can be made.

SCATR ACTIVITIES

An update by Michael Snee, CRCPD

SCATR Activities

	2024 Totals	1st Quarter 2025	2nd Quarter 2025	3rd Quarter 2025	4th Quarter 2025	2025 to Date
Number of unwanted sources removed	7449	1694				1694
Activity of sources removed	177.813 Curies	6.63 Curies				6.63 Curies
Number of facilities assisted	215	45				45

Information on SCATR can be found at the CRCPD SCATR Program (lanl.gov) or contact Michael Snee at msnee@crcpd.org

JOHN C. VILLFORTH LECTURE SERIES

Named 2025 Villforth Lecturer

Adela Salame-Alfie, Ph.D.

The Villforth Lectureship is awarded each year at the Annual Conference in honor of John C. Villforth, former Director of the Bureau of Radiological Health in the Public Health Service (and later Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and a key leader in the formation and initial funding of CRCPD.

This year's Villforth Lecturer was Adela Salame-Alfie, Ph.D. The title of her presentation was "Volunteering for CRCPD - A Win-Win Combination."

Lisa Bruedigan and Adela Salame-Alfie

Dr. Salame-Alfie worked for the State of New York for 22 years in the Radiation Control and Environmental Health Program, where she served in many roles including the Radiation Control Program Director. During that time, she served on the CRCPD Board of Directors including serving as the Chairperson in 2009-2010. She was awarded the prestigious Gerald S. Parker Award in 2014. During her time as the New York Radiation Control Program Director, Dr. Salame-Alfie was recognized for numerous contributions to radiation protection, particularly in the field of emergency preparedness and homeland security. After her retirement from the State of New York, Dr. Salame-Alfie began working for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in the Radiation Studies Branch from which she retired in January 2024. During her tenure at the CDC, she was a strong supporter of the CRCPD including serving as the CDC liaison to the Board of Directors and continuing to support and work on many mutual projects. She has since established a nuclear/radiological consulting business (NuRaC, LLC) and is also currently working as a consultant for CDC.

Adela holds a Master's Degree and Ph.D. in in Nuclear Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) in Troy, New York. She is a Life Member of CRCPD, a Member of the National Council of Radiation Protection, and a Fellow Member of the Health Physics Society.

She has published and coauthored many publications on radiation and health physics.

GERALD S. PARKER AWARD OF MERIT

Rebecca Harisis

The Gerald S. Parker Award of Merit, CRCPD's highest honor, is presented to Rebecca (Becki) Harisis for her significant contribution to the field of radiation protection for over twenty years, and for her contributions to the mission of the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors. Ms. Harisis served on the CRCPD Board of Directors for three years from 2022-2025. As a Board Member, she served as Council Chair for both the General and Liaisons and the Suggested State Regulations with exceptional leadership, positive energy, and expertise. In addition, she has served on and chaired numerous working groups and served as CRCPD Liaison to Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging (SNMMI).

Lisa Bruedigan and Rebecca Harisis

Rebecca's extensive contributions to her state program and to CRCPD demonstrate her dedication to advancing radiation protection at both the state and national levels. She has helped to shape national radiation control policy, guided technical committees, and contributed to the future of radiation safety in various sectors. CRCPD and the radiation protection community have benefited from Rebecca's passion, knowledge, leadership, and tireless work in the field of radiation protection.

JAMES W. MILLER AWARD

Tanya Ridgle

Tanya Ridgle is recognized for her outstanding service to CRCPD and to the field of radiation protection. Tanya's leadership and expertise have been instrumental in advancing radiological health and emergency response efforts within CRCPD and beyond. As a leader of the Homeland Security/Emergency Response Council, Tanya demonstrated remarkable dedication and leadership in promoting effective emergency response strategies and enhancing radiological preparedness nationwide. She has played a pivotal role in shaping policies, standards, and best practices related to radiological emergency response, ensuring that CRCPD members are well-equipped to address the unique challenges posed by radiological incidents.

Tanya Ridgle
and Lisa Bruedigan

Tanya's commitment to advancing radiological health extends beyond her involvement with CRCPD, working collaboratively with external organizations and supporting the Radiation Operations Support Specialist (ROSS) program in radiological preparedness. Tanya's contributions to the CRCPD and to radiation protection as a whole have been equally remarkable. Through her work on the Board of the CRCPD, Tanya has provided invaluable leadership and guidance, helping to steer the organization towards achieving its mission of promoting excellence in radiation control programs nationwide. Her advocacy for public health and safety, both within CRCPD and through her external engagements, embodies the spirit of excellence and service that this award seeks to honor.

SUSIE SHIMEK RADON HERO AWARD

JOSH KERBER	Josh has led the state of Minnesota to be a national and international leader when it comes to radon protection and radon regulation. Josh has been a member and now chairperson of the E-25 Committee on Radon since 2013. During the four years Josh has been the E-25 Chairperson, he has dedicated hundreds of volunteer hours toward promoting radon risk reduction and increased technical capacity for radon. His ongoing activities include serving on the National Radon Action Plan leadership council, acting as the CRCPD liaison to the Indoor Environments Association (formerly known as AARST), representing CRCPD on the President's Moonshot Roundtable on Cancer Prevention, providing training and education on radon, and leading the E25 members and advisors to accomplish their charges. Joshua leads E25 as they work on development of a state and tribal track for radon at the annual radon symposium, developing comments on federal and international guidance and regulatory documents on radon, providing assistance to states and tribes on radon program development and enhancements, building technical capacity for radon within the states and tribes, and most importantly, in the fulfillment of the goals and objectives for the CRCPD cooperative agreement for radon with the U.S. EPA. Josh has also represented the CRCPD on multiple projects with the IAEA. Josh also currently serves as the chairperson of the SSR-R Regulations for Radon Committee.
GARY HODGDEN	Gary has exemplified what it means to be a Radon Hero. He has been involved with radon risk reduction since the discovery of radon in the late 1980's both through his work as a radon professional, in support of the IEA/AARST professional organization, and in support of states. Gary's work has always been supportive of state radon programs and the CRCPD, and he has been instrumental in ensuring that the states and radon professionals continue to grow into a positive collaborative relationship. Gary has never hesitated to provide assistance and support for radon endeavors when asked, often with no financial benefits for him. Gary has always had a mission to ensure that IEA (formerly AARST) and the CRCPD maintained a strong partnership and had positive interactions. This was especially demonstrated during the early years of AARST (~1995-2010) when Gary maintained an Associate membership with CRCPD and volunteered as an Advisor to the E-25 Committee on Radon. Gary regularly attended the in-person E25 meetings – traveling to them at his own personal expense – in an effort to ensure that accurate information was shared with CRCPD about AARST's endeavors and technical and scientific growth in the radon field. Through his work, the E25 Committee was able to evolve into the active group of experienced radon scientists that it is today with a close working partnership with IEA/AARST.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AWARD

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN THE FIELD OF RADIATION PROTECTION

E-43 COMMITTEE FOR INTERAGENCY ENVIRONMENTAL DATA SHARING AND COMMUNICATIONS

- JILL SLUBOWSKI, CHAIRPERSON
- AMY HASS, MEMBER
- BRENNAN BRUNNER, MEMBER
- SAHAR AZMAT, MEMBER
- HILLARY HASKINS, MEMBER

Jill Slubowski, Lisa Bruedigan, Amy Hass, and Hillary Haskins

in recognition of their exceptional dedication, expertise, and collaborative effort in developing, finalizing and receiving endorsement for standardized RadResponder Threshold sets. The CRCPD E-43 committee worked extensively to develop threshold sets based on radiological emergency response decision points backed by nationally accepted guidance documents in the fields of emergency response and radiation protection. For their excellent work, the E-43 Committee authored a paper published in the March 2025 special CRCPD edition of the Health Physics Journal entitled "Endorsed RadResponder Threshold Sets."

SR-N: TENORM WORKING GROUP

- GARY FORSEE, CHAIRPERSON
- KEVIN SIEBERT, MEMBER
- ZIAD FAHD, MEMBER
- NICK TSURIKOV, MEMBER

Lisa Bruedigan and Gary Forsee

The SR-N working group demonstrated exemplary leadership and commitment to excellence by tackling the complex and critical task of revising Part N. Their work aligned SR-N with current best practices, scientific advancements, and technological developments, in radiation protection to ensure relevance and applicability in a rapidly evolving field. The group engaged diverse stakeholders, including state regulatory agencies, and industry experts to ensure that the revised SR-N reflects a consensus-based and practical approach to radiation protection. The groups contributions will have a lasting impact on improvement of radiation protection standards, regulatory practices, public health, and environmental safety.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AWARD

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN THE FIELD OF RADIATION PROTECTION

WILLIAM IRWIN, SC.D., CHP

Bill Irwin and
Lisa Bruedigan

For his excellent work as author of a paper "A 10-Year Personal History of the Radiological Operations Support Specialist" that was published in the March special CRCPD edition of the Health Physics Journal. The work accomplished by Dr. Irwin and his involvement in the growth of the Radiological Operations Support Specialist (ROSS) Program, which has grown from one person in 2014 to almost 500 trained radiological and nuclear emergency response and recovery subject matter experts, is to be highly praised and recognized.

KAREN TUCCILLO

For her excellent work in the State of New Jersey and serving as lead author for the resulting paper that was published in the March special CRCPD edition of the Health Physics Journal. The paper was entitled "Monitoring and Remediation of Tritium Contamination in Groundwater at a New Jersey Nuclear Power Plant." The work accomplished by Ms. Tuccillo and others in the New Jersey radiation control program can serve as a valuable resource for other state programs.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT

OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN THE FIELD OF RADIATION PROTECTION

AWARDED TO

NICK POSPISHIL (FL)
TIFFANY DAVIDSON (IL)
SUE SPALDING (IL)
KAITLYNN LANCLOS (LA)
MALLORY YOUNG (LA)
ASHLEY RHAME (LA)
KERRY MICHEAL JONES (LA)
JACOB LABORDE (LA)
ARIELLE NENORTAS (LA)
EREMY TRISTAN (TX)

Recognized for their excellent work in pilot testing the state data collection survey in coordination with the Working Group on Medical Exposure Assessment in the US Patient Population. The input of this group of state inspectors has been invaluable to creating the best survey possible. The inspectors not only participated in the survey but provided valuable critiques and feedback.

PUBLIC SERVANT AWARD & MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD

PUBLIC SERVANT AWARD

KEVIN WILLIAMS

For his many contributions to radiation protection and support of state radiation control programs including his service to the CRCPD Board of Directors as a Nuclear Regulatory Commission Federal Resource. His wise guidance, 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.

HUDA AKHAVANNIK

For her many contributions to radiation protection and support of state radiation control programs including, her service to the CRCPD Board of Directors as a Nuclear Regulatory Commission Federal Resource. Her organization and presentation of NRC updates, continuing dedication, and steadfast support of the mission of CRCPD demonstrates her exemplary commitment to assuring high standards of quality in radiation protection in the United States.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AWARD FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE

BERNARD BEVILL

For his exceptional contributions to the field of radiation protection and to the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors. Bernard "Bernie" has worked in the State of Arkansas's Radiation Control Program for over 50 years and has been Director for 29 years. As a long-time member of CRCPD, he has continually contributed to the mission of CRCPD by participating in various working groups, including many emergency response preparedness activities. He most recently served as Chair of the Task Force for Radiological Emergency Public Messaging. Bernie's professionalism, dry wit, commitment to the regulation of radiation, and long-term sharing of knowledge on radiation with peers and the public, are appreciated and to be praised.

AWARDS & CELEBRATION

RUTH E. McBURNEY

RUTH AND MAC McBURNEY

Angela Leek and Kevin Nelson, HPS, with Ruth delivering a proclamation recognizing Ruth's achievements

Ruth with Miroslav Pinak, IAEA, presenting a Certificate of Appreciation from IAEA

Melanie Florez and Justin Griffin with proclamation from DOE/NNSA/Office of Radiological Security

Ruth with Pam Platt, American College of Radiology delivering a Certificate of Appreciation

AAPM: Melissa Martin and Ruth; Back: Kevin Little, Robert Staton, David Crowley, and Debbie Gilley

Ruth with Mendy Cremeans

Ruth and Ken Evans

Hillary Haskins, Ruth and Pam Platt, singing a song from Penny Butler

Ruth with Adela Salame-Alfie

Ruth with Rikki Waller

Ruth with Patrick Mulligan

Ruth with flowers from Melissa Martin and Kate Hintenlang

CRCPD friends: Hillary Haskins, Rikki Waller, Becki Harisis, and Adela Salame-Alfie

Ruth with Lisa Bruedigan

RUTH AND FRIENDS

CRCPD WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

DIRECTOR MEMBERS

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Leslie Howe (MT)

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Errata: The director members shown above are a correction to the previous *Newsbrief* in which they were identified as Associate Members. We apologize for the errors.

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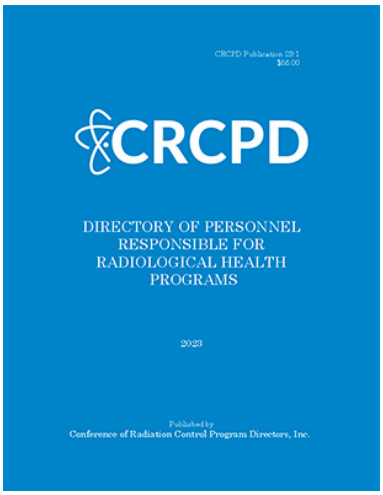

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