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FROM THE CHAIRPERSON



CRCPD'S MANY ONGOING ACTIVITIES

by Patrick Mulligan

Happy Fall everyone! I was talking with our Executive Director, Lisa Bruedigan, the other day about topics for this month's *Newsbrief* article.

October is usually the month in which the article just writes itself because there are so many Board activities going on at the federal level. However, this year has been a little out of the ordinary. With the federal budget issues, federal agencies shutdown and staff on furlough, the Board Tri-chairs and Executive Director could not hold the annual fall visits with our federal partners. Nor have we had opportunities to stay engaged and discuss other topics with our federal liaisons. But in the conversation with Lisa, I realized how much great work continues despite the temporary absence of our federal partners. When I take the time to stop and think about all the work we do at CRCPD every day, I am always amazed at the scope, breadth and importance of the work you all do for us and for radiation protection across this great nation of ours. **That work, your accomplishments and influence have impacts well beyond our borders within the international radiation protection community.** Currently the international partnerships that CRCPD has established remain strong and active.

CRCPD'S GREAT WORK

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CRCPD Annual NRC Commission Briefing

The CRCPD Tri-chairs were well prepared for the annual NRC Commission briefing that was scheduled for October 7th at NRC Headquarters in Bethesda, Maryland. However, due to the federal budget issues and the shutdown of federal agencies, the annual meeting was postponed, which was very disappointing to us all. **A great deal of work goes into the preparation and planning for this visit and I appreciate the efforts of Rikki Waller, Past Chair; Tanya Ridgle, Chair Elect; Lisa Bruedigan, Executive Director; and Ruth McBurney, Past Executive Director, to make sure we were ready for the meeting.** We are all hoping that the budget issues will be resolved quickly and we can reschedule this meeting in the near future. We will be sure to keep you posted when that happens. **The meeting between the CRCPD and OAS Tri-chairs will be a public meeting so we will send out the new date, time and the link for you if you would like to attend.** The proposed topics will not change and as a reminder are:

- State-to-State Assistance, Sarah Sanderlin (OAS Chair)
- Risk Assessment and Community Trust, Patrick Mulligan (CRCPD Chair)
- Fusion: How States are Doing and What Do They Still Need? Beth Shelton (OAS Past Chair)
- State Licensing, Registration, and Inspection of Machine Sources and How Fusion Rules Could Impact Those State Regulations, Rikki Waller (CRCPD Past Chair)
- Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program, Becki Harisis (OAS Chair Elect)
- Dose Modeling for Advanced Reactor Designs, Tanya Ridgle (CRCPD Chair Elect)

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**ANNUAL NRC
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BRIEFING**

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Following the formal briefing, which is conducted in a public meeting format, the CRCPD and OAS Tri-chairs will have the unique opportunity to meet with each of the Commissioners individually to have further discussions on a wide variety of topics. It always proves to be a rewarding experience and benefits everyone involved. **More to come!**

Training Committee Update

At the Annual Meeting this past May, **the membership identified a need for training specifically focused on staff that inspect x-ray producing devices.** To that end, it was unanimously voted by the membership to have the CRCPD Board address this need. The task was assigned by the Board to the G-55 Committee on Training. Subsequently, former Board Member and OAS Chair Elect, Becki Harisis has accepted the responsibility to Chair the G-55 Committee and added training opportunities for x-ray inspectors as one of the committee charges. Since May, the G-55 Training Committee has been meeting monthly and has made a lot of progress. The Committee started by updating the members and advisors list, bringing in several new people to help strengthen the group. **G-55 has created an X-ray Subgroup that will meet separately to focus on identifying and reviewing x-ray training materials. Anticipating additional training needs that may be beneficial outside the x-ray modalities, G-55 is forming a Radioactive Materials Subgroup and an Emergency Response Subgroup.** Each subgroup will handle its specific area, while the main G-55 committee continues to provide overall coordination and direction.

One of the main goals of the committee is to develop a training toolbox that will live on the CRCPD website. It will serve as a central place where states can find and share training resources.

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G-55 COMMITTEE ON TRAINING ADDS "TRAINING FOR X-RAY INSPECTORS" TO ITS CHARGE

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X-ray will be the first focus area. The Committee also plans to create a qualification template to provide an outline of what is needed for someone to be recognized as qualified to perform x-ray inspections. Overall, the group is building good momentum, and the subgroups will really help move things forward in a more focused way. **If anyone is interested in helping advance the work of this committee, please reach out to me, any other Board member or to Becki directl. I am sure the support will be greatly appreciated.**

58th National Conference on Radiation Planning Committee

In the coming months the Planning Committee will get deeply involved with the planning process for the 58th National Conference on Radiation Control schedule for May 18th through the 21st, 2026 in Lombard, Illinois (right outside of Chicago). Please make sure this gets added to your calendar as I am sure the agenda will be packed full of topics that you will not want to miss. I am deeply grateful to all those that participate on the committee. Many of you may not be aware but the planning for the next meeting starts well before the last one ends. Site selection and contract negotiations are ongoing to make sure we plan far enough in advance to get acceptable venues at affordable prices for the meetings. **My many thanks to Mendy Cremeans, our Executive Office Manager, whose knowledge and skills for planning these events is invaluable to our organization. And of course, many thanks to Bruce Hirshler, Sharon Bowen and Missy Hyslop that work so hard all year behind the scenes to make sure it goes perfectly.**

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Fall Board Meeting

The CRCPD Board will hold its annual fall Board Meeting on November 5th and 6th in Washington, D.C. We are very grateful to our friends at the American College of Radiology (ACR) for inviting us to use their facility for the meetings. The fall Board meeting is an opportunity for the Board to meet as a group and discuss important CRCPD organizational business and brainstorm on ways we can meet new challenges or help resolve ongoing concerns. It's also a great opportunity to interface with our many partners. **Typically, we get updates from all our federal partners and discuss ongoing initiatives and the challenges that face us out on the horizon. As you know it is still uncertain if that will happen in November due to the ongoing federal shutdown.** We are hopeful that it will. However, we will still be able to meet with our professional organization partners, ACR, American Association of Physicists in Medicine (AAPM) and American Society for Radiation Oncology (ASTRO). We look forward to productive meetings. Please, look for the details in the December *Newsbrief*.

We Need Your Support

Several years ago, the Board recognized an increase in turnover of Director Members, mostly due to retirements but some were lost for other career opportunities. We all can remember how overwhelming it can be as a new Radiation Control Program Director. Many, if not most, are unfamiliar with the CRCPD and the plethora of resources it can provide to any new Director Member. **Getting to know what the CRCPD does and how it can support them in their newly assigned mission can be a daunting task.** Recognizing that, the CRCPD Board developed a mentoring program. A Board Member will reach out to any newly appointed

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FALL BOARD MEETING

NOVEMBER 5-6

WASHINGTON, DC

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Director Member and offer an overview of the organization, its mission, its resources and its many, many working groups that address the broad scope topics that are encompassed under the umbrella of radiation protection. **From my perspective, the program has been very successful to help new Director Members get connected to the organization and other members. But it could be better with your help.** If you are a Director Member and know that there is turnover in one of your neighboring states, please don't hesitate to also reach out, introduce yourself and let them know how useful the CRCPD can be to them and their program. It would go a long way to making them feel welcomed and an important part of the organization and help build relationships that we all know can last and grow for many, many years.

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MENTORING PROGRAM OUTREACH

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
MESSAGE



INSPIRED BY THE PAST AND LOOKING AHEAD

by Lisa Bruedigan

As October ends, we approach one of my favorite milestones—the anniversary of the Discovery of X-rays on November 8, 1895. Yes, I'm letting my radiation nerd show!

This anniversary reminds us how profoundly x-rays and other radiation sources have shaped our work and modern medicine. **As we celebrate, let's also honor those who advanced our field, sometimes at great personal cost, and renew our commitment to radiation protection.**

Busy Times

The past two months have been busy as I'm learning to navigate our grants and reporting processes while meeting with committees and working groups to better understand their projects and challenges. In October, I attended Radiological Operations Support Specialist (ROSS) training along with Naturally Occurring Radioactive Materials (NORM) and radon conferences to stay current on the full range of CRCPD activities.

Annual Financial Meeting

I met with the Office of the Executive Director (OED) staff, our accountant, and our Treasurer, Michael Gries for the Annual

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**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S
MESSAGE** *(continued)*

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Financial Meeting to review the proposed budget, which will be presented to the board in November. **And good news: we are still financially sound and remain fiscally responsible.**

Continuing Collaborations

We collaborated with our federal partners on the shrimp packaging issue and are working to address state concerns about the RadResponder component of the CBRNResponder software.

The CRCPD Tri-chairs' meeting with federal partners was postponed due to the government shutdown, but we remain in close contact as our federal partners work to keep their programs running.

Board of Directors Meeting

Your Board of Directors will meet November 5–6, and planning will begin for the 2026 CRCPD Annual Meeting, scheduled for May 18–21, 2026, in Lombard, Illinois.

Mark your calendars so we can see you there!

**CONTACT WITH
FEDERAL PARTNERS**

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CONFERENCE OF RADIATION CONTROL PROGRAM DIRECTORS, INC.

RESOLUTION

Relating to: National Radiation Protection Professionals Week

WHEREAS: Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen discovered X rays on November 8, 1895; and

WHEREAS: Soon after, natural radioactivity was discovered in March of 1896 by Henri Becquerel, and

WHEREAS: In the late 1890s, Marie and Pierre Curie discovered the new elements polonium and radium, and

WHEREAS: Radioactive Materials and Radiation are a useful and necessary part of our modern world; and

WHEREAS: Acute and low-level radiation exposure is potentially harmful to people; and

WHEREAS: Man-made and concentrated natural radioactivity can cause environmental contamination; and

WHEREAS: Protection of the homeland involves radiation safety, security and response capabilities; and

WHEREAS: Radiation Protection Professionals work with government, industry, medical, educational, and private entities to serve as sources of information and bring the benefits of X rays, radiation and radioactivity to the public while minimizing the hazards of radiation exposure; and

WHEREAS: Radiation Protection Professionals provide scientific expertise, training, support, coordination and information to national and international communities regarding prevention of, responses to, and recovery from radiation accidents; and

WHEREAS: The Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc. supports efforts to encourage all citizens to recognize the importance of Radiation Protection Professionals who provide necessary leadership in protecting the public from the hazards associated with radiation.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED:

That November 2-8, 2025 is National Radiation Protection Professionals Week.

That the week-long observance is dedicated to recognizing Radiation Protection Professionals for their contributions to public safety.

On behalf of the members of the Conference of Radiation Control Directors, Inc., I am pleased to recognize November 2-8, 2025 as National Radiation Protection Professionals Week.

Patrick Muligan, CRCPD Chairperson

TRAINING OPPORTUNITY: RADIOLOGICAL OPERATIONS SUPPORT SPECIALIST (ROSS)

OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND



- **Date:** November 18 – 21, 2025
- **Time:** 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- **LOCATION:** NYPD Counterterrorism: 2615 West 13th Street, Brooklyn NY 11223
- **Registration:** [Training Event Details - Acadis® Portal](#) (NYS Dept of Homeland Security)
- **Organizer:** Sgt. Kaitlyn Mooney (NYPD)
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CTOS will perform the training. They are requesting students bring a laptop / tablet – this course will be electronic.

Location has computers in the classroom for those who require it.

Please bring ID (e.g., a NYS driver's license) to enter the NYPD Counter-Terrorism building

Prerequisites:

- [IS-100.c. FEMA Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS-100](#) (online course)
- [IS-200.c. FEMA Incident Command System for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents, ICS-200](#) (online course)
- [IS-700.b. An Introduction to the National Incident Management System \(NIMS\)](#) (online course)
- [IS-800.d. National Response Framework \(NRF\), An Introduction](#) (online course)
- [CTOS PER-307 Introduction to IND Efforts and Response Strategies](#) (online course)

Radiation Safety Officers and health physicists are encouraged to attend. Consider joining ROSS to support the nation in an emergency requiring your health physics skill set.

The ROSS position is a tiered merit-based role. This training is step one in the process. Completion merits Tier 4 status. Maintain your prerequisite certificates for transmitting to ROSS administration. Instructions to follow.

Contact Sgt. Kaitlyn Mooney if you are having difficulty enrolling: kaitlyn.mooney@nypd.org

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WHAT A GREAT CLASS!

Outstanding instructors and an incredible group of students from diverse backgrounds across Texas. Thank you for helping us grow our response skills--and more importantly--for fostering new connections and strengthening existing ones. Relationships like these are vital to our ability to protect Texans when the call comes. Proud to be part of this mission!

Lisa Bruedigan

REQUEST FOR DONATIONS TO THE NEW RUTH E. MCBURNEY TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP

David J. Allard, CHP

At the past CRCPD annual meeting, an announcement was made regarding the Ruth E. McBurney Travel Scholarship. This new scholarship was created to honor Ruth for her decades of leadership and support that she has provided to CRCPD and the entire field of radiation protection and control. An initial anonymous gift of \$10,000 was made to CRCPD in order to jump-start the scholarship fund, such that we honor Ruth well into the future. This article is to request you consider making a donation now.

HOW TO DONATE

It is hoped all the CRCPD Members, and Ruth's many friends and colleagues will contribute. A donation of \$25, \$50, \$100, or whatever amount you can afford, will be greatly appreciated! A simple method for making donations to this travel scholarship is now active on the CRCPD website at <https://crcpd.org/>. Select "Donate" in the upper right corner to reach the donations page. Click on the drop down tab "Where should this gift be directed?" and select the "Ruth E. McBurney Travel Scholarship." Then provide your method of payment.

HOW THE TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM WORKS

As noted in a related past *Newsbrief* article, the 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 plan is to provide travel funds to an Associate Member(s) who normally would not be able to attend a CRCPD annual meeting. Associate Members applying for this travel scholarship will be required to provide a short abstract for an oral or poster presentation. The CRCPD's Awards Committee will review the submissions, rank them, and make a recommendation to the Board. Depending on the income accrued from the initial and subsequent donations (requested now), the Awards Committee and Board will determine if a travel scholarship award or multiple awards can be made.

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 encourage others about doing the same.

*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 - please donate now!
Thank you.*

**CRCPD WELCOMES
NEW MEMBERS**

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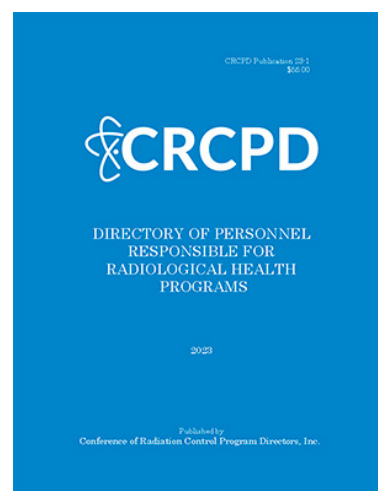
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MEMBERSHIP IN
CRCPD, SEE THE
ONLINE APPLICATION!**

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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 Lisa Bruedigan (lbruedigan@crcpd.org) suggesting a topic you'd like to present.

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