

# **CRCPD** *Newsbrief*

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## FROM THE CHAIRPERSON



### **BOARD COMMUNICATIONS WITH NRC & FEMA**

by Patrick Mulligan

I am sitting here ready to write this edition of the *Newsbrief* at the very last hour of my deadline, I can't help but wonder if it is because I procrastinate or if there are just too many other irons in the fire that get in the way.

So, I took a minute to think about all that has gone on since my last edition. First, we all had the winter holidays and New Year which put the priorities of life on celebrating with family and friends. But we all know that work responsibilities never cease to pile up as we try to manage a balance of personal lives and work lives. I know that each and every one of us is working in programs that are understaffed and overworked. I am confident that we all strive to keep up with our workloads out of the profound sense of dedication and duty we all have to our profession, Then, I realize all the added work that all of you do for CRCPD in addition to all these responsibilities. That is when I fully recognize the depth of passion and pride you all have in our organization and the mission of the CRCPD.

### **STRIVING TO KEEP UP WITH WORKLOADS AND LIFE BALANCE**

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When I do take a minute to really reflect, I always get an overwhelming sense of gratitude to be part of this great organization, and I am most grateful for the hard work that you all do to ensure public health and safety through sound radiation protections principles and guidelines. The work you do matters, and I appreciate all that you do for CRCPD.

**NRC Rulemaking and CRCPD Review**

As you all are aware, Executive Order (EO) 14300 directed the NRC to perform several tasks. **One is a complete review of all NRC regulations and another to re-evaluate the basis for the linear non-threshold model and ALARA.** These directives may have significant and far-reaching effects on Radiation Protection in every state and territory across the nation.

In my last *Newsbrief* article, I noted that the CRCPD put together a task force to quickly assess and assign rule changes to various existing working groups. We also stand ready to create additional ad hoc task force groups to address any changes that do not fall within the purview of existing working groups.

**The Office of the Executive Director (OED) staff have now put together a web portal for the task force that will assist in the collection of state comments on the rule changes as they are made public.** The CRCPD is as prepared as we can be to respond quickly and effectively as the draft rules are released for public comment. I once again strongly encourage all programs to be ready, so that the comments CRCPD put together are comprehensive and include the input from all states affected.

The CRCPD Board held two special meetings to address concerns over Executive EO 14300 Section 5(b) Regarding NRC's Radiation

**EXECUTIVE ORDER  
14300: NRC  
REGULATION REVIEW  
TASKS**

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Protection Framework. In response to the EO, the Board put together a comment letter to the NRC Commissioners outlining the CRCPDs position. After lengthy discussion, the Board felt that the issue was important enough to get the input of the Director Members before proceeding.

The CRCPD Board scheduled a special meeting on December 16th, 2025, with the Director Members to specifically discuss the radiation dose threshold model re-evaluation and how the CRCPD should respond. The Board received verbal and written comments on the draft letter to NRC and made revisions. A second special meeting of the Director Members was held on January 22, 2026, to vote on sending the final draft. The motion to approve carried and the letter was finalized and sent to the NRC Commissioners.

**CRCPD Engagement with FEMA on  
RadResponder Concerns**

As many of you may be aware, **there have been ongoing concerns with the reliability and operation of the RadResponder platform for data collection, management and assessment.** For more than a year, the E-43 Committee for Interagency Environmental Data Sharing and Communications has been working closely with FEMA and the contracting entity responsible for the maintenance of the RadResponder application.

Ongoing issues with the application prompted the committee to bring their concerns to the Board. The committee provided numerous specific examples of failures and shortfalls with the application. The Board reviewed and discussed the issues in detail and decided that it was critical to reach out to FEMA to express our concerns and to reach a resolution. In early

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ON EXECUTIVE  
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December, the CRCPD Board sent a letter to senior leadership at FEMA expressing our concerns for both the reliability and availability of the application. **RadResponder is the backbone of our national emergency response structure, providing a means to collect, store, validate and share radiation field data with decision makers.**

FEMA has been responsive to the CRCPD letter and CRCPD met on several occasions to help FEMA staff understand the concerns and issues. The initial meeting covered the long list of issues compiled by our very active and engaged E-43 Committee led by Jill Slubowski (OH). FEMA took some time to evaluate the concerns internally and discuss them with the contracting group AttainX to validate the problems. A second meeting with FEMA was held in January to discuss their understanding of open issues and any discrepancies that existed between the CRCPD and FEMA assessments. FEMA and AttainX continue to be engaged and are working toward successful resolution to all the issues directly with the E-43 Committee. The Board continues to be engaged in the process to make sure that progress continues. We look forward to a swift and satisfactory resolution that provides a robust and fully functional tool to use for radiation emergency response

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CONCERNS ABOUT  
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**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S  
MESSAGE**



## STRATEGIC PLANS & EMERGING TRENDS

by Lisa Bruedigan

Many of you are familiar with the quote, “Life is what happens while you are making other plans,” often attributed to John Lennon. The same can certainly be said for our professional lives.

Like many of you, I begin each week — and most days — by reviewing my to-do list, adjusting priorities as deadlines approach, and creating a loose plan for what I hope to accomplish. Yet when the next week rolls around, I sometimes look at that list and wonder why more items are not checked off. We all know the answer: something else came up that required immediate attention.

Each May, the incoming Board Chair leads the Board in reviewing the Strategic Plan Goals and Objectives and selecting several areas of focus for the upcoming year shown as highlighted in yellow in the graphic on the following page. This November, Pat Mulligan (NJ) guided the Board through that process again and identified two additional focus areas shown as highlighted in blue in the graphic on the following page. At the time, we could not have anticipated just how timely those additions would prove to be.

### PLANNING AHEAD

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE (continued)

STRATEGIC PLANS & EMERGING TRENDS

Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc. STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS & OBJECTIVES Approved by the CRCPD Membership May 20, 2021

- Goal #1 Produce Radiation Protection Solutions That Meet Community Needs
Objective #1 Determine Membership Needs
Objective #2 Review Working Groups' Activities Bi-Annually
Objective #3 Be Proactive in Handling New Issues
Objective #4 Promote Standardization
Objective #5 Expand Development of CRCPD Guidance Documents
Goal #2 Assist States with Improving Tools
Objective #1 Develop a Mechanism to Gather Information for Member States
Objective #2 Act as a Clearinghouse for All States/Members
Objective #3 Increase the Availability of Electronic Based Information
Goal #3 Promote an Active, Energized Membership
Objective #1 Provide More Benefits for CRCPD Members
Objective #2 Promote Opportunities for Participation in Committee Activities
Objective #3 Provide Training Opportunities for CRCPD Members
Objective #4 Increase Communication Among Members
Goal #4 Assure Sound Fiscal and Organizational Management of CRCPD
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Objective #3 Assure CRCPD Activities are in Line with the Strategic Plan
Objective #4 Continue and Enhance the Relationship Between the CRCPD and the Organization of Agreement States
Goal #5 Enhance Profile of Organization
Objective #1 Assume a Leadership Role on Radiation Protection and Public Policy Issues
Objective #2 Actively Liaison with Professional Organizations and Federal Agencies
Objective #3 Promote What We Have

STAYING INFORMED ABOUT EMERGING TRENDS

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Emerging Trends

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

**STRATEGIC PLANS  
& EMERGING TRENDS**

**Enhanced Radiation Protection Devices Used in  
Fluoroscopy Interventional Laboratories**

A new topic this month involves enhanced radiation protection devices used in fluoroscopy interventional laboratories. Recent state legislative actions and exemption requests prompted conversations with several states, as well as with our professional association partners. These discussions directly support Goal 1, Objective 3 and Goal 5, Objective 2 of the Strategic Plan. **In response, we are forming a task force to further research the issue and anticipate developing guidance that states may use when evaluating exemption requests.**

Researching emerging issues and coordinating with state programs and professional partners rarely appear on Monday morning's to-do list. However, when a new need is identified, we pivot, prioritize, and integrate it into our work. This is one of CRCPD's greatest strengths — working collectively to address radiation protection issues that impact state radiation control programs and the public they serve.

**58th Annual Conference on Radiation Protection,  
May 18-21, 2026**

I will close with a reminder about the upcoming 58th Annual Conference on Radiation Protection, May 18-21, 2026. The planning committee has worked hard to develop an agenda to bring you updates in the wide variety of topics we cover. Join us and see how many strategic goals they worked into the program.

*"My proverbial door is always open."*

Lisa Bruedigan

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## NATIONAL RADON ACTION MONTH JANUARY 2026

by Lisa Bruedigan and Margaret Henderson, CRCPD

### States and Tribes Promoted Radon Awareness and Reduction of Health Risks

State and Tribal Radon Programs across the U.S. participated in a wide variety of initiatives and activities during National Radon Action Month, January 2026, to raise awareness about the health risks of radon and encourage testing homes for radon and mitigating high levels of indoor radon.

This concerted effort by states nationwide contributes to improving the lives of citizens by reducing their radiation exposure from radon.

Radon Programs developed initiatives appropriate for their risk probabilities, population groups and regulatory framework that provided a wide range of approaches throughout the U.S. While some states have more potential for indoor radon exposure than others and some have rules regarding radon professional certification and building codes and some do not, a consistent message of the importance of testing for indoor radon and mitigating elevated levels was delivered.

### How CRCPD Supports the Radon Initiatives and Radon Programs

CRCPD continues to advance radon risk reduction efforts across the country by supporting state, local, and tribal programs through technical assistance, collaboration, and education.

Key efforts include promoting adoption of radon-resistant building codes, radon disclosure laws, and testing requirements; strengthening technical capacity and program consistency; and improving coordination with housing repair, energy efficiency, and weatherization initiatives.

In partnership with HUD and other National Radon Action Plan stakeholders, CRCPD supports expansion of credentialed radon testing capacity and alignment with EPA credentialing criteria, while encouraging adoption of state certification programs and consensus-based standards.

CRCPD also maintains a Radon Resources Portal and supports the Radon Leaders Saving Lives network to share best practices and success stories nationwide. Through workshops, webinars, and participation in national and regional radon events, CRCPD remains committed to building capacity and reducing radon exposure across the United States.

## RADON PROGRAM ACTIVITIES: NATIONAL RADON ACTION MONTH, JANUARY 2026

### What Radon Programs Accomplished

Radon Programs worked with partners in local health departments and medical facilities, with each other and with media support from television, radio and social media. Some states aired creative and informative video messages for the public; hosted webinars, podcasts, and online educational opportunities; provided toolkits and messaging to share with other Radon Programs; and worked with their executive branches to issue Governor's Proclamations of Radon Action Month.

### Test Kit Distributions

During National Radon Action Month, Radon Programs gave away thousands of radon test kits and supplied guidance and technical expertise to the public.

### Learn More About Radon Programs Activities

The examples are many and are more than can be addressed in a single article in the Newsbrief, but please take a few minutes visit the Radon Leaders website blog <http://www.radonleaders.org/discuss/blogs> to learn more in detail about the National Radon Action Month successes of the Radon Programs. During the months of December 2025 and January and February 2026, CRCPD featured the Radon Programs' activities and accomplishments. And if you'd like to add your radon stories to the blog, please contact Margaret Henderson [mhenderson@crupd.org](mailto:mhenderson@crupd.org).

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## RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE BLUE RIBBON PANEL ON FLUOROSCOPY SAFETY

by Lisa Bruedigan, CRCPD

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The Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPD) is pleased to share the publication of **Recommendations from the Blue Ribbon Panel on Fluoroscopy Safety**, a comprehensive consensus paper focused on improving and standardizing radiation safety practices for the use of fluoroscopy in health care.

CRCPD contributed to the development of these recommendations as part of the Blue Ribbon Panel on Fluoroscopy Safety, convened by the American College of Radiology (ACR) beginning in October 2023.

Over more than two years, the effort expanded to include over 30 organizations representing a broad range of fluoroscopy stakeholders.

The final paper was reviewed and approved by the CRCPD Board of Directors.

**We thank ACR for their leadership on this initiative and for making the publication publicly available.**

## H-58 / NCRP 4-9 SURVEY UPDATE: ADVANCING MEDICAL DOSE DATA COLLECTION

by Jennifer Elee, LA

NCRP Report No. 184, *Medical Radiation Exposure of Patients in the United States*, identified the need for improved and sustainable data collection methods to support future updates on medical radiation dose. In response, the H-58 / NCRP 4-9 Task Group was formed to develop a practical mechanism for gathering this information through state radiation control programs.

### Survey Development and Pilot

The task group designed and pilot tested a survey to collect dose and workload information from state x-ray inspectors. The pilot was conducted in early 2025, and results were analyzed and presented at the CRCPD Annual Meeting in May 2025.

### Training and Early Participation

Following the Annual Meeting, three training webinars were conducted for state regulators. Eighty regulators representing twenty states participated in the trainings.

Since those sessions in June and July, fifty-three regulators from nine states have entered data into the survey. Current data submissions include:

- 11 CT machines
- 2 CT pediatric procedure entries
- 6 CT adult procedure entries
- 40 dental facilities

- 489 non-dental facilities
- 109 fluoroscopes
- 40 fluoroscopy procedure entries
- 318 radiographic devices
- 353 adult radiograph procedure entries
- 15 pediatric radiograph procedure entries

These early results demonstrate meaningful engagement and provide valuable insight as we work toward building a more comprehensive national dataset.

## H-58 / NCRP 4-9 SURVEY UPDATE: ADVANCING MEDICAL DOSE DATA COLLECTION - continued

### Next Steps

The survey sub-group recently met to discuss strategies for increasing participation. Planned outreach efforts include:

- contacting all state radiation control program directors to confirm participation and identify ways to support engagement;
- following up with regulators who attended training to gather feedback and better understand barriers to participation; and
- exploring additional improvements to streamline the survey process.

Outreach is expected to begin in early March, with the goal of compiling updated results in advance of the CRCPD Annual Conference on Radiation Control in May. The group is also considering hosting an additional webinar this spring, potentially in conjunction with the H-7 X-Ray Call.

### Get Involved

Broader participation strengthens the value of this effort and supports future national assessments of medical radiation exposure. If you are interested in participating or have suggestions to enhance the survey process, please contact Jennifer at:

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Your engagement helps ensure that state programs play a central role in shaping the future of medical radiation dose data collection.

## HARMONIZING INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM AND WORKSHOP

by Hillary Haskins, OR

Going to two international meetings on different continents back-to-back is not for the faint of heart. I haven't had to receive that many vaccines since boot camp! I was very fortunate to be able to attend both the NORM XI: 11th International Symposium and the International Workshop on Exposure Due to Radionuclides in Food in Non-Emergency Situations in October 2025. Both topics are vastly different yet are similar in the sense that many countries are still figuring out how to make sustainable regulations, environmental protection, and business practices. The most frequently heard term at both meetings was harmonization. Harmonizing national and international standards; harmonizing terminology; harmonizing protections for people and the environment; harmonizing economic sustainability.

### NORM XI: 11<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Naturally Occurring Material

I was joined by retired EPA legend Phil Egidi in Accra, Ghana. We were the only people from the U.S. since the federal government was in shutdown at the time. Phil and I formed a fast friendship since he was able to introduce me to many people in the NORM world and I was able to help him navigate the symposium and city streets.

The NORM XI Symposium was organized in cooperation with IAEA, ILO, IRPA, ICRP, UNSCEAR, and ENA. The symposium targeted a diverse audience, including stakeholders from various industries related to NORM, disposal facilities, international transport, as well as regulators, researchers, and service providers.

#### ACRONYMS

**ENA European NORM Association**

**IAEA International Atomic Energy Agency**

**ICRP International Commission on Radiological Protection**

**ILO International Labour Organization**

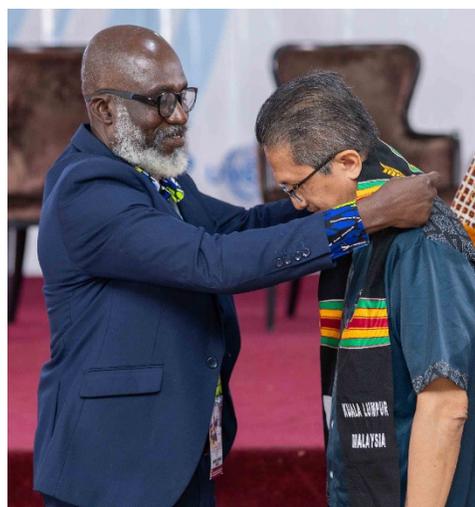
**IRPA International Radiation Protection Association**

**UNSCEAR United Nations Scientific Committee on the Effects of Atomic Radiation**

## NORM XI Goal

The goal of NORM XI is to enhance the harmonization of operational practices to promote sustainability in the management of NORM residues and waste. In order to ensure these objectives were met, all presentations had to be linked to at least one of the 17 UN Sustainability Development Goals.

The symposium kicked off with a wonderful performance from the local elementary school. Presentations were given on a variety of topics, ranging from radiochemistry analysis to extraction (aka mining) best practices to regulation. There are several concepts that have stuck with me since attending the symposium. The international community does not differentiate between NORM and TENORM, and many folks seem baffled that the U.S. does. Many countries now require extraction companies to provide an environmental and economic plan to restore the land and community once mining or drilling has been completed. It was heartening to see so many passionate university students interested in radiation science and sustainability practices.



**PROF. SAMUAL DAMPARE,  
NORM XI PRESIDENT,  
PASSING THE TORCH TO  
DR. HUSAINI SALLEH FOR  
NORM XII**

Be sure to mark your calendar for NORM XII to be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on July 17-21, 2028.

## International Workshop on Exposure Due to Radionuclides in Food in Non-Emergency Situations

While Accra was a once in a lifetime experience, I was ready to leave the 90° F and 90% humidity for a climate closer to that of the pacific northwest. Vienna, Austria, is the home of the United Nations and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). Fortunately, I had a few days to rest between meetings.

All attendees had to meet in the early morning to board a bus to go to the IAEA laboratory in Seibersdorf, Austria. We enjoyed seeing the countryside during a pleasant 1-hour ride to the lab.

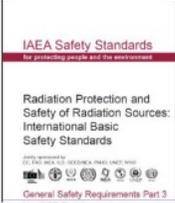
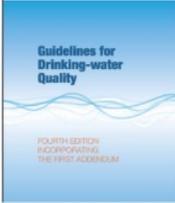
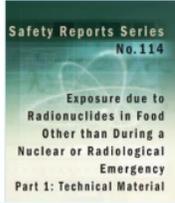
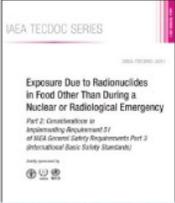
Twenty-five countries and three international agencies were represented at the workshop. Harmonizing rules and regulations regarding food safety is always a challenge, and doubly so when radioactive materials are involved.

The purpose of this workshop was to understand how different countries determined what safe levels for radionuclides in food are, how they are measured, and how they are enforced during non-emergency situations. There has been a significant gap on how to determine safe levels of radionuclides in non-emergency situations. IAEA TECDOC 2011 & SRS 144 aim to fill that gap.



**TOUR OF ACCRA WITH FELLOW ATTENDEES**

## Overview of criteria for food and drinking water

					
	IAEA GSR Part 3 (2014)	WHO-GDWQ (2017)	CODEX 193-1995 (2023)	IAEA TECDOC 2011 & SRS 114 (2022 - 2023)	
Scope	Non-emergency	Non-emergency	Relevant after an emergency	Non-emergency	
Dose Criteria	1 mSv/y*	0.1 mSv/y*	1 mSv/y**	1 mSv/y*	0.1 mSv/y*
Activity Concentration	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES
Age Groups	Representative person	Adults	Infants/ No-infants	Representative person	
Radionuclides	Natural and human-made	Natural and human-made	Some human-made	Natural and human-made	
Terminology	Reference level	Guidance level	Guideline level	Reference level	Guidance level

\* WHO is a sponsor of GSR Part 3, which establishes a reference level of 1 mSv in a year.

The value of 0.1 mSv is referred to as the 'individual dose criterion'.

\*\* assuming 10% of the diet is affected

**SOURCE: LAURA URSO'S (IAEA) PRESENTATION ON OVERVIEW OF IAEA REQUIREMENTS**

Due to the ongoing U.S. federal shutdown, I was the only representative present at the workshop. Fortunately, Sara DeCair from the EPA and A-team fame was able to help me put together a presentation on how the U.S. created food safety standards and measures. The workshop also coincided with the FDA recalling shrimp contaminated with cesium-137 from Indonesia. I was able to present how Oregon and the U.S. were responding to the event as a case study.

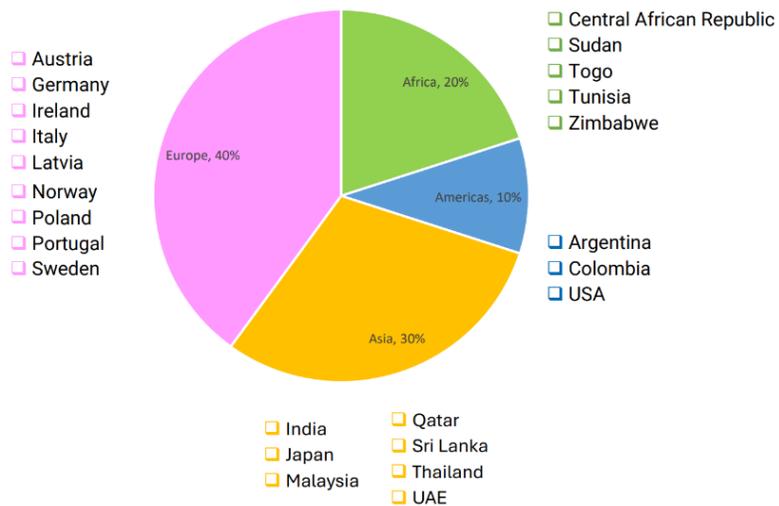
After three days packed with new information and perspectives, the meeting came to a close. The workshop was successful in bringing a variety of countries to the table to help harmonize international standards and present new IAEA guidance.



WORKSHOP GROUP PHOTO IN FRONT OF THE NEW LAB

**40 Participants:**

- ✓ 30 from 24 MSs
- ✓ 3 from International organization: FAO, WHO, UNSCEAR
- ✓ 7 from IAEA





CHAIR-ELECT

CRCPD BOARD ELECTION RESULTS



**Hillary Haskins**

*State of Oregon*

*Operations and  
Emergency Response  
Manager*

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Physics*

*MPH Biostatistics*

**HILLARY HASKINS (OR)**

Hillary has served on the CRCPD committee as the Environmental Nuclear Council Chair for the past three year. She is also the Oregon ROSS coordinator, an ex-officio member of the Oregon Board of Medical Imaging, a member of the Oregon Department of Energy state rulemaking committee for radiation waste and NORM/TENORM, and serves on the CRCPD E-43 Committee for Interagency Environmental Data Sharing and Communication.

Hillary has been working in the radiation field for over 20 years. Her career began as a naval nuclear reactor operator aboard the USS Ronald Reagan (CVN76). After six years of military service, she continued her education at Oregon State University and received a BS and MS in Radiation Health Physics, and a Master of Public Health with a focus in Biostatistics.

Hillary began her state service as a Health Physicist for Oregon Radiation Protection Services (RPS) in 2014. She was then selected to be the Radioactive Material Licensing Lead Worker, including coordination of the section’s Emergency Response Team (ERT) training for 4 years. During that time, she became qualified to perform all radioactive materials license inspections and license technical reviews. In 2020, she was asked to be one of the State Public Health Division “Incident Management Team” Safety Officers for Oregon’s Covid response. In 2021, Hillary began serving as the RPS Operations and Response Manager responsible for field staff (x-ray, RML, and tanning), technical services, incident management, and emergency response team mandates.

TREASURER-ELECT

CRCPD BOARD ELECTION RESULTS



**Steve Seeger**

*State of Tennessee*

*Deputy Director*

*TN Division of  
Radiological Health*

*BS Environmental  
Science*

**STEVE SEEGER (TN)**

Steve Seeger serves as Deputy Director of the Tennessee Division of Radiological Health, where he brings more than 27 years of dedicated service to the division. In this role, he helps lead and oversee statewide regulatory programs designed to protect public health, occupational workers, and the environment from radiological hazards. His work supports the effective implementation of radiation control programs across medical, industrial, and other regulated uses of radioactive materials and radiation-producing equipment.

Before joining the State of Tennessee, Steve worked in the private sector providing health physics support to nuclear power plants. This experience gave him strong operational and technical expertise in radiation safety, regulatory compliance, and applied health physics practices within high-reliability environments.

Steve holds a Bachelor's degree in Environmental Science and remains highly engaged in the professional radiological health community. He has served as Chair of the Organization of Agreement States (OAS) and as an OAS Co-Champion, contributing to organizational leadership, intergovernmental collaboration, and program advancement initiatives. He is also an active member of both the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPD) and OAS.

Drawing on experience in both government and industry, Steve is recognized for his deep institutional knowledge, steady leadership, and long-standing commitment to radiation safety and regulatory excellence.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE

# CRCPD BOARD ELECTION RESULTS



**Courtney Eckstein**

*State of Indiana*

*Radiation Programs  
Director Indiana  
Department of Homeland  
Security*

## COURTNEY ECKSTEIN (IN)

Courtney Eckstein has been serving as the Radiation Programs Director for the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS). Since 2022, Courtney has directed Indiana's statewide radiological and nuclear response enterprise, overseeing nine team members, managing four programs, and maintaining three critical response plans that support public safety, regulatory compliance, and national security.

In this role, Courtney Eckstein leads the Preventative Radiation/Nuclear Detection (PRND) operations in partnership with the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department (IMPD). Their work includes collaboration with DARPA's SIGMA+ initiative, advancing real-time radiation detection, data fusion, and statewide situational awareness.

One of Courtney Eckstein's most significant accomplishments is building Indiana's Radioactive Materials Control Program from the ground up and guiding the state through the complex process of becoming an NRC Agreement State, with formal designation anticipated in 2026. They also led the reconstruction of Indiana's Radiology Program from 2026 forward modernizing operations, strengthening regulatory oversight, and improving statewide radiation safety infrastructure.

Eckstein oversees the Radiological Emergency Preparedness (REP) Program and directs Indiana's Radioactive Transportation Program, which monitors Category 1 and 2 radioactive material shipments across the state. Their work requires constant coordination with federal and regional partners, including the NRC, FEMA, DOE, CWMD, nuclear utilities, and emergency management agencies.

At the national level, Courtney serves as FEMA Region V's delegate to the National Radiological Emergency Preparedness Committee (NREP). They also represent the Governor of Indiana on multiple councils, including the Part 37 designee, the Council of State Governments–Midwestern Radioactive Materials Transportation Project, and NRC State Liaison Officer engagements for materials and reactors. In 2025, they were elected Co-Chair of the CSG-Midwest, reflecting their leadership and influence in regional radiological policy.

Throughout their career, Courtney has worked extensively with law enforcement, first responders, the FBI, and the 53rd Civil Support Team on WMD response, drone interdiction, and operational radiation safety. As an Authorized User on Indiana's NRC license, they maintain hands-on experience with radiation sources and dose monitoring for the state's radiation response team.

Before becoming Program Director, Courtney served as Indiana's REP Program Coordinator, acting as the state's liaison to four nuclear power plants in Illinois and Michigan. They coordinated with FEMA, Constellation, and Indiana-Michigan Power; led revisions to the state's REP plan; and negotiated contracts with utility partners.

Courtney Eckstein has contributed to national projects and presentations, including Project STORRM 2025, Cobalt Magnet 25, the NRC RIC 2024 panel on Emergency Planning Zones, and hosting the 2023 NREP national conference. They are also a trained Radiological Operational Support Specialist (ROSS), supporting REP, RDD, and IND exercises since 2022.

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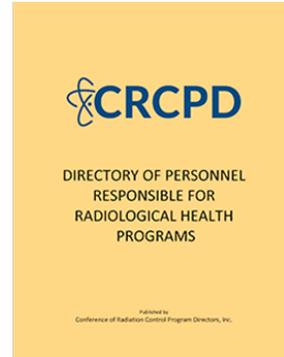
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