

CONFERENCE OF RADIATION CONTROL PROGRAM DIRECTORS, INC.

RESOLUTION

- Relating to: Radiation protection at the state level of government being located within a single agency.
- WHEREAS: Protecting the public and radiation worker from unnecessary radiation exposure, and protecting the environment from radioactive contamination, involves a complex and highly technical combination of people and monitoring equipment.
- WHEREAS: Technological advances provide a constantly changing array of radiation sources which represent a potential for exposure of people and/or the contamination of the environment.
- WHEREAS: Fragmented radiation protection programs in different agencies of state government cannot provide for a total or comprehensive program.
- WHEREAS: Experience has shown that a single radiation control program provides for more uniform standards addressing multiple radiation hazards, and tends to provide a more consistent application for such standards.
- WHEREAS: Experience has shown that it is more economical and efficient to have a single unit of government addressing multiple sources of radiation rather than multiple units of government addressing single sources of radiation.
- WHEREAS: Experience has shown that where multiple agencies have responsibility for radiation protection, the adoption and enforcement of regulations by these separate entities have resulted in duplicative efforts, and in some cases contradictions of the other agency's requirements.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

Notwithstanding that a few large states, with substantial resources, have implemented successful radiation protection programs in different agencies, it is the formal position of the members of the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc., that state government programs and activities established for the purpose of protecting the public from radiation exposure and protecting the environment from radiation pollution and contamination should be within a single agency.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That this resolution be forwarded to the Presidents of the Association of State and Territorial Health Officers (ASTHO), the American Public Health Association (APHA), the American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA), the Health Physics Society (HPS), the Air and Waste Management Association (AWMA), the Council of State Governments (CSG), the National Governors' Association (NGA), and the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL), requesting these organizations to consider adopting similar positions relating to single agencies for radiation protection.

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