



**CONFERENCE OF RADIATION CONTROL PROGRAM DIRECTORS, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

RESOLUTION

Relating to: Appropriations for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

WHEREAS: The Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc. (CRCPD) has a continuing strong interest in maintaining and supporting the various responsibilities and services that are provided by individual state radiation programs.

WHEREAS: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Office of Radiation and Indoor Air (ORIA) currently provides a number of services that are extremely important to states in meeting their obligations. These services include:

- Emergency response resources - U.S. EPA is the lead federal agency under the Federal Radiological Emergency Response Plan (FRERP) for radiation emergencies, and ORIA provides critical staff and equipment to support the state response to these radiation emergencies.
- Laboratory support services - ORIA provides a number of essential laboratory support services for state radiation control programs and laboratories. These include: 1) Emergency response support services, 2) Non-routine and confirmatory laboratory support services and technical analysis, and 3) Environmental Radiation Ambient Monitoring System (ERAMS) which provides the only long term environmental trend program and is critical for detecting nuclear weapons and reactor accident fallout.
- Standard setting functions that are very important to the states such as Federal Radiation Guidance and Naturally Occurring Radioactive Materials (NORM). No other federal agency has authority in these areas.

WHEREAS: Many of these services are currently only provided by the ORIA, at no cost to the states. Elimination of these essential services would place additional financial burdens and unfunded mandates on state radiation programs.

WHEREAS: The U.S. House of Representatives has passed legislation (HR-2099) that would eliminate about \$12 million dollars in funding for low priority radiation programs in ORIA (approximately 70% of the total budget), it is believed that many of the services listed above that are important to the states would be severely cut back or eliminated.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That Congress reexamine the current budget language of HR-2099 in order to carefully evaluate and consider the potential negative impacts that would occur to the important radiological health and safety services currently provided by ORIA to state radiation control programs. If these support services are eliminated, it is unlikely that they can be reasonably and cost effectively provided from another source.

Original signed by Ruth E. McBurney, Chairperson
Approved by the Board of Directors on September 12, 1995