



CONFERENCE OF RADIATION CONTROL PROGRAM DIRECTORS, INC.

RESOLUTION

Relating to: Radiation control at Department of Energy facilities.

- WHEREAS:** It has been amply demonstrated in a number of states that the Department of Energy facilities which utilize radiation sources in their activities do not meet the regulatory requirements and standards required of all other users of radiation sources in those states; and
- WHEREAS:** The Secretary of Commerce has suggested that the Committee on Interagency Radiation Research and Policy Coordination strive for the simplest regulatory posture consistent with protection of the public and the environment; and
- WHEREAS:** The Congress has recognized the need for uniform regulation of private industry and governmental agencies; and
- WHEREAS:** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is the federal regulatory agency for all who use radioactive material under the Atomic Energy Act with the notable exception of the Department of Energy; and
- WHEREAS:** Those states with Department of Energy facilities and others have expressed great concern for the historical and continuing radiation problems at these facilities, many of which the state radiation control programs have previously identified and brought to their attention; and
- WHEREAS:** Concerns are especially heightened by the addressing of chemical hazards under the Environmental Protection Agency's programs without concurrently addressing the associated radiation problems; and

WHEREAS: Radiation problems not associated with the chemical hazards are also not being adequately addressed at the Department of Energy facilities; and

WHEREAS: The Congress has recognized the need for non-regulatory oversight by the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board at selected Department of Energy facilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc. recognizes that there are problems in regulating radiological activities at the Department of Energy facilities. Further, the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc. wishes to provide information to the Department of Energy relative to this issue. As the national organization representing state radiation control programs, the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc. expresses its willingness to assist in the development of a resolution to this major national issue;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That a copy of this resolution be provided to the Department of Energy by the Office of Executive Director of the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc.

Adopted: May 11, 1991
Original signed by Diane E. Tefft, Chairman

The Executive Board recommends passage of this resolution by the Conference of Radiation Control Programs Directors, Inc. membership, 5/11/91.