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Message from Chairperson Karen Beckley, MPA, MS

Where has the year gone? **Countless activities have been accomplished through our Committees and Task Forces and through teamwork with our Federal and professional Organization partnerships.** Our programs continue to be challenged with retirements, recruiting qualified candidates, nuclear power industry closures, and limited resources. This is where CRCPD does best—to assist the states in providing networks, guidance and resources for meeting technical challenges that face radiation control programs.



In the next couple of weeks, we will be meeting in Alaska for the 51st Conference on Radiation Control. **There will be many opportunities for training and collaboration.**

We are in the process of seeking to renew the Practical Arrangement with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) which will continue to ensure our participation in global initiatives and actions. In addition, we will be looking to submit the request for renewal of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) Special Permit authorization. **I have asked the Board to look at revising the special permit to ensure that if the scrap load does not go back to the originating State, that the receiving State must also concur.**

This will be my last *Newsbrief* article as I will be rotating from Chair to Past-Chair after the meeting in Alaska. **Thank you for providing me the opportunity to serve as your Chair.** It has been an incredible opportunity and I thank you for your support during my tenure.

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Greetings from Your Executive Director



Ruth E. McBurney, CHP

Annual Conference

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Spring Is a Very Busy Season at CRCPD

Happy Spring!

Spring is very busy season at CRCPD — We are scurrying to get all the preparations made for the upcoming 51st Annual Conference on Radiation Control. The conference is just around the corner, starting on May 6, with Board and Business Meetings ahead of that time. It is going to be an exciting time in Anchorage in which we bring together not only the state radiation control program representatives, but also the federal agencies and international agencies and organizations with whom we partner, to share experiences, gain new knowledge, and network on current issues. **We have a great line-up of speakers, panels, training and special interest meetings to pique the interest of our participants.** More meeting details and on-line registration can be found at <https://www.crcpd.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=882994>.

We are also working toward putting together the 50-year history of CRCPD. We have it done up through the 40th year and are adding information from the last 10 years. **If any of you have histories of your own radiation control program that you would like to add as appendices to the compendium of the soon-to-be three-volume combined histories of CRCPD, we would like to include them.** Please send any submissions of state program histories to me at rmcburney@crcpd.org.

Planning for the 9th International Symposium on Naturally Occurring Radioactive Material, which is being hosted by CRCPD in Denver, Colorado, September 23-27, 2019, is coming along nicely. **The Scientific Committee has provided a great line-up of speakers for NORM IX from all parts of the globe and on a variety of NORM-related topics.** The Symposium will include a plenary session, with invited speakers, two tracks of technical sessions, workshops, and opportunities for technical tours and social events. I hope that you will make plans to attend. More information on the program and registration can be found at <https://www.crcpd.org/mpage/NORM9>

Executive Director

Greetings *(continued)*

Needing Volunteers

CDC Grant

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Spring Is a Very Busy Season at CRCPD - *continued*

On another page of the *Newsbrief*, you will see our newly-elected Board members. **I would like to add my thanks to all the candidates who were willing to run for positions on the Board and to congratulate those elected.** All of them are hard-working members who are dedicated to the mission and goals of CRCPD. I look forward to working with the new members of the Board and continuing to work with all the candidates in their capacities with the organization.

We are in need of new volunteers more than ever to carry out the projects of CRCPD, especially those we are conducting through federal grants. **As most of you know, we couldn't provide all the guidance, model regulations and other resources for state radiation control programs without our capable volunteers stepping up with their knowledge and expertise and the support of our federal partners.** For example, under the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) grant, we have the opportunity to provide Train-the-Trainer Workshops on population monitoring for state and local health department radiological preparedness trainers. **We are in need of two or three more volunteers to serve on a task force for planning and executing a couple of Train-the-Trainer Workshop, including use of developed material, setting up of community reception centers and some hands-on experience with both portal monitors and hand-held equipment.** Contact me or the Board Chairperson if you are interested in serving on this group.

Enjoy your spring—stay active and engaged. I hope to see many of you next month in Anchorage!



Get Involved!

CRCPD Needs You - to Get Involved!

by Dave Allard (PA) and Jeff Semancik (CT)

As Ruth notes in this *Newsbrief*, the CRCPD needs new volunteers to carry out various projects. **Collectively, our state programs benefit greatly from the vast array of radiation protection work done by CRCPD's task forces (TF), working groups (WG), organizational liaisons, and standing committees.**

Suggested State Regulations WGs

The two dozen plus Suggested State Regulation WGs develop and maintain model regulations that state programs can use verbatim or as a starting point for development of their own specific codified regulations. **Imagine the workload on our state programs and non-uniformity of regulations that would result if states had to develop their own individual regulations.** Moreover, when you have a problem to tackle, it is likely that another state has wrestled with the same issue and addressed it. If not, your peers likely share the same concerns and CRCPD has formed an existing or new WG to address the problem.

Grants and Contractual Commitments

The grants that fund CRCPD operations represent contractual commitments we have made to the granting entity. **Allocation of funding is dependent upon CRCPD delivering on the commitments in our grant proposal.** We rely on our TFs and WGs to fulfill these deliverables. Timely and quality completion of these grant tasks is the product that CRCPD provides to generate the revenue we need to operate as an organization. You, our members, and your knowledge and expertise represent CRCPD's capital.

Tour the CRCPD Site

We encourage you to take a virtual tour of the CRCPD web site. **Use the drop-down headers to look over the many general council, healing arts, homeland security/emergency response, environmental, and radon WGs and committees.**

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CRCPD Needs You - to Get Involved! - *continued*

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There are fact sheets associated with each group or committee that describe the work they are doing and list the membership.

Find Topics of Interest to You

Find a group or two that links to a project or topic you're interested in, and send an email to Ruth, a Board Member and/or the chair of that group. **They will work to get you added as a member or advisor.**

Emerging Projects

Also, keep an eye on emerging projects in need of members, such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) population monitoring Train-the-Trainer Workshop Ruth discusses in this *Newsbrief*. **Population monitoring is a training area that we always need to keep up on; as one never knows if a major transportation accident, nuclear power plant incident, radiological dispersion device, or other event will trigger the need for radiological surveys of large numbers of public.** We are confident that many individuals in state and local government agencies have excellent materials and exercise lessons learned that would contribute greatly to this effort by CRCPD and CDC.

We need you – to get involved, and thank you for your support.



CRCPD members recently elected to the Board of Directors will take office at the end of the May 2019 meeting.

Kim Steves (KS)
Chair-Elect Designate



Karen Tuccillo (NJ)
Member-at-Large
Designate (3-year
term)



Newly Elected Members of the Board of Directors

Kim Steves (KS) *Chair-Elect Designate*

Kim has worked in the Kansas Radiation Control Program for 28 years. She started at the Kansas program in the radiological emergency preparedness (REP), environmental, and radon programs. In 2002 she became the supervisor of those programs and also the Right-To-Know program. In 2015 she became the Radiation Control Program Director, adding x-ray and radioactive materials to her responsibilities. Kim also serves as the State Liaison Officer for Kansas. Kim holds a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering from Kansas State University.

Kim has been involved with the CRCPD since her early days in the Kansas Radiation Control Program, having served on several working groups and having been involved in the formation of the National Alliance for Radiation Readiness (NARR). She is currently serving as the CRCPD representative on the Tri-Chair leadership team of the NARR. Kim also served a three-year term as Member-at-Large on the Board of Directors from May 2007 to May 2010. In 2018, she received CRCPD's James S. Miller Award.

In addition to the CRCPD, Kim has served on the National Radiological Emergency Preparedness (NREP) Conference Steering Committee, including serving as Chair of that organization. She has also participated with FEMA as a REP evaluator in numerous nuclear power plant exercises in other states.

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Karen has been the Supervisor of New Jersey's Bureau of Nuclear Engineering's (BNE) Nuclear Environmental Engineering Section since 1996, where she oversees a comprehensive Environmental Surveillance and Monitoring Program around New Jersey's nuclear power plants. Her additional responsibilities deal with tritium in groundwater investigations and remediation projects, observations of U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission radioactive effluent and environmental monitoring inspections, environmental reviews for nuclear power plant license renewal applications and power plant decommissioning planning documents, and participation in nuclear emergency response drills as News Center Lead. Prior to joining BNE, Karen worked in the Radon Certification Program where she developed training courses, exams, and inspection/enforcement procedures. She also worked on New Jersey's comprehensive radiation rule revision. She has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology/Chemistry from the Pennsylvania State University and a Master of Science Degree in Radiation Science from Rutgers University.

Kim Steves (KS)
Chair-Elect Designate



Karen has been active in CRCPD since 1993 and chaired several working groups. She is currently the Chair of the E-24 Committee on Decontamination and Decommissioning, which was reactivated in 2016. She received CRCPD's Board of Directors Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Field of Radiation Protection for work done with the E-24 Committee. Karen is also a member of the Health Physics Society since 1991.



Call for News

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Would you like to share some information about your work, or some project or issue that you're involved in?

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 Ruth McBurney (rmcburney@crcpd.org) suggesting a topic you'd like to present.

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We welcome your news and photographs, too, if you'd like to share.



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