



Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc.

NEWSBRIEF

www.crcpd.org

A Partnership Dedicated to Radiation Protection

August 2012

Message from Chairperson Earl Fordham, CHP



You mean there are more exciting spots than airports?

What a summer! I feel like I have grown wings with as much flying as I have done under the auspices of CRCPD (and state of Washington). Among my travels I attended the Health Physics Society meeting in Sacramento, California, and the Organization of Agreement States (OAS) meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. And I am not done. Do you have any burning issues that need face time with our federal partners? In late September Ruth (our executive director), Alice Rogers (past-chair), Joe Klinger (chair-elect) and I will travel to Washington, D.C., to meet with many of our federal partners: Nuclear Regulatory Commission Commissioners and senior managers, Federal Emergency Management

Administration program managers and staff, Food and Drug Association, and the Department of Energy. We will also try to meet with as many of our Radiation Protection Advisory Council (RPAC) members as time allows. This September meeting also provides an opportunity to update issues we discussed with the NRC in April with OAS. If you have any issues or thoughts we ought to bring to the attention of our federal partners, I anxiously await an email or call from you. My contact information is at the end of this column.

So, did you ever wonder why anyone would run for chair-elect of the CRCPD, knowing that

in your year as chair, you would log thousands of air miles and get to know numerous airports? If you asked past chairs this question, a likely answer is: the opportunity for international travel. Recently I attended a technical meeting on the Pre-Disposal Handling of Radioactive Waste at the International Atomic Energy Agency in Vienna, Austria. With my background in radioactive waste, I provided suggested regulatory requirements for potential licenses in countries with radioactive waste sites. →

Inside

Greeting from Executive Director: Updates and Calls for Action.....	2
A New Face at OED.....	2
Update on Radiation Response Volunteer Corps Development: Apply Now for New Sub-Awards	3
Radon Leaders Saving Lives Provides Radon Information at NCSL Conference	3
SCATR: How Radiation Control Programs Can Help.....	4
Working Group Activities	
Report on FDA Public Meeting for Device Improvements for Pediatric Imaging.....	5
New Members/Classification Changes, Retirements	6
Directory Changes	7
Contact Information on Board Members.....	7

Chairperson's Message *(Continued)*

In May past-chair Adela Salame-Alfie presented a poster presentation on the National Alliance for Radiation Readiness at the International Radiation Protection Association meeting in Glasgow, Scotland. Does this sound like fun? My wife thought so. She and Mike Gilley toured Vienna and the surroundings while I was “at work.”

During the coming year, I will focus on advancing the board's priorities—especially increasing our membership, getting our new members involved in our working groups, and collaborating with our partners. As you can imagine, these efforts will require even more air time and quality time in airports.

Earl's email: earl.fordham@doh.wa.gov Earl's phone: 509-946-0234



Greetings from Your Executive Director



Ruth E. McBurney, CHP

CRCPD Updates and Calls for Action

In the June *Newsbrief*, I related several changes and new initiatives at CRCPD and the Office of Executive Director (OED). This month, as Paul Harvey would say, here's “the rest of the story.”

A New Face at OED

Mr. Jerry Bailey joined the staff of CRCPD's Office of Executive Director as Financial Manager in early July. Jerry brings a wealth of financial management and budget analysis experience and knowledge to this position, having previously served as financial administrator for another Kentucky non-profit organization, chief financial officer for the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, and fiscal analyst in the Kentucky Legislative Budget Review Office. We are really happy to have Jerry as a part of our OED team. →



Executive Director Greetings *(Continued)*

Update on Radiation Response Volunteer Corps Development: Apply Now for New Sub-Awards

CRCPD is accepting applications for sub-awards under CRCPD's cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to recruit and train radiation professionals as volunteers to conduct population monitoring in the event of a major radiological incident. Recently, CRCPD provided outreach and information on the project to radiation professionals at annual meetings of both the Health Physics Society and the American Association of Physicists in Medicine. This generated quite a bit of interest among the attendees at both conferences.

All that is needed to get the professionals involved is for state and local radiation control and/or public health preparedness programs to become involved in recruiting, training, and incorporating these volunteers in the state's radiological emergency response plan. The sub-awards provide funding for these efforts to jump start the programs in the states.

We plan to issue new sub-awards this fall. For more information and to read a copy of the Request for Proposals, go to http://www.crcpd.org/RRVC/rrvc_rfp.aspx on the CRCPD website.

Radon Leaders Saving Lives Provides Radon Information at NCSL Conference

Recently, several representatives from CRCPD, including Patrick Daniels and Melinda Lewis from the Illinois radiation control program and I, participated in an informational exhibit at the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) meeting in Chicago, Illinois. We were joined by other representative group members from the American Association of Radon Scientists and Technologists (AARST), Cancer Survivors against Radon, Kansas State University, and the Environmental Protection Agency. In addition to providing information on radon risk, potential for high radon levels in various geographic areas of the country, and states with radon laws and regulations, the Radon Leaders Saving Lives group also provided a recording booth for state legislators to tape a public service announcement encouraging the testing of homes for radon. The messages will be sent to radio stations in the legislators' districts for use during Radon Action Month (January). →

**Executive Director
Greetings** *(Continued)*

SCATR: How Radiation Control Programs Can Help

In the June issue of the *Newsbrief*, we reported that two new disposal options have become available for disposal of Source Collection and Threat Reduction (SCATR) sources, which is most important in those states that have not had access to a waste disposal facility. The SCATR program has developed one-page information sheets about the two options—one for Class A sources for disposal at the Energy Solutions facility at Clive, Utah, and the other describing the requirements for disposal of out-of-compact waste at the Waste Control Specialists facility in Andrews, Texas. These information sheets can be found on the CRCPD website at <http://www.crcpd.org/StateServices/SCATR.aspx>.

Since the opportunity to dispose of Class A sources at the Energy Solutions Utah facility will only last one year from the time of the first disposal of Class A sources there, it is important that as many licensees are made aware of this opportunity as possible and are encouraged to register their sources with the Offsite Source Recovery Project. Here's how state programs can help: send a letter to licensees informing them of these opportunities for assistance, including financial assistance, in disposing of unwanted radioactive sources. Thanks to the Alabama radiation control program for being the first state to send out a notice. Not only did they provide timely information to their licensees, they have also provided CRCPD with the basis for the template letter that can be used by other state programs.

We will soon be sending out an e-mail to radiation control programs in the unsited states with a copy of a suggested letter for mailing to licensees promoting participation in the SCATR program. We encourage you to send the letter to licensees in your jurisdiction. If you do not have the time and/or resources to conduct this activity, we may be able to assist in the mail outs. Contact us for more information on this great opportunity.

I hope you all are having a great summer—it's a busy one for CRCPD!



CRCPD Working Group Activities



Report on FDA Public Meeting for Device Improvements for Pediatric Imaging

By Lisa Bruedigan
Healing Arts Council Chair

The Public Meeting for Device Improvements for Pediatric Imaging was July 20, 2012, in Rockville, Maryland. The meeting consisted of presentations and updates given by the following groups:

- FDA/CDRH staff
- Numerous representatives for the Alliance for Radiation Safety in Pediatric Imaging (ARSPI)/ Image Gently
- American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology (AAOMR)
- Numerous representatives of the Medical Imaging and Technology Alliance (MITA)
- American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
- American College of Cardiology (ACC)
- American Association of Physicists in Medicine (AAPM)
- American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT)

The speaker from AAPM expressed an opinion that the proposed labeling would require devices to be used in an off-label manner on more than half the potential pediatric population and a segment of the adult patient population. The AAPM opinion suggested that devices should only be labeled if they are not intended for pediatric use only if they cannot be adjusted for patient size. The speaker from AAOMR emphasized the dose reduction that could be obtained by discontinuing the use of D speed dental film. He also expressed the need for dose reduction studies on cone beam CT units.

The individual presentations were followed by an open roundtable discussion on accomplishing some of the suggestions that are in the Draft Guidance for Industry and FDA Staff on Pediatric Information for X-ray Imaging Device Premarket Notifications. The group was in agreement on the need for safe imaging devices for pediatric patients. There was discussion about whether or not the proposed requirements would discourage manufacturers from marketing pediatric specific devices if the process is too stringent or challenging. →

CRCPD Working Group Activities *(Continued)*



Report on FDA Public Meeting for Device Improvements for Pediatric Imaging *(Continued)*

There was quite a bit of discussion about not labeling devices specifically for pediatric patients, but instead ensuring that all newly marketed devices are appropriate for all sizes and ages from the smallest pediatric patient to the largest adult. The group was not able to come to a conclusion on how to achieve this. The group discussed the need for premarket testing and the use of a wide range of phantoms to mimic patient thicknesses versus doing correction calculations.

Please note, to be considered formally by FDA, **comments on the workshop and/or draft guidance must be submitted to the public docket by September 7, 2012.** Transcripts from the meeting or the presentation slides submitted to the meeting organizers are not considered as formal submissions to the public docket. Docket submissions may be in several formats (including presentation slides). Also note that regardless of attendance at the public meeting, any person may submit comments to the public docket.

For comments on the workshop, the appropriate public docket can be accessed by searching for Docket No. FDA-2012-N-0385 on <http://www.regulations.gov>.

For comments on the draft guidance, the appropriate public docket can be accessed by searching for Docket No. FDA-2012-N-0384 on <http://www.regulations.gov>.



New Members/ Classification Changes/ Retirements

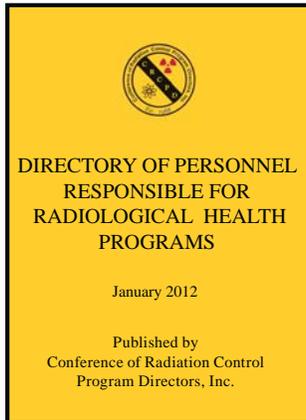
Associate Member

Tracy Luty (CO)

Affiliate Member

Mary Beth Farrell (PA)





Directory Changes

Page 20 - FL –Cynthia L. Becker-change title to Chief.

Page 57 - NYS Health – Adela Salame-Alfie-change title to Acting Director; insert new address: Empire State Plaza, Corning Tower, 16th Floor, Albany, NY 12237.

Stephen Gavitt, insert address: Empire State Plaza, Corning Tower, 12th Floor, Albany, NY 12237



CRCPD Board of Directors

Board position	Name	State	Work Phone	E-mail address
Chairperson	Earl Fordham, CHP.....	Washington	509/946-0234	earl.fordham@doh.wa.gov
Chair-Elect	Joseph G. Klinger.....	Illinois.....	217/785-9868.....	joe.klinger@illinois.gov
Past Chairperson	Alice Rogers, PE.....	Texas.....	512/834-6629	alice.rogers@dshs.state.tx.us
Treasurer	Terry Frazee.....	Washington	360/236-3210.....	terry.frazee@doh.wa.gov
Treasurer-Elect	Jared Thompson.....	Arkansas.....	501/661-2173.....	jared.thompson@arkansas.gov
Member-at-Large.....	David Allard, CHP	Pennsylvania	717/787-2480.....	djallard@pa.gov
Member-at-Large.....	Frieda Fisher-Tyler, CIH	Delaware	302/744-4546.....	frieda.fisher-tyler@state.de.us
Member-at-Large.....	Lisa Bruedigan.....	Texas.....	512/834-6770.....	lisa.bruedigan@dshs.state.tx.us

The Newsbrief is published in February, April, June, August, October, and December by the Office of Executive Director, Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc., 1030 Burlington Lane, Suite 4B, Frankfort, KY 40601. Telephone: 502/227-4543; fax: 502/227-7862; Web site: <www.crcpd.org>.

The Newsbrief is written to address the needs of all radiation control program personnel. Readers are encouraged to contribute newsworthy or informative items for the Newsbrief, with neither charges nor stipends for the items that are selected. News of state radiation control programs is especially sought.

Articles should be sent to CRCPD, Attn: Lin Carigan, 1030 Burlington Lane, Suite 4B, Frankfort, KY 40601 (fax: 502/227-7862; email: <lcarigan@crcpd.org>). The deadline for contributions is the 15th of the month before an issue is to be published.

The opinions and statements by contributors to this publication, or attachments hereto, are not necessarily the opinions or positions of CRCPD. The mention of commercial firms, services, or products in the Newsbrief is not to be construed as either an actual or implied endorsement of such firms, services, or products by CRCPD.

This publication is supported in part by a Cooperative Agreement (No. FD-000005) administered by the Food and Drug Administration.