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## Message from Chairperson Alice Rogers, PE



These past few months, the board has been reviewing the priorities for the organization. Our preliminary review of progress made on previous priorities indicated that we had achieved or were well on our way to making substantial progress on our previously identified priorities. I wish to express the board's heartfelt thanks to the working groups for their continued dedication, which made this happen. The new top three priorities are:

- 1) Increase input to the National Alliance for Radiation Readiness—be the voice for radiation control programs;
- 2) Increase membership and participation (including tribal members) on working groups/task forces, etc.; and
- 3) Increase input from members on what helps them better perform their radiation control responsibilities, especially on any issues not currently being addressed.

I'd like to highlight again the importance of our continuing to provide input and comment on federal initiatives in radiation control. The states have unique perspectives that can be overlooked at times, and we must raise our concerns at every opportunity in the guidance and rulemaking processes. Recent examples of issues we've worked on include the revisions to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's nuclear power plant response guidance and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's (NRC) radioactive materials security rules. An upcoming NRC rulemaking to which we need to pay close attention are revisions to the radiation protection rules found in Part 20. Since Part 20 sets the framework for radiation protection standards in this country, this rulemaking will affect not only the use of radioactive materials but also machine produced radiation users.

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One of the major benefits of CRCPD membership is the opportunity, when we're not in the midst of a radiological response or controversy, to form professional relationships with our regulatory and response partners. →

## Chairperson's Message *(Continued)*

## Greetings from Your Executive Director



Ruth E. McBurney, CHP

The strength of this was shown recently as many of us worked together with the NRC to respond to cobalt-60 contamination in tissue box holders imported into the United States. One of the best opportunities we have for developing these relationships is at the CRCPD's annual National Conference on Radiation Control, which will be in Orlando, Florida, May 7-10. Your participation in this conference is a true highlight of the meeting and we look forward to seeing you there!



### CRCPD in the "New Normal"

As more federal and state radiation control agencies are experiencing budget cuts, downsizing, and other changes, the "New Normal" means finding ways to do more frugally and smarter to still maintain a program that is protective of radiological health and the environment. The primary ways that CRCPD is working to assist states in this effort are:

#### **Focusing on best established practices that can be put to use in other programs**

- **Annual Meeting:** The theme of the upcoming National Conference on Radiation Control will be "The New Normal: Best Practices in Achieving Radiation Protection." In addition to the latest information on regulatory issues affecting state radiation control programs and some great training sessions in mammography, radiation therapy and planning for radiological emergencies, we have asked several state programs to share a few of their best practices implemented to save valuable resources and/or improve effectiveness. The meeting will be held in Orlando, Florida, May 7-10, 2012. Complete information on the meeting can be found at the CRCPD website: <<http://www.crcpd.org/2012AnnualMeeting/default.aspx>>.
- **Radiation Response Volunteer Corps:** We will soon be issuing sub-awards for the Radiation Response Volunteer Corps development initiative to state radiation control programs and public health preparedness programs, as well as local chapters of radiation professional non-profit organizations. The HS/ER-10 Task Force for Volunteer Development has shared some of the best practices from the pilot project last year and sample proposals with prospective applicants for the sub-awards. →

## Executive Director Greetings *(Continued)*

### **Continuing to be a collective voice of state radiation control programs**

- 2013 Proposed Radon Budget: Most of you have heard by now that the proposed 2013 budget for EPA deleted the State Indoor Radon Grant (SIRG) program. This will have a huge impact on state radon programs if it is enacted. There are already efforts underway by the radon industry and other organizations, both individually and collectively, to get this reversed. CRCPD's Radon Committee is developing an impact statement that can serve as a position statement, if adopted by the Board of Directors, and also serve as a template that states can use regarding the loss of SIRG funding.
- State Impact of Implementation of International Standards for Radiation Doses to Radiation Workers: CRCPD is working with a Nuclear Regulatory Commission contractor to seek input from state and local radiation control programs on the impact of any changes that might be made to 10 CFR Part 20 to reduced occupational dose limits, including rulemaking, changes in staff procedures (including emergency response), additional enforcement activities, and changes in licensing and inspection activities (e.g., shielding evaluations). We will soon be sending out the online survey, in which we encourage all of the radiation control programs to participate. CRCPD will collect and summarize the survey data and will make it available to the radiation control programs for use in providing stakeholder input into NRC's assessment and any potential rulemaking process.

### **Prioritizing goals**

Although CRCPD has a strategic plan that guides the activities of the organization, the emphasis and priorities may change from year to year, depending on needs and resources. The board of directors is in the process of developing priorities for 2012 with specific strategies for several of the goals in the strategic plan.

### **More use of technology**

Like many other organizations, agencies and industries, CRCPD is using technology to greater advantage for faster communication and data gathering. Some recent web-based initiatives will give radiation control programs and CRCPD more efficient means to conduct business and provide faster service:

- DOT Exemptions are now available online on a fillable pdf form to send electronically to CRCPD rather than the prior ...

## Executive Director Greetings *(Continued)*

method of printing and faxing. Both the DOT Special Permits held by CRCPD and accompanying forms for submission can be found at: [http://www.crcpd.org/transportation\\_related\\_docs.aspx](http://www.crcpd.org/transportation_related_docs.aspx).

A PowerPoint presentation has also been developed with help from states that piloted the new form. It is available on the website to aid in staff training for the new e-form submission. Help is also available from our staff if needed. This new system will allow manipulation of the fields of data for searching, trending, and other useful applications that could lead to more efficient and accurate reports. We also encourage your participation as we try to go green, "Save Paper, Save Trees, Save the Planet."

- The Qualified Medical Physicist Registry is available for online use to confirm the qualifications of board certified medical physicists. This registry provides independent verification to state radiation control program staff and employers of written documentation presented with applications for employment or to the radiation control program upon application for a radioactive material license or machine license or registration. CRCPD is also encouraging federal regulatory agencies and accrediting bodies to use the registry as a tool to verify credentials of medical physicists.
- Enhanced use of broadcast e-mails: Following the nuclear power plant accident at Fukushima, and most recently during the incident involving the import of contaminated tissue box holders, CRCPD's Office of the Executive Director sent out numerous messages to radiation control program directors, provided collective data, and informed directors and staff of upcoming conference calls. For fast-breaking events, this process is becoming the best way to get the word out quickly.

Although CRCPD is adjusting to changing times and resources, we want to hear from you on how we can continue to improve and give our membership the best benefits, as well as improve radiation safety throughout the country.



## 44th National Conference on Radiation Control

By Sue Smith,  
Executive Office  
Manager (CRCPD/OED)

The 44th National Conference on Radiation Control will be held at the Wyndham Orlando Resort, 8001 International Drive, Orlando, Florida, May 7 - 10, 2012. This year's theme is "The New Normal: Best Practices in Achieving Radiation Protection."

For all the latest information about the conference, go to <<http://www.crcpd.org/2012AnnualMeeting/default.aspx>>. Online registration is available; go to <<https://crcpd.portal.daxko.com>> to register online.



## Upcoming Mammography Continuing Education Program

By Shanna Farish,  
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on Mammography (AZ)

The CRCPD Committee on Mammography is very excited about this year's mammography continuing education program. It will be held May 5th and 6th in Orlando Florida, Saturday and Sunday prior to the CRCPD Annual Meeting. It offers 15 continuing education credits for MQSA and ARRT. The presentations being offered are all new and should be very enjoyable. There will be a Hologic tomosynthesis unit on-site. Please check out the agenda on the CRCPD's website. The registration and hotel information are included in the 44th Annual National Conference on Radiation Control announcement available at <<http://www.crcpd.org/2012AnnualMeeting/default.aspx>>.



## Special Permit Pilot Ready to Launch

By Russ Meyer, CHP,  
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The electronic versions of the special permit authorization forms are now available to the pilot-study states to commence a short-term study to verify the function of the e-forms. We don't anticipate a long time to evaluate the functionality of the e-forms if all participants join in quickly. A PowerPoint presentation is now available on the website that can be used to reinforce your training if you participated in the online training given earlier. Or it can be used to provide training, should you not have been able to attend the online training. We have already received helpful suggestions from early users of the e-forms. Please join the endeavor to make this data more available and useful to the states, industry, DOT and CRCPD.



## Directory Changes

- Page 14 - CO Change Steve Tarlton's phone number to 303/692-3423.
- Page 99 - WY Dewey Long-change Suite # to Suite # 168C and insert new phone no: 307/777-7123.



## New Members/ Classification Changes

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