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Message from Chairperson Pearce O'Kelley



Opportunities and Challenges

I am certain most of you were as surprised as the Executive Board to learn of Thom Kerr's decision to resign as Executive Director and pursue new opportunities. I would like to publicly thank Thom for all he did for CRCPD during his tenure. Thom was able to restore funds from the umbrella grant that previously were denied due to accounting errors. Thom also obtained additional funds from the Department of Energy along with the promise of significant additional funding for years to come. This is very fortunate since other Federal partners are lowering their contributions. Thom worked closely with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to fund the Radiological Dispersal Device pocket guide and handbook and was instrumental in the pocket guide's publication. He also took major steps towards upgrading the Office of Executive Director's (OED) computer system. His efforts and accomplishments are greatly appreciated and we wish him the best in his future endeavors.

We are extremely fortunate that Charles Hardin has agreed to once again come to the rescue of CRCPD. Chuck will serve as Interim Executive Director on a part-time basis. Chuck's knowledge of the OED and the entire organization will allow us to continue functioning smoothly while the Board evaluates our current situation and explores new possibilities.

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Where do we go from here? As you are aware, we are faced with hiring a new Executive Director for the third time in four years. This Board is very interested in ensuring stability and longevity in both the Executive Director's position and the office. Therefore, we have created the Ad Hoc Advisory Committee on the Future Direction of the OED. Membership of this committee is comprised past CRCPD Chairpersons Don Flater, Aubrey Godwin, Ed Bailey, Debra McBaugh, serving as Liaison to the Board, and Mike Mobley as the Chairperson of this committee. In general, the committee is to evaluate all options for the management of CRCPD's operations and present the Board with recommendations. Examples of some of the options that will be considered are:

- 1) Maintaining the status quo; or
- 2) Relocating the OED; or
- 3) Contracting with an association management firm.

Although the position will not be filled until after the Ad Hoc Committee submits their report, we currently have the Executive Director's position posted and are accepting applications. Anyone interested in applying should contact Sue Smith at <ssmith@crcpd.org>.

As I stated in the last *Newsbrief* article, CRCPD continues to get requests to participate and provide input on topics of radiation protection and regulation. The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Nuclear Energy Agency (NEA) has invited CRCPD to participate in "A Public Stakeholder Dialogue on the Draft 2006 ICRP Proposals" August 28-29 in Washington, D.C. The NEA is a specialized agency within the OECD, and is an intergovernmental organization of industrialized countries, based in Paris, France. Details can be found at the website: <http://www.nea.fr/html/rp/washington/>.

CRCPD invited to participate

CRCPD has also been invited to participate in a National Academy of Sciences task force to review the current industrial, research, and commercial (including medical) uses of radiation sources to identify uses for which:

- 1) The radiation source can be replaced with an equivalent (or improved) process that does not require the use of radioisotopes; or
- 2) The radiation source can be replaced with another radiation source that poses a lower risk to public health and safety if it is involved in an accident or used in a terrorist attack.

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The study should explicitly consider technical and economic feasibility and risks to workers from such replacements. The National Academy of Sciences will issue a public report at the conclusion of the study. The report will contain a review of radiation source use, potential replacements for sources that pose a high risk to public health or safety, and findings and recommendations on options for implementing the identified replacements. This study is mandated in the Energy Policy Act of 2005.

NRC News

As most of you have heard, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) is undergoing a major reorganization. NRC is combining the Office of State and Tribal Programs with a portion of the Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards. The reason for reorganizing is "to better reflect and help strengthen the role of Agreement States in regulating the national use of materials and elevate the visibility of State and Tribal programs to a major program office level." Barbara Hamrick, Organization of Agreement States (OAS) Chairperson, and I have met with NRC management to provide State input on the reorganization. I appreciate NRC desiring and accepting our input.

OAS Meeting

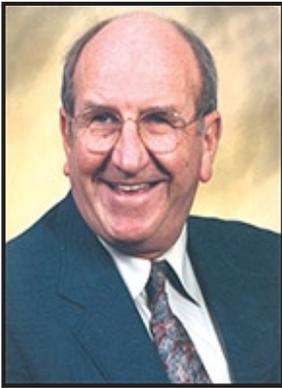
Debbie Gilley, CRCPD Chairperson-elect, and I will be representing CRCPD at the annual OAS/CRCPD briefing of the NRC Commissioners on September 12, 2006. Anyone with any specific issues that they would like to bring to the Commission needs to let me know as soon as possible. You may view the briefing live at <http://www.nrc.gov/>.

In closing, I would again like to thank all of you that continue to volunteer your time and effort to CRCPD committees as well as representing us on working groups of other agencies and organizations. You are the backbone of this organization.



Greetings from your Interim Executive Director

By Chuck Hardin (OED)



When Thom Kerr resigned as CRCPD's Executive Director in June, I was asked by the Board of Directors to fill in, on a part-time basis, until a new permanent Executive Director can be found.

We are sorry for the loss of Mr. Kerr. He served the organization well for about 1-1/2 years, and had many futuristic visions for the organization. We wish Mr. Kerr much success in his future endeavors.

Many of you may not be familiar with Chuck Hardin. I was the organization's first Executive Director, serving in that capacity for over 20 years, retiring in 2002. Prior to becoming the Executive Director, I served as Program Director for the Kentucky Radiation Control Program. During that time I had the opportunity to serve on the CRCPD Board of Directors and I chaired the organization in the 1974-75 year. And, even prior to that, I assisted in the development of the organization's first constitution and bylaws. So, you can see the love and dedication I have for this organization. I look forward in working with you, even if it is for only a short time.

There have been many changes since the organization was created in 1968. There have been many advances in technology, especially in the diagnostic imaging area, but also in radiation measurement technology. Of course homeland security is front and center with all organizations responsible for radiation protection. So, the goals and objectives of radiation protection are significantly different in 2006 than when the organization was first created.

However, there is still a significant role for CRCPD in assisting State and local radiation programs in their most important responsibility of protecting the public from unnecessary radiation exposure. Our committee structure provides an excellent opportunity for State participation in the development of guidelines, suggested regulations, and recommendations that can be used to enhance State and local radiation programs.

There is no other organization dedicated to assist the needs of State and local radiation control programs in all aspects of radiation protection like the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors. We are here to serve those needs, and I look forward to working to meet those needs.



CRCPD Working Group Activities



E-25 Committee on Radon

Adrian Howe (NV), Chairperson

The E-25 Committee on Radon met in Las Vegas on June 12-14, 2006. During this meeting the committee finalized the agenda for the 16th National Radon Conference to be held in Kansas City, MO, September 17-20, 2006. The agenda for the National Radon Conference was finalized and can be viewed on the CRCPD website www.crcpd.org/radon.asp. Again this year, the Radon Conference will be held in conjunction with the International Radon Symposium and the first day will be a joint session with the American Association of Radon Scientists and Technologists (AARST). The committee finalized the joint day agenda in consultation with AARST and coordinated breaks on those days that are not joint meeting days. The coordination of breaks facilitates the ability of participants to move between sessions and to interact during the breaks.

In conjunction with AARST, the committee reviewed location proposals for the 2007 National Radon Conference and Jacksonville, Florida was selected. AARST and the committee further discussed the 2008 meeting site and decided to solicit bids to hold the 2008 meeting in Las Vegas.

The committee also:

- Discussed the EPA Schools Workbook project. In accordance with the committee's charge to review EPA documents as requested, the committee agreed to review the document as soon as EPA forwards the project to the committee.
- Finalized review of the EPA Radon Measurements in Schools document. Review comments will be forwarded to EPA by Bob Stilwell.
- Had a brief discussion pertaining to the initial Radon Device Evaluation and Listing Stakeholders Meeting of April 6, 2006, that Bob Stilwell participated in by phone.
- Was brief by William Bell on the American Society of Testing and Materials (ASTM) meeting in Toronto, Canada that he attended on behalf of the Radon Committee. He described the ASTM process of standards adoption and further described the current status of ASTM E 1465, "Standard Practice for Radon Control Options for Design and Construction of New Low-rise Residential Buildings."

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- Discussed the current status of the Building Technical Capacity initiative. The pilot training program is anticipated for early November.

Device Evaluation Approval and Listing stakeholders meeting

On June 15, 2006, the E-25 Committee attended the Device Evaluation, Approval and Listing (DEAL) stakeholders meeting with representatives of EPA, AARST, industry, the National Environmental Health Association/National Radon Proficiency Program (NEHA/NRPP) and the National Radon Safety Board (NRSB). There was a consensus that EPA should stay involved in verification of device accuracy. NRSB has a procedure to accept a device and the NEHA/NRPP has drafted a procedure. There was a consensus to utilize at least interim language regarding EPA verification of accuracy. The agreed upon language is "Verified by the U.S. EPA" or "U.S. EPA Verified."

H-13 Committee/Liaison

Valerie Brown (AR), Chairperson

As Liaison to the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT)/American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) I attended the 2006 ASRT/ARRT 14th World Congress hosted by the 2006 ASRT/Association of Educators in the Radiological Sciences Annual Conference in Denver Colorado, June 9, 2006 through June 13, 2006. The full report is on the CRCPD website at www.crcpd.org/reports.asp.



Call for papers for 2007 Annual Meeting

By Sue Smith (OED)
Administrative Officer

You are invited to present a paper at the 39th Annual National Conference on Radiation Control that will be held in Spokane, Washington, May 21-24, 2007.

If you are interested in presenting a paper, please submit your topic, along with a brief summary (a couple of sentences) to the OED (ssmith@crcpd.org) no later than September 15th.



Call for John C. Villforth Annual Lecture nominations

By Sue Smith (OED)
Administrative Officer

The purpose of this annual lecture is to honor Mr. Villforth's steadfast support of state radiation control agencies as a working partner with the FDA/CDRH in the protection of the American people from unnecessary exposure to electronic product radiation, radioactive materials (especially radium), and protection of the environment from radioactive contamination as well as his strong support of the CRCPD in its early years of development. Mr. Villforth has long recognized the capacity of state radiation personnel to make valuable contributions to the success of the national programs to protect the public health of our citizens. The CRCPD has the utmost respect, admiration, and appreciation for the unceasing friendship and support Mr. Villforth has extended to our organization and state radiation control programs over his many years of public service. With this lecture series, the CRCPD pays tribute to a man with impeccable integrity, a person with outstanding leadership credentials, and a giant in the field of radiological health.

The criteria for nominations can be viewed at <www.crcpd.org/Awards/Villforth/FactSheet.Villforth.pdf>. Deadline: September 15, 2006.



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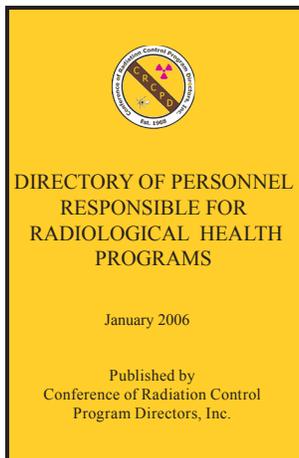
New Members/Classification changes

Associate Members

Sergent, Jodi (WV)

Affiliate Members

Somerville, Mark (CA)



Reminder!

Have you visited the CRCPD Training Resources Loan Program information on the website and taken advantage of the resource material that is available to CRCPD members?

If you are a member of CRCPD, you can access this information. Go to <www.crcpd.org>, "Members Only," "Training Material."



Sixteenth National Radon Conference

By Curt Hopkins (OED)
Radon Program Manager

The 16th National Radon Conference will be held September 17-20, 2006 at the Hyatt Regency Crown Center, Kansas City, Missouri. The agenda and general information about the Conference, registration forms, fees, etc., are on the CRCPD website www.crcpd.org/radon.asp.



New CRCPD Publications

By Lin Carigan (OED)
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NEXT

Two separate trifold brochures for the Nationwide Evaluation of X-ray Trends (NEXT) 2002 Abdomen and Lumbosacral Spine (LS) Radiography Survey have been published and are now available online, one on the Abdomen and the other on the LS Spine. CRCPD's website has a page devoted to NEXT <www.crcpd.org/NEXT.asp>, where all of the NEXT publications are listed, and these trifolds are available there under the heading for the 2002 survey. They were published online on August 18, 2006.

Proceedings

The Proceedings of the 38th Annual National Conference on Radiation Control was published on CD in July and provided to those who attended the meeting. The online version of the proceedings became available August 18, 2006. Both the CD and the online versions of the proceedings contain manuscripts in PDF format, but they consist primarily of PowerPoint presentations. The PowerPoint presentations load faster on the CD version, which is available for purchase for \$50. A publications order form is available online at <www.crcpd.org/Pubs/PubsOrderForm.pdf>.

Free Documents on our Website

Several documents are available again that had been removed for a period of time: Radioactive Waste Broker & Processor Services; Some Providers of Radioactive Site Investigation and Decontamination, both as of July 2006; a new list was added: Packages, Transportation, Storage, also as of July 2006; and Radioassay and Toxic Chemical Leach Test Services, as of December 2005. See Commercial Services under Free Documents: <www.crcpd.org/Comm_Svcs.asp>.



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