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## Message from Chairperson Pearce O'Kelley



### Recent Activities

The last six weeks have been very busy, at least for me. As stated in the last *Newsbrief*, CRCPD's involvement was requested at several meetings. August 28-29, Debra McBaugh and I attended the Nuclear Energy Agency's North American workshop to provide comments on the Draft 2006 ICRP Proposals. Debra presented comments on behalf of CRCPD.

September 11 through 13, Debbie Gilley and I were in Washington, DC for several reasons. September 11, I provided comments to the National Academy of Sciences' Committee on Alternate Technologies, while Debbie met with our federal partners concerning the umbrella grant to CRCPD. September 12, Debbie and I participated in the annual OAS/CRCPD briefing of the NRC Commissioners. The briefing went extremely well and the commissioners were very receptive to our comments and proposals. You can view the briefing on NRC's website at [www.nrc.gov](http://www.nrc.gov) under webcast archives. On September 13, Debbie and I met with Joel Grimm, DOE, to discuss the Source Collection and Threat Reduction Program (SCATR) proposal. Everything is going smoothly and we anticipate the cooperative agreement to be issued shortly. SCATR is a new program to help licensees get rid of unwanted radioactive sources. These

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are smaller activity sources than those collected under the off-site recovery program.

September 17-20, I was in Kansas City attending the DOE security training and the annual Radon Conference. This was my first radon conference and I learned a lot more than I even knew existed. In addition to providing welcoming remarks, I was able to meet with the E-25 Committee that does the major work in planning CRCPD's portion of the meeting, along with help from the OED. Both deserve a round of applause. For those who are not aware, this is a joint meeting with the radon industry. This allows for very valuable information exchange between regulators and the regulated industry. I really enjoyed my interactions with the meeting participants, which included a long lost friend from North Carolina.

I attended the Organization of Agreement States' annual meeting September 24-28. I was delighted to make a presentation on the activities and accomplishments of CRCPD in the last year. NRC Commissioner Peter B. Lyons provided the keynote speech. In that speech, Commissioner Lyons continued to reiterate his and the Commission's support and appreciation for the state radiation control programs and their part in protecting the nation's citizens. I quote from his speech, "I want to express my appreciation to your organization (OAS) and CRCPD for participation in the rule making, guidance, and transition plan Working Groups and Steering Committee." As you can see, our volunteers continue to provide valuable input in national policy and do make a difference.

One of the more interesting and lively discussions at the OAS meeting was the planned activities of the Department of Homeland Security's Domestic Nuclear Detection Office (DNDO). For those who may be unfamiliar with DNDO, the following was obtained from their website:

"The Domestic Nuclear Detection Office (DNDO) is a jointly staffed office established to improve the Nation's capability to detect and report unauthorized attempts to import, possess, store, develop, or transport nuclear or radiological material for use against the Nation, and to further enhance this capability over time.

"Strategic Objectives:

- Develop the global detection architecture and ensure linkages across Federal, State, territorial, tribal and local agencies.
- Conduct aggressive evolutionary and transformational

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research and development programs to improve probability of detection by integrating and deploying current technologies and improving those capabilities over time.

- Enhance the nuclear detection efforts of Federal, State, territorial, tribal, and local governments, and the private sector to ensure a coordinated response.
- Establish standards, response protocols and training across the Federal, State, territorial, tribal, and local levels to ensure that detection leads to timely response actions.
- Enhance the effective sharing and use of nuclear detection-related information and intelligence.
- Maintain continuous awareness by analyzing information from all mission-related detection systems.”

This is an ambitious endeavor that will have a major impact on state radiation control programs. DNDO plans to provide detection equipment to all states with the intent to constantly monitor the movement of radioactive materials. The funds will be distributed to state homeland security officials who will then decide where and how to deploy. Law enforcement and/or first responders will operate this equipment. We all know how alarm resolution at landfills can be burdensome. Imagine what this will cause. DNDO is currently exploring methods for all states to provide them license information for inclusion in another national database. The intent is for this information to be available to assist in alarm resolution and provide a means for determining if the license and recipient are legitimate. Although this is supposedly a voluntary program, you can expect most if not all states to participate.

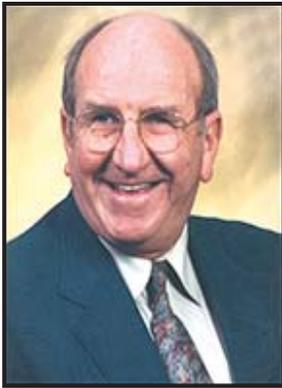
CRCPD and OAS have been involved with DNDO concerning this issue as well as others. State representatives have been involved in DNDO's evaluation of detection equipment. We have also served on working groups and made several presentations to DNDO staff, but we still have work to do. Commissioner Lyons has been meeting with high-level officials at DHS to help ensure this program is designed to have minimal negative impact. I suggest that you provide him any information or comment through Janet Schleuter, Director, Division of Materials Safety and State Agreements. Her e-mail is JRS1@nrc.gov. I also encourage you to meet with your state's homeland security officials to begin discussing implementation issues.

Again, I would like to thank all of our state volunteers for their time and effort in support of CRCPD's activities.



## Greetings from your Interim Executive Director

By Chuck Hardin (OED)



### The SCATR Program—Enhancing National Security

Through a cooperative agreement with the Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration (DOE/NNSA), it is anticipated that CRCPD will soon be implementing a new program known as the “Source Collection and Threat Reduction (SCATR) Program.” The SCATR program will identify, collect, and dispose of unwanted radioactive sources, thus making them unavailable for potential misuse. Doing this will enhance the country’s national security. The States know the problem exists; the SCATR program will provide a solution.

The first step of implementing the SCATR program will be outreach to explain the program to State radiation control programs, selected professional organizations and certain industrial groups. We anticipate considerable input from State and local radiation control programs; the success of this program will be greatly enhanced by their involvement. One State has already volunteered to serve as a pilot for testing the program.

The program will identify the location of the unwanted radioactive sources, assure that they get registered, and work on their being collected and properly disposed of. CRCPD’s Committee for Unwanted Radioactive Materials, with input from DOE/NNSA, will set criteria and priorities for collection and final disposition of unwanted radioactive material registered in a database of DOE’s Off-site Source Recovery Program.

This will be a five-year effort by the CRCPD, and it is considered one of the most important programs implemented by our organization. We look forward to working with the States and their licensees, the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission and their licensees, and the nuclear industry in this most valuable program for our country’s security.

The SCATR program will enhance CRCPD’s very successful National Orphan Source Program supported by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the collection and removal of “orphan” radioactive materials. The Orphan Source Program will continue to be administered under its Nuclear Regulatory Commission agreement.



## NRC Reorganization

Effective October 1, 2006, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission reorganized its nuclear materials and Agreement State programs into two new program offices, completing a restructuring approved by the Commission in June to help the agency approach new challenges in the materials, waste and environmental areas.

The NRC's Agreement State program has grown to 34 states, with three more in the process of negotiating agreements to regulate the industrial, academic and medical uses of radioactive materials. Currently, the Agreement States maintain approximately 18,000 licenses, while the NRC has jurisdiction over approximately 4,400 licenses in the remaining states.

"The increase in the number of Agreement States, along with the expected wave of applications for new nuclear power plants, spent fuel reprocessing plants and a high-level waste repository at Yucca Mountain, have created new challenges and demands on the agency's resources," said Martin J. Virgilio, NRC's deputy executive director for materials, research, state and compliance programs. "This reorganization will help us meet these demands while maintaining our ability to protect public health and safety and the environment."

The newly created Office of Federal and State Materials and Environmental Management Programs (FSME) officially began operations Oct. 1. The new office is comprised of the former Office of State and Tribal Programs, two of the technical divisions from the Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards (NMSS) and a small program support staff. FSME is headed by Director Charles L. Miller, with George Pangburn as deputy director.

Other senior FSME staff include Janet R. Schlueter as director, Division of Materials Safety and State Agreements; Dennis K. Rathbun, director of the Division of Intergovernmental Liaison and Rulemaking; Larry W. Camper, director of the Division of Waste Management and Environmental Protection; and Joseph J. Holonich, director of the Program Planning, Budgeting and Program Analysis Staff. Janet Schlueter remains the primary NRC Liaison to the CRCPD Board of Directors.

A refocused NMSS also began operations effective Oct. 1, concentrating on the nuclear fuel cycle, from uranium conversion and enrichment to fuel manufacturing and high-level waste storage, transportation and disposal. The office is headed by Jack R. Strosnider, director, and Margaret V. Federline, deputy director. Other senior staff include E. William Brach, director of the Division of Spent Fuel Storage and Transportation; Robert C. Pierson, director of the Division of Fuel Cycle Safety and Safeguards;

## NRC Reorganization (continued)

## Second Call for Papers for 2007 Annual Meeting

By Sue Smith (OED)  
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## Membership Dues-2007

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Lawrence E. Kokajko, director of the Division of High-Level Waste and Repository Safety, and Mark J. Flynn, director of the Program Planning, Budgeting and Program Analysis Staff.



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](mailto:ssmith@crcpd.org)) no later than November 17th.



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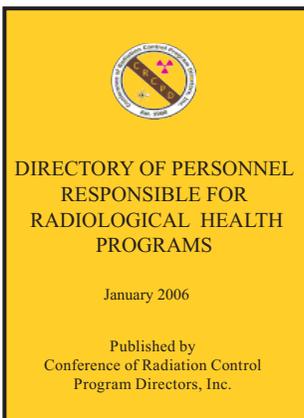
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