

Radiation Protection Professionals Recognized

Press Release

The Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc. (CRCPD) announced the celebration of National Radiation Protection Professionals Week November 4 – 10, 2018. The weeklong event to honor radiation protection professionals is set in November to celebrate the discovery of X-rays by Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen on November 8, 1895.

Radiation protection professionals provide leadership in protecting the public from the hazards of radiation. These dedicated individuals work diligently to ensure that radiation and radioactive materials are used safely and beneficially in thousands of different ways.

According to Karen Beckley, Chairperson of the CRCPD Board of Directors, “Radiation protection professionals are a vital safety net; they help to make sure that medical, industrial, government and academic uses of radiation are safe, and that our homes, environment and country are safe and secure. Their selfless professionalism ensures that people are able to safely enjoy the tremendous benefits of the uses of radiation in our highly technical society.”

CRCPD is approaching its 51st year as a nonprofit organization that has members in radiation control programs in all the states, the District of Columbia, and U.S. territories, as well as internationally. The mission of CRCPD is to promote consistency in addressing and resolving radiation control issues, to encourage high standards of quality in radiation protection programs, and to provide leadership in radiation safety and education. More information on radiation can be found at <http://www.CRCPD.org>

The CRCPD Resolution on Radiation Protection Professionals Week is published in this *Newsbrief*.



Resolution on Radiation Protection Professionals Week



CONFERENCE OF RADIATION CONTROL PROGRAM DIRECTORS, INC.

RESOLUTION

Relating to: National Radiation Protection Professionals Week

WHEREAS: Wilhelm Conrad Roentgen discovered X rays on November 8, 1895; and

WHEREAS: Soon after, natural radioactivity was discovered in March of 1896 by Henri Becquerel, and

WHEREAS: In the late 1890s, Marie and Pierre Curie discovered the new elements polonium and radium, and

WHEREAS: Radioactive Materials and Radiation are a useful and necessary part of our modern world; and

WHEREAS: Acute and low-level radiation exposure is potentially harmful to people; and

WHEREAS: Man-made and concentrated natural radioactivity can cause environmental contamination; and

WHEREAS: Protection of the homeland involves radiation safety, security and response capabilities; and

WHEREAS: Radiation Protection Professionals work with government, industry, medical, educational, and private entities to serve as sources of information and bring the benefits of X rays, radiation and radioactivity to the public while minimizing the hazards of radiation exposure; and

WHEREAS: Radiation Protection Professionals provide scientific expertise, training, support, coordination and information to national and international communities regarding prevention of, responses to, and recovery from radiation accidents; and

WHEREAS: The Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc. supports efforts to encourage all citizens to recognize the importance of Radiation Protection Professionals who provide necessary leadership in protecting the public from the hazards associated with radiation.

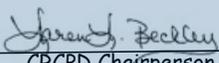
NOW BE IT RESOLVED:

That November 4 - 10, 2018 is National Radiation Protection Professionals Week.

That the weeklong observance is dedicated to recognizing Radiation Protection Professionals for their contributions to public safety.

On behalf of the members of the Conference of Radiation Control Directors, Inc., I am pleased to recognize November 4-10, 2018 as National Radiation Protection Professionals Week.

Approved by the CRCPD Board of Directors October 9, 2018.


CRCPD Chairperson