



# Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc.

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Dear Doctor ElBaradei,

The Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc. (CRCPD) requests that the International Atomic Energy Agency recognize our organization as a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) without consultative status and permit CRCPD to be represented by observers at the General Conference's regular sessions.

CRCPD is a national organization in the United States of America with approximately 1000 members including international members. The U.S. National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements recognizes CRCPD as a Collaborating Organization.

CRCPD exists to provide a common voice for our members with U.S. federal government agencies and a forum for exchange of ideas among our members. The majority of our members are the Directors and staff of government agencies in the individual states who regulate radioactive material and radiation producing devices. Individual states regulate the majority of radioactive material, accelerators, and X-ray usage in the United States. A copy of our *Directory of Personnel Responsible for Radiological Health Programs* is included as an attachment.

CRCPD has no regulatory or governmental authority. However, our members, through 57 committees and liaison positions, interact with numerous federal, commercial, and international organizations to improve radiation protection practices for people and the environment. We work with each other and other organizations to determine best practices in all areas of radiation safety with isotopes and radiation producing machines including: medical diagnosis and treatment, industrial operations, emergency response, research, instrumentation, and training. Our organization's primary objectives include:

- Promoting consistent radiation protection practices,
- Promoting leadership in radiation issues, and
- Improving efficiency in providing radiation protection.

CRCPD publishes numerous technical documents including the *Suggested State Regulations for Control of Radiation*, proceedings of our annual meetings, and the Newsbrief (a bimonthly newsletter).

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CRCPD is "A Partnership Dedicated to Radiation Protection." A closer association with the IAEA will be beneficial to the members of both organizations. Our members face the same problems that concern the countries that are governmental members of the IAEA. Many of our state programs are faced with regulating and inspecting licensees over large geographical areas of responsibility with limited staff. Other states have small geographic areas with high population density and large numbers of licensees to regulate.

Thank you for considering our request. If your staff has questions, they may contact me or our current Chair: Ms. Cindy Cardwell. Ms. Cardwell is at 1 512 834-6688 extension 2239. My phone is 1 502 227-4543 extension 2222 and my email is [rfraass@crcpd.org](mailto:rfraass@crcpd.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald G. Fraass". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Ronald G. Fraass  
Executive Director

cc: Board Members