Population Monitoring

Population monitoring is a process that would begin after a radiation incident. Some of the activities performed at a community reception center for population monitoring include:

- Detecting the presence of radioactive contamination on the body or clothing
- Removal of radioactive contamination
- Performing epidemiological tracking for long-term health effects

Local and state resources to perform population monitoring are limited. Radiation professionals serving as volunteers, integrated with existing volunteer mechanisms such as the Medical Reserve Corps, could provide needed expertise to augment the public health response at community reception centers for population monitoring.

Grant funding available

The Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPD) is announcing grant funding for Radiation Response Volunteer Corps Development for awards to be made during 2013 for FY 2014, subject to the award of funds from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Depending on the availability of funds and the quality and number of proposals received, CRCPD anticipates granting:

- At least 10 grant awards
- Not to exceed $25,000 each

Who can apply?

- State radiation control programs
- Health departments preparedness programs
- Local non-government organizations in partnership with radiation control and public health preparedness

What is the focus of the grant?

- Outreach to radiation professionals including recruiting, training and management
- Integration of radiation professional volunteers into existing volunteer networks such as the Medical Reserve Corps

What types of things can the grant funding be used for?

- Infrastructure needs
- Outreach to radiation professionals
- Credentialing
- Development of communication systems
- Providing training

How to apply

- Guidelines for submission of grant proposals can be found in the Request for Proposals (RFP), Radiation Response Volunteer Corps, available at the CRCPD website at http://www.crcpd.org/RRVC/rrvc_rfp.aspx

When to apply

- Proposals will be received and reviewed throughout the year, however, the deadline for applications is October 4, 2013
- Proposals received will be reviewed with notification of applicants in November to December 2013

Contacts

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