

Announcement
A National Orphan Radioactive Material Disposition Program
Sponsored by the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc.
October 2001

At their annual business meeting in Anchorage, Alaska, the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc. (CRCPD) Board of Directors announced to their members the approval to implement a National Orphan Radioactive Material Disposition Program. Funding has now been obtained to support this national program as described in Attachment 1.

Purpose: To financially assist, and provide technical guidance to, state radiation control programs in the disposition of discrete orphan radioactive material.

Goal: To reduce the number of discrete radioactive sources and devices that are abandoned or improperly disposed of and thereby reduce the risk of unnecessary radiation exposure to the public and/or contamination of the environment.

Objective: To identify, recover, and manage the proper disposition of unwanted discrete radioactive sources and devices.

Criteria for Acceptable Material: Discrete sources or devices containing radioactive material recognized under the Atomic Energy Act (except such material reserved for control by the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission), and including radioactive material defined as Naturally Occurring or Accelerator Produced Radioactive Material (NARM), or both. Such sources or devices must be unwanted by the person possessing the sources, and there must be inadequate funds available to both the state agency and the person possessing the material for the disposition of such sources. Not acceptable under this criteria are *diffuse* radioactive materials such as contaminated soil, building rubble, scaled pipe, and metal turnings.

Responsibility of CRCPD: To determine eligibility of the material for funding under this program, and to act solely as a cost reimbursement source for the state RCP where other funds are not available for the proper disposition of discrete orphan sources and devices.

Responsibilities of a State RCP:

- ? To identify the discrete orphan radioactive material.
- ? To identify, or participate in the identification of, an entity (i.e. manufacturer, disposal site, etc.) that will accept the orphan material, and to solicit bids from an entity (i.e. broker, disposal company etc.) to handle, package and ship the material to its final destination.
- ? To enter into an Agreement with CRCPD (*see Attachment 2a "Agency Reimbursement Agreement" and 2b "Company Reimbursement Agreement"*).
- ? To submit a request for funding to CRCPD (*sample letters are shown as Attachment 3*).
- ? To obtain the services as identified in the funding request, and to ensure that CRCPD's liability/indemnification clause is included pursuant to the Agreement.
- ? To notify CRCPD when the material has been safely disposed of or transferred to a licensed recipient in accordance with the State's rules and regulations, and to request reimbursement pursuant to the Agreement.

For further information, contact Russ Meyer, CRCPD Technical Assistant, via email at <rmeyer@crupd.org> or by phone at 512/761-3822.