Ruth McBurney to be CRCPD's New Executive Director!

The Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors, Inc. (CRCPD) Board of Directors has announced that effective January 8, 2007, Ruth E. McBurney, CHP, will be CRCPD's new full-time Executive Director. Ruth replaces Thom Kerr, who resigned in June 2006.

Ruth comes to CRCPD with a B.S. degree in Biology and an M.S. degree in Radiation Sciences, and she is a Certified Health Physicist. She has been a long time supporter of CRCPD. Ruth has served on the Board of Directors as Chairperson and Treasurer. The treasurer is also the organization's historian, and in that role she authored CRCPD: The First Twenty-Five Years, which was published in 1993, the CRCPD Silver Anniversary. She has also been very active in CRCPD working groups, including chairing several committees. She received the Gerald S. Parker Award in 1994 and a CRCPD Board of Directors Outstanding Achievement Award in 1987. For 2005-2006, she served as President of the Health Physics Society, and from 1990-1994 she served on the American Board of Physics, including serving as Chairman.

Previous Work Experience

- Texas Department of State Health Services, Austin, TX
  - 2004-2006 – Manager, Radiation Safety Licensing Branch, Division of Regulatory Services, Texas Department of State Health Services – responsible for management of statewide program for licensing uses of radioactive material, x-ray machines and services, and laser devices, technical assessments, fee collection, and records maintenance. Represented DSHS at national meetings and legislative and administrative hearings involving use of source radiation.

- Texas Department of Health, Austin, TX
  - 1989-2004 – Director, Division of Licensing, Registration and Standards, Bureau of Radiation Control – responsible for statewide program and budget management for permitting uses of radioactive material, x-ray machines and services, and laser devices, technical assessments and standards development. Represented TDH at national meetings and legislative and administrative hearings involving use of source radiation.
  - 1981-1989 – Administrator, Standards Branch, Division of Licensing, Registration and Standards, Bureau of Radiation Control – supervised development of regulations and regulatory guides and implementation of industrial radiography certification program.

The CRCPD Board of Directors look forward to the fruits of Ruth's knowledge, experience, and leadership, as well as her service to the CRCPD membership, as she seeks to support state radiation control programs and our partners dedicated to radiation protection. Ruth will be located in Austin, Texas.