

## National Radiation Protection Professionals Week

**National Radiation Protection Professionals week** is recognition by CRCPD ([www.crcpd.org](http://www.crcpd.org)) and HPS ([www.hps.org](http://www.hps.org)) of the achievements made by those practicing in the radiation protection sciences. Each year, the CRCPD and HPS join forces with the radiation protection community to gain recognition and support for the field. **Celebrated during the week of November 2-7, 2008** encourages community members to take pride in their profession – recognizing their colleagues for their hard work and promoting radiation protection practices to the public.

**National Radiation Protection Professionals week** allows employers to take a proactive role in the advancement of the field. From advances in medicine, environment, industry and security, radiation protection professionals have made us a safer and healthier, while continuing to support technological advancements. It is up to us to educate others on these major radiation protection and safety activities.

**More than ever**, it is important that we educate others (citizens, employers, and even politicians) on the scope of skills and abilities needed by radiation protection professionals and the important role played by these unsung heroes.

National Radiation Protection Professionals week is a time to express your appreciation to your colleagues and employees; and to display your support and dedication to the field.

**Here are some ideas** to help you educate, celebrate, and recognize those people who promote safe use of radiation.

- Post National Radiation Protection Professionals Week posters around your office and distribute informational pamphlets (such as What is a Radiation Protection Professional?) to staff, management, clients and local schools.
- Hold a staff appreciation lunch and distribute items of appreciation.
- Create a forum where people can discuss radiation protection professional recent advances in technology.
- Invite clients, citizens, management and or public servants to tour facilities showing beneficial uses of radiation when possible.

**The theme** for National Radiation Protection Professionals week varies from year to year, but the fuel is always the same: pride in what radiation protection professionals have done to make the world a better place to live.