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Keith Dinger attended college at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, where he received a bachelor's degree in physics in 1967 and was commissioned as an officer in the US Navy. After serving four and one-half years as a Qualified Submarine Officer in the Navy Nuclear Propulsion Program, he became a health physicist with the Department of the Navy at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Portsmouth, New Hampshire. At Portsmouth,

Dinger served three years as the Shipyard Radiation Instrumentation Program Manager and eighteen years as the Director of Radiation Health. During this time he also earned his master's degree in radiological health from the Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH).

As Director of Radiation Health, Dinger directed the occupational and environmental radiation health program for the Shipyard, which overhauled and repaired nuclear-powered submarines. In addition, he performed a number of special projects and assignments as a health physics expert for the Naval Nuclear Propulsion Program. This included assistance in the oversight and conduct of epidemiological studies of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard workers by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health and the study of all nuclear naval shipyard workers by the Johns Hopkins University.

Following his retirement from the Department of the Navy in 1993, Dinger received an appointment at HSPH as an instructor in environmental science and engineering, which he held until 2004. At HSPH he directed several courses related to radiation protection and nuclear technology through the Center for Continuing Professional Education. He also served as a technical expert for the National Institute of Standards and Technology in the area of personnel dosimetry, performing on-site assessments of dosimeter processors as part of the National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program. He also served as a consultant to the nuclear power and radioactive materials industry. Most recently he served in the Independent Oversight Group for the decommissioning of the Maine Yankee atomic power plant.

Dinger now serves as the Health Physics Society Congressional and Federal Agency Liaison, coordinating the Society's outreach activities with Congress and federal agencies and organizations. He also serves as an associate editor of the Health Physics Society's Web site.

Dinger has held a Comprehensive Certification by the American Board of Health Physics since 1979. He is a Fellow of the Health Physics Society and has served as a director, as the treasurer, and as president of the Society.