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Who Protects You from Radiation?

McClean, VA (October 29, 2008) – Set to coincide with Roentgen's discovery of x rays, the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors and the Health Physics Society have designated National Radiation Protection Professionals week as November 2-7, 2008.

Radiation protection professionals around the world dedicate themselves to assure that radiation and radioactive materials are used safely, and that the public has the opportunity to benefit from the many uses of radiation. Radiation is one of the most studied agents in history and it is with this scientific information that radiation protection professionals provide guidance for organizations, communities, states, and governments for safe current and future applications.

Activities of the Health Physics Society, a nonprofit organization of radiation protection professionals, include ensuring safe and beneficial uses of radiation and radioactive materials, assisting in the development of standards and regulations, and communicating radiation safety information. Its primary mission is excellence in the science and practice of radiation safety. The Society has members in approximately 70 countries, and has established nearly 50 chapters and 10 student branches.

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