



AAHP Special Session

Radiological Accidents and Incidents – Lessons Learned?

Health Physics Society 2008 Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA
Tuesday, July 15, 2008

The Academy's Special Session at the 2008 HPS Annual Meeting in Pittsburgh will be on the topic of the lessons learned over the past 40 years from radiological accidents and incidents. The session will be co-chaired by Ed Maher (AAHP Past President) and LtCol Steve Rademacher.

The speakers were selected because of their unique and first-hand knowledge of notable radiological accidents and incidents that have influenced the practice of health physics over the past 40 years. The types of accidents and incidents that will be discussed are varied and will include DOD, DOE, medical, utility and university settings. Many of these accidents and incidents are very well known and others are not, but the lessons learned are all remarkably similar and worth recalling from time-to-time and passing down to new generations of health physicists.

The afternoon session will conclude with a half-hour round-table discussion, after which audience members will be encouraged to share their experiences and ask questions of the speakers.

A preliminary program for the session is provided on the next page.



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Morning Session (8:30 – Noon)

Introductory Remarks	Ed Maher
Nuclear Weapon Accidents: Lessons Learned (Part I)	Steve E. Rademacher* Ken L. Groves John C. Taschner
Nuclear Weapon Accidents: Lessons Learned (Part II)	Ken L. Groves* Steve E. Rademacher John C. Taschner
Lessons Learned from Radiological Events at Los Alamos National Laboratory	John L. Bliss
Medical Radiation Accidents - Lessons Learned	William J. Walker

– **Break for AAHP Awards Luncheon** –

Afternoon Session (2:30 – 5:15)

Communicating Radiological Risks (3-Mile Island)	Harold R. Denton
Psychosocial and Communications Issues: Lessons Learned	Steven M. Becker
An Internal Contamination Experience and the Effects on Academic Research	Joseph P. Ring
Panel Discussion and Question/Answer: “Common Lessons and Common Sense”	All

– **Adjourn to AAHP Business Meeting** –