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**NRRTPT – A CHP Pipeline**

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Recently, I took the time to conduct some research to determine how many individuals who have become Certified Health Physicists (CHPs) were previously Registered (RRPTs) with the NRRPT (National Registry of Radiation Protection Technologists). I obtained this information from past *NRRTPT News* articles, *NRRTPT Handbooks*, articles from the Health Physics Society's *Newsletter*, and review of the Health Physics Society's *Radiation Protection Professional's Directory & Handbooks*. I reviewed information for the years 1993 through 1998.

As of 1998, there were 1,093 Active CHPs. The 140 RRPTs who are CHPs represent 13 percent of the total active CHPs. A respectable percentage (96 out of 450, ~ 21 percent) of CHPs who have become certified since 1993 have been previously registered with the NRRPT. Since 1993, the percentage of RRPTs who have passed the Part I CHP exam (AAHP Associates) has also been very good (141 out of 624, ~ 23 percent).

Based on this review, it is clear to see that the NRRPT has provided a continuous supply of personnel who have become CHPs. The percentages have been higher in the last six years than in the previous years. This review supports the need to continue to promote the NRRPT. It also validates that the NRRPT has been aggressive in pursuing its mission of promoting the knowledge, training, and expertise of radiation protection personnel. The HPS and the Academy should continue their past support of NRRPT endeavors.

1 Year	2 # CHP	3 % CHP	4 Total CHP/Year	5 # Part I	6 % Part I	7 Part I/Year
Pre 1993	44	--	--	20	--	--
1993	15	19	77	29	27	107
1994	12	23	52	30	22	136
1995	7	18	38	27	20	136
1996	32	24	136	29	28	104
1997	5	11	44	20	21	96
1998	25	24	103	6	13	45
Total	140 RRPTs are also CHPs					

Notes and Considerations:

1. Column Information: 1. Year researched, 2. Number of personnel becoming CHPs that year who were RRPTs, 3. Percent total of RRPTs who became CHPs that year, 4. Total number of personnel becoming CHPs that year, 5. Number of RRPTs who passed Part I CHP exam that year, 6. Percentage of RRPTs who passed Part I CHP exam that year, 7. Total number of personnel who passed Part I CHP exam that year.
2. Some RRPTs who are CHPs may not have maintained Active CHP status. If so, the above numbers are understated.
3. Percentage of people currently ABHP Associates (passed either part of CHP exam) is not totaled since a large percentage has subsequently become CHPs.
4. The numbers above may be understated if personnel passed the NRRPT exam *after* taking either part of the CHP exam. ■