Assessment of National Efforts in Emergency Preparedness for Nuclear Terrorism: Is There a Need for Realignment to Close Remaining Gaps?

March 6–7, 2017

Hyatt Regency Bethesda
One Bethesda Metro Center
7400 Wisconsin Avenue
Bethesda, MD 20814
Monday, March 6, 2017

Opening Session

8:10 am  Presentation of the Colors
Joint Armed Forces Honor Guard
from the Military District of Washington, DC

Singing of the National Anthem
Kimberly Gaskins
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission

Program Welcome
Adela Salame-Alfie
Program Committee Co-Chair

Welcome
John D. Boice, Jr.
President, NCRP

Fourteenth Annual Warren K.
Sinclair Keynote Address

8:30 am  Aren’t We Ready Yet? Closing the Planning, Response, and Recovery Gaps for Radiological Terrorism
Jack Herrmann
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

Are Existing Plans Sufficient for the Evolving Threat Environment?
James Blumenstock & Frieda Fisher-Tyler,
Session Co-Chairs

9:00 am  Preparedness is More than a Plan: Medical Considerations for Radiation Response
John F. Koerner
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

Radiological Preparedness in the Land of Lincoln
Joseph G. Klinger
Illinois Emergency Management Agency

Guidance, Training and Exercises: 
Emergency Responders

9:45 am  Q&A
10:00 am  Break

10:30 am  Radiological/Nuclear Preparedness in the First Responder Community
David Pasquale
New Mexico State Emergency Response Commission

A Retrospective Look at Rad Resilient City, UPMC’s 2011 Preparedness Checklist to Save Lives Following a Nuclear Detonation
Monica Schoch-Spana
UPMC Center for Health Security

11:50 am  Q&A
12:05 pm  Lunch

Guidance, Training and Exercises: 
First Receivers, Public Health

Cullen Case & C. Norman Coleman,
Session Co-Chairs

1:30 pm  First Receiver Gaps
Cullen Case
National Marrow Donor Program
Assessment of National Efforts in Emergency Preparedness for Nuclear Terrorism

Triaging Thousands: Challenges in Survivor Screening After a Nuclear Detonation
John L. Hick
Hennepin County Medical Center, Minnesota

All-of-Nation Planning Approach to Medical Preparedness and Effective Response
C. Norman Coleman
National Cancer Institute

Training Responders for Mass Casualty Radiation Incidents: Just-in-Time and Routine Preparedness Training
Judith L. Bader
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

When the Walls Come Tumbling Down: Medical Surge Response to Nuclear Detonation
Dan Hanfling
UPMC Center for Health Security

Recovery, Resilience and Reality: Going Beyond NCRP Report No. 175
Gerilee W. Bennett & Sara DeCair,
Session Co-Chairs

Forty-First Lauriston S. Taylor Lecture on Radiation Protection and Measurements
5:00 pm
Introduction of the Lecturer
Jeffrey J. Whicker

Environmental Radiation and Life: A Broad View
F. Ward Whicker
Colorado State University

6:00 pm
Reception
Sponsored by Landauer, Inc.
Tuesday, March 7

8:15 am  NCRP Annual Business Meeting
9:15 am  Break

Communication, Education, and Public Information
Steven M. Becker & Jessica Wieder, Session Co-Chairs

9:45 am  Communication Challenges in Crisis and Transition
Michelle M. Laver
U.S. Department of Energy

Emergency Responder Communication Challenges Regarding Radiological Terrorism for the New Administration
Robert Ingram
Fire Department City of New York

Critical Areas for Improvement in Communications Regarding Radiological Terrorism
David P. Ropeik
Harvard School of Public Health

11:00 am  Q&A
11:15 am  Break

Bringing it All Together: Conclusions and Path Forward
Armin Ansari & Adela Salame-Alfie, Session Co-Chairs

11:30 am  Panel Discussion

12:15 pm  NCRP Vision for the Future and Program Area Committee Activities
John D. Boice, Jr.
President, NCRP

12:45 pm  Adjourn