

Preface

The National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements (NCRP) has a long history of issuing guidance on operational radiation safety topics regarding use of radioactive materials and radiation-generating devices in research laboratories, academic institutions, medical facilities, industry, nuclear power generation, space missions, and the environment. This Report represents an enhancement on the guidance provided in NCRP Report No. 127, *Operational Radiation Safety Program* (1998).

This Report provides information on the safe design, acquisition, use and disposition of sealed radioactive sources from “cradle to grave” in a variety of occupational settings. The essential elements of a comprehensive sealed radioactive source program are of interest to operational radiation safety professionals, regulatory authorities, and users of sealed radioactive sources.

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