

Delaware Authority on Radiation Protection 2012 Accomplishments

- The Authority on Radiation Protection met its statutory obligation to provide oversight for regulating the safe use of sources of ionizing radiation in the State of Delaware, carried out through its Administrative Agent, the Department of Health & Social Services (DHSS), Division of Public Health (DPH), Office of Radiation Control.
- The Authority developed and approved a Strategic Plan on February 27, 2012 which addressed prioritization of regulations for review, and implementing elements of the Bylaws to include an Annual Report to the Governor, enhancing awareness of the Authority with public officials and elected representatives, and establishing an ad hoc committee for public outreach and education.
- The Authority completed review of five (5) sections of the Delaware Radiation Control Regulations related to the use of diagnostic x-rays, radionuclides and radiation therapy in the healing arts, licensing of radioactive materials and compliance procedures. Regulations prioritized for review address advances in medical technology, changes in state and federal regulatory oversight for radioactive materials, and make technical corrections.
- A vacant Authority post for a public member in New Castle County was filled with the appointment of Mr. Richard Wier, Esquire. The Authority roster was complete by year-end.
- The Authority advocated for and obtained approval from DHSS for an additional Senior Radiation Control Specialist position to be assigned to the Office of Radiation Control, through reclassification of an existing vacant position within DHSS/DPH.
- Dr. Frances Esposito submitted an update on activities of the Authority on Radiation Protection to the Medical Society of Delaware for their annual report, as the Authority representative to the Society.
- Dr. Robert Arm submitted an update on activities of the Authority on Radiation Protection to the Delaware State Dental Society, with notice of change to the examination application process for individuals applying to take the Delaware Dental Radiologic Technology Exam, as the Authority representative to the Society.