



RADIATION CONTROL PROGRAM DIRECTOR (RCPD) AND STATE LIAISON OFFICER (SLO)

**** While an RCPD may also be an SLO, an SLO is not necessarily an RCPD ****

RCPDs from 39 Agreement States regulate over 88% of the radioactive material used in the US and serve as the primary points of contact with the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), as part of the National Materials Program.

Agreement State RCPDs are responsible for:

- developing guidance,
- training staff,
- updating regulations,
- performing license reviews,
- inspecting licensees and
- conducting timely emergency response activities.

Their programs are reviewed every 4-5 years through the NRC's Integrated Materials Performance Evaluation Program (IMPEP), with results shared at public meetings.

All RCPDs (agreement state or non-agreement state) provide state input on radiological emergency response planning policy, and support state and local programs in preparing for and responding to all radiological emergencies. RCPD programs may regulate a wide range of radiation protection areas, including machine produced ionizing and non-ionizing radiation.

For almost 50 years, each State's Governor has appointed a single person to act as a liaison to the NRC to help improve cooperation and two-way communication. **The State Liaison Officer (SLO) may be appointed from ANY State agency/department of the Governor's choosing.**

Under this program, each Governor appoints an individual to serve as the State's primary liaison to the NRC. The NRC staff supports the SLO as they seek to:

- keep the Governor informed on NRC issues, including nuclear regulatory, security, and radiological health and safety;
- inform and coordinate with State and local agencies and counterparts on these matters;
- answer NRC inquiries and provide the NRC with State information; and
- provide communications and support to State, local and federal emergency agencies during emergency events.

The SLO also serves as the **primary State contact for all requests involving observation of NRC regulated nuclear power plant and facility inspections** and acts as the NRC's primary contact with the States regarding all relevant decisions and actions.

More information on the SLO Program using this QR code:

