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Re: Health Physics Society Member Receive Award

Members of the North Central Chapter of the Health Physics Society regularly participate in the Radiological Emergency Preparedness Program. This year some of these members were recognized for their participation at the 38th Annual Governor's Conference for Emergency Management held on March 3, 2004.

The award of excellence was presented to the Minnesota Ingestion Pathway Task Force (IPTF) in the category of "Outstanding Partnership Award". This task force was comprised of participants from the Minnesota Departments of Agriculture, Health, Natural Resources, and Public Safety, and the University of Minnesota. The purpose of the IPTF was to review plans and procedures in order to protect the general population should an incident at one of the nuclear generating plants in the state produce above normal releases of radioactivity. The IPTF reviewed issues and concerns that went far above the criteria published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). This effort occurred over a two-year period. The result was not only satisfactorily completing an exercise but the state received many favorable comments from participating federal agencies such as the Department of Energy (DOE) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Steve Curtis from DOE stated "I have never been to an exercise that was better-run or focused on a complete learning experience for all participants". The intensity and focus of the IPTF truly carried over to the exercise and touched all who participated.

The members of the Ingestion Pathway Task Force from the HPS are: George Johns, Sue McClanahan, and Tim Donakowski from the Minnesota Department of Health and Jerry Staiger from the University of Minnesota.

In addition Eric Eastwold and Brian Vetter made significant contributions in the roles of technical advisors for the exercise. They spent countless hours in preparation in their roles. Erick, Brian, and Jerry also serve as advisors to public information officers during media briefings during drills and exercises.

The state of Minnesota is better prepared to respond to an incident through the efforts of all the persons mentioned above.

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