

LIAISONS PROVIDE ESSENTIAL SERVICE

Many organizations in the United States share common interests with the Southeast Compact Commission, such as the safe management of radioactive waste and the protection of public health and the environment. The Commission endeavors to stay abreast of the activities of organizations sharing common goals and interests through the use of volunteer liaisons.

Each Commission liaison is also a member of the organization with which he/she has volunteered to work. The liaison attends the meetings of the organization, communicating messages from the Commission as appropriate and reporting back to the Commission on current issues and activities of mutual interest.

The Commission Chairman, Michael H. Mobley (TN), currently serves as the Commission's liaison to the Health Physics Society (HPS), a scientific and professional organization whose members specialize in occupational and environmental radiation safety. According to the society's website, the primary purpose of the HPS is to support its members in the practice of their profession. The HPS also promotes public information preparation and dissemination, education and training opportunities, and scientific information exchange through conferences and meetings and by posting current news items. In addition, HPS conducts a program to accredit radiation instrumentation calibration laboratories.

Alabama Commissioner Kirksey E. Whatley, provides liaison services to two organizations, the Organization of Agreement States (OAS) and the Southern States Energy Board.

The Organization of Agreement States is a nonprofit, voluntary, scientific and professional society incorporated in the District of Columbia. The membership of OAS consists of state radiation control directors and staff from the 35 Agreement States who are responsible for implementation of their respective Agreement State programs. According to the OAS website, the purpose of the OAS is to provide a mechanism for these Agreement States to work with each other and with the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission on regulatory issues associated with their respective agreements.

The Southern States Energy Board is a non-profit interstate compact organization established under Public Laws 87-563 and 92-440. According to its website, the Board's mission is to enhance economic development and the quality of life in the South through innovations in energy and environmental policies, programs, and technologies. One of its stated goals is to "support improved energy efficient technologies that pollute less and contribute to a clean environment while protecting indigenous natural resources for future generations."

Florida Commissioner William Passetti serves as liaison to the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPD), a non-profit professional organization primarily made up of radiation professionals in State and local government that regulate the use of

radiation sources. According to its website, the organization's primary goal is to “assure that radiation exposure to individuals is kept to the lowest practical level, while not restricting its beneficial uses.”

Alternate Commissioner Karen Sismour (VA) provides liaison services to the Association of State and Territorial Solid Waste Management Officials (ASTSWMO). The Association is an organization supporting the environmental agencies of the States and trust territories. According to its website, ASTSWMO focuses on the needs of State hazardous waste programs; non-hazardous municipal solid waste and industrial waste programs; sustainability, recycling, waste minimization, and reduction programs; Superfund and State cleanup programs; waste management and cleanup activities at federal facilities; and underground storage tank and leaking underground storage tank programs.

James Hardeman of Georgia, a former Alternate Commissioner, continues to serve in the capacity as liaison between the Commission and the American Nuclear Society (ANS). The ANS is a not-for-profit, international, scientific and educational organization. According to the ANS website, the core purpose of ANS is to promote the awareness and understanding of the application of nuclear science and technology.