## **TH24 Health Physicists Unite: Building Capacity for Our Radiation Protection Future**

In this session, we will share best practices at the NRC, States, and other Federal agencies for recruiting, training, and building community among one of our most important radiation protection resourcesâ€"our health physicist cadre. Participants will hear how the NRC grants program provides a pipeline of talented new hires to State and Federal agencies, how the NRC is actively recruiting health physicists into the agency, what collaborations are ongoing across the NRC as well as between the NRC and States, and how grassroots efforts at the NRC and other agencies are bringing health physicists together. We will also show how these efforts are real-life examples of the NRC's use of our Strategic Workforce Planning process.

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## SPEAKER(S):

- Introductory Remarks
  - <u>Theresa Clark</u>, Deputy Director, Division of Materials Safety, Security, State and Tribal Programs, NMSS/NRC
- Health Physicists: The Next Generation Building Capacity for our Radiation Protection
  <u>Future</u>

<u>Katie Tapp</u>, Health Physicist, Medical Safety & Events Assessment Branch, Division of Materials Safety, Security, State and Tribal Programs, NMSS/NRC

<u>CRCPD Efforts in Health Physics Workforce - Recruitment and Retention</u>

Angela Leek, Bureau Chief, Radiological Health and CRCPD Chairperson, Iowa Department of Public Health and CRCPD

<u>Thoughts from NCRP on the Radiation Sciences Workforce</u>

Kathryn Held, President, National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurements

• Development of New Health Physicists at Colorado State University

Thomas Johnson, Professor, Colorado State University

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