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The WM2018 Prestigious Hodes Award goes to The National Nuclear Security Administration and the Off-Site Source Recovery Program



The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) and the Off-Site Source Recovery Program (OSRP) of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) received the 2018 Richard S.

Hodes, M.D. Honor Lecture Award Monday afternoon in recognition of the program's innovative efforts in solving low-level radioactive waste (LLRW) management challenges in the United States by:

- Successfully completing the design, testing and certification of two new transportation containers to alleviate a shortage of containers that significantly limited the recovery and disposal of commercially licensed sealed sources, and
- Providing the certified designs to qualified private sector entities to use or modify them to develop containers for commercial use, thereby encouraging and facilitating the development of additional commercial capacity.

Jack Storton, Commissioner from the Commonwealth of Virginia, presented the award on behalf of the Southeast Compact Commission to Temeka Taplin, Federal Program Manager of NNSA-OSRP; Becky Coel-Roback, Los Alamos National Laboratory, OSRP Manager; and Dave Parks, Idaho National Laboratory, OSRP Manager.

"The Commission recognizes the team effort of NNSA-OSRP to solve LLRW management challenges in the United States," said Jack Storton. "Their efforts have improved radiation health and safety and provided for economical and safe recovery and disposal of high-activity radioactive sealed sources. The program's creative work clearly exemplifies the spirit and commitment that the Hodes Award is intended to recognize."

NNSA-OSRP is a DOE program that has for 20 years recovered and disposed of disused radioactive sources that pose a potential threat to national security, public health, and safety. It contributes to national security by eliminating from the environment excess radioactive sources that could be used in a Radiological Dispersion Device or for any other malicious purposes. The program is part of NNSA's Office of Radiological Security.

Since 1997, the program has been able to recover more than 41,059 sources from more than 1400 sites (including all 50 states, D.C., Puerto Rico and 26 foreign countries). These recoveries have resulted in more than 1.247 Million Curies of radioactive material being removed and secured.

The Southeast Compact Commission established the Richard S. Hodes, M.D. Honor Lecture Award to honor the memory of Dr. Richard S. Hodes, who served as chair of the Southeast Compact Commission from its inception in 1983 until his death in 2002.

Nominations for the 2019 Hodes Honor Lecture Award are now being accepted. The deadline for submittal of nominations is August 15, 2018. Details are on the Commission website at www.secompact.org (<http://www.secompact.org>) or you may contact Ted Buckner at tedb@secompact.org (<mailto:tedb@secompact.org>).



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