

# 2026 North American Radiation Safety & Technical Exhibition Symposium Agenda

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8:00 am - 5:00 pm EST Daily, January 13-15, 2026

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## Symposium Theme – Understanding Change in the Nuclear Industry: Skillsets Needed to Embrace for New Regulatory Framework & New Reactor Designs/Operations

### Monday, January 12, 2026

6:00 - 7:30 pm

**Exhibitors' Welcome Reception to informally meet and greet attendees at restaurant across from Resort Lobby Registration**

Schedule your flights early enough to enjoy a Welcome Reception by the Vendors providing you with the latest technology and consulting services.

Lite refreshments and Bar available for your convenience.

### **Opening Session:**

### **Tuesday, January 13, 2026**

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7:00 am – 5:00 pm EST	<b>Walk-in Registration</b>
7:00 am – 8:00 am	<b>Continental Breakfast</b>

**Session I, Day 1: World Class ALARA Achievements, Senior Management Perspectives on the Road Forward & RP Professional of the Year Recognition**

**Session Co-Chair: Joseph Jaegers, NATC Board Member & Dresden Clean Energy Center RPM, Constellation & David W. Miller, NATC Director, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**

### **Opening Session**

8:00 am      **Welcome**

8:05 am      **Roll Call for All Attendees and Vendor Exhibitors**

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**Tuesday, January 13, 2026 (continued)**

- 8:15 am      **Wolf Creek Successes on Operational and the Path Forward**  
TBA, Senior Manager, Wolf Creek Nuclear Generating Station, Avergy
- 8:45 am      **2025 World Class ALARA Performance Award**  
**Presented to Wolf Creek Nuclear Generating Station, Evergy**  
**Representatives include Senio VP; Joe Steward, RPM, RP Staff**  
**Presented by David W. Miller, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**
- 9:00 pm      **In-House 3D Printer Development for Custom Tungsten Shielding for Four Steam Generator Bowl Shielding Packages with Excellent Results**  
Joe Steward, RPM, Wolf Creek Nuclear Generating Station, Evergy
- 9:30 am      Coffee Break (Visit Vendors' Tables)
- 10:00 am      **NEI RP Update: NRC Rulemaking Efforts and Regulator Oversight Process (ROP) Changes**  
Michael Smith, Director RP, Nuclear Energy Institute, Washington DC
- 11:00 am      **Reflections on Experiences as US NRC Health Physics Inspector**  
John Cassidy, Senior HP Inspector, Region III
- Presentation of 2025 Radiation Protection Professional of the Year Awarded to John Cassidy by The Grainger College of Engineering, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**
- 11:45 am      **Group Photo**
- 12:00 am      **Lunch** (provided by vendors)
- Session II, Day 1, ALARA Achievements in Work Management**  
**Session Chair: Robin Rodriguez, Radiation Operations Superintendent, Susquehanna, Talen Energy**
- 1:30 pm      **Effective RP and Chemistry Partnerships to Achieve Excellence in Operations & Plant Reliability**  
Bert Engstrom, RPM, Palo Verde, APS
- 2:00 pm      **Risk Assessment and RP Management for High Dose Rate BWR Outage Work**  
John Moser, RPM, LaSalle Station, Constellation
- 2:30 pm      Coffee Break
- 3:00 pm      **Dresden Fall Refueling Outage Challenges & Successes**  
Joseph Jaegers, RPM, Dresden Clean Energy Center, Constellation

## **Tuesday, January 13, 2026 (continued)**

- 3:30 pm      **2026 Critical Paths to Human Exploration of Moon and Mars**  
Dr. Dennis Chamberland, Principal Investigator, NASA Biomedical Engineering and Research Lab, Spaceport Integration Office, John F. Kennedy Space Center, Florida  
NASA (retired)
- 4:30 pm      Adjournment Day 1
- 6:00 - 7:30 pm    **Opening Vendor Exhibition of New Technology and RP/ALARA Services:  
Honorees: Wolf Creek Nuclear Generating Station 2025 World Class ALARA  
Performance Recipients**
- Open bar and appetizers provided by sponsoring vendors.
  - Visit each table – replacing the ‘BINGO Cards’ with a Raffle System. Vendors will receive raffle tickets in which they provide to utility attendees when they visit their booths, drawings will be done on breaks/lunches for winners.

## **Wednesday, January 14, 2026**

- 7:00-8:00 am    **Continental Breakfast** (Vendor Exhibit Hall)
- Session III, Day 2: Current ALARA Topics at U.S. Nuclear Power Plants**  
**Session Chair: Bert Engstrom, Director, RPM, Palo Verde, APS & NATC Board Member**
- 8:00 am      **Enhancing ALARA with Real-Time 3D Dose Maps**  
Marc Fischer, Health Physics Technician, Surry Power Station, Dominion Energy & Andy Haefner, Gamma Reality, Inc.
- 8:30 am      **Susquehanna Refueling Outage Update**  
Robin Rodriguez, Radiation Operations Superintendent, Susquehanna, Talen Energy (invited)
- 9:00 am      **INPO/WANO/AC RP Program Highlights**  
Ashley Ballard, Assistant Department Manager, RP & Chemistry, INPO
- 9:30 am      **Coffee Break** (Visit Vendors)
- 10:00 am      **Palisades 2026 Restart Plans & Highlights of Plant Upgrades**  
TBA Gerry Wright, RPM, Palisades, Holtec (Invited)
- 10:30 am      **EPRI Updates of the Alpha Monitoring and Control Guidelines for Operating  
Nuclear Power Stations & Radioactive Material Monitoring and Control  
Guidelines**  
Jeff Cady, Principal Technical Leader, EPRI

**Wednesday, January 14, 2026**

**Session IV, Day 2: Use of New Technology in ALARA Programs**

Session Chair: Rachael Carr, Constellation

- 11:00 am      **ALARA Update During Refueling Outage at Wolf Creek**  
David Jennings, Radiation Protection Supervisor, Wolf Creek Nuclear Generating Station, Evergy
- 11:30 am      **Sharing Experiences of Osart Safety Reviews Over the World**  
Marcos Amaral, Past ISOE Bureau Chair, Formerly RPM Angra 1,2 Brazil
- 12:00 pm      **Lunch** (provided by vendors)

**Session V, Day 2: Annual Health Physics Regulatory Forum**

Session Co-Chair: John Cassidy, NRC & (TBD) CNSC, Canada

- 1:30 pm      **Highlights of the CNSC Radiological Regulations**  
TBA, CNSC, Ottawa, CANADA
- 2:00 pm      **U.S. NRC Headquarters' 2024 Occupational Exposure Report for US BWRs and PWRs**  
John Cassidy, Senior HP Inspector, Region III
- 2:15 pm      **Panel Discussion of ALARA & RP Findings and Observations**  
  
NRC Region I:  
NRC Region II: Jack Bell (invited)  
NRC Region III: John Cassidy  
NRC Region IV
- 3:00 pm      Coffee Break
- 3:30 pm      **Advanced Lunar and Mars Exploration Technologies 2026**  
Dr. Dennis Chamberland, Principal Investigator, NASA Biomedical Engineering and Research Lab, Spaceport Integration Office, John F. Kennedy Space Center, Florida  
NASA (retired)
- 4:30 pm      Open Discussion
- 5:00 pm      **Adjourn Day 2**

**Thursday, January 15, 2026**

7:00-8:00 am **Continental Breakfast** (Vendor Exhibit Hall)

**Session VI, Day 3**

**Session Chair: Joe Jaegers, RPM, Dresden Clean Energy Center, Constellation**

- 8:00 am        **Design Aspects of The Nuclear Power Corporation 1000 MW PWRs**  
Brad Boyer, Organization Effectiveness Director, The Nuclear Company
- 8:30 am        **RP Experience with Vogtle 3,4 Operation & Refueling Outages**  
TBA, Vogtle Nuclear Generating Station, Southern Company (Invited)
- 9:00 am        **Design of SMRs Including RP Considerations**  
Jeff Cady, Senior Project Manager, EPRI
- 9:30 am        **MCR Progress, Successes and Challenges, Update on MCR4 Chem Decon**  
Ian Rowe, Senior Health Physicist, Bruce Power, Ontario, CANADA (Invited)
- 10:00 am       **Coffee Break & Passport Vendor Appreciation Gift Drawing**

**Session VII, Day 3: Challenges in Radiation Safety**

**Session Chair: Michael Harrison, RPM, Watts Bar, TVA (and recipient of the 2023 World Class ALARA Award)**

- 10:30 am       **Progress in Decommissioning Work Following the Fukushima Daiichi Accident, Strengthened Safety Measures, and Progress in Restarting Japan's NPPs**  
Professor Tadashi Narabayashi, Tokyo Institute of Technology, Japan
- 11:00 am       **EPRI Radiological Research Update and Future Studies**  
Jeff Cady, EPRI
- 11:30 am       **Distinguished Paper Summaries from European & Asian ISOE Symposia (TBA)**
- 11:50 am       **Announcements of 2026 Symposium Best Papers Awards and**
- 11:55 am       **2026 Symposium Summary & Adjournment**
- 12:00 am       **Lunch** (provided by vendors)

# **Regional RPM Meeting**

## **1:00 pm – 4:00 pm**

**All regulators and utility health physicists are welcome to attend. Vendors are welcome to attend as observers with seating around the perimeter of the meeting room. No costs for attending the meeting.**

**The Regional RPM Meetings features neutral ground discussion on Radiation Protection topics with regulatory and utility health physics. 72nd regional meeting since 1988 chaired by John Moser, LaSalle County RPM, Constellation,**

**On behalf of the 2026 Technical Program Committee, we thank each of you for the symposium.**

**We wish to express our appreciation to the participating vendors for providing the latest information on new ALARA technology and technical services.**

**We thank the presenters, session chairs, Amy Keep and NATC Board Members for making the 2026 symposium a success.**

**If you have any questions on the draft agenda or wish to provide a paper, please contact Amy Keep at [almoeller88@gmail.com](mailto:almoeller88@gmail.com)/+1 269-930-0753 or David W. Miller, [dmiller@illinois.edu](mailto:dmiller@illinois.edu)/+1 217- 855-3238**

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