



**New England Chapter
of the
Health Physics Society**

May 2020 Newsletter

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COVID-19 Response

We sincerely hope all members of the Health Physics community and their families and loved ones are staying safe and maintaining their health. As Health Physicists, we are aptly prepared to execute the precautions that the [CDC](#) are recommending we follow. As we have been doing for years, it is now more important than ever to arm ourselves with accurate information and to stem the flow of panic and fear being bred in our surrounding communities. Please stay safe and do not take any unnecessary risks.

There have been many concerns in our community about certain aspects of our core business; that is to say, survey frequency, leak tests, etc. We recommend you to communicate with your regulator and *document everything you are doing differently*. This documentation and the justification for why you are performing your core business differently may be useful for your next inspection.

Featured Essays

Vacation Disasters – A Preparation and Safety Awareness Guide for Travelers

Includes information such as:

- Helpful advice on disasters and emergency preparedness whilst vacationing overseas, and what travelers can do to stay safe.
- Key stats and figures about travel safety and natural disasters across the world, countries most (and least) prone to calamities, and other factors such as political unrest and the risk of terrorism.
- Practical, actionable safety information such as emergency hotline numbers across the world, advice if you're injured or hospitalized, and when to contact your embassy for assistance.
- A safety checklist to help travelers prepare for different emergencies and links to other useful resources and information online

<https://www.postcardtravelinsurance.co.uk/vacation-disaster-preparation-safety-guide/>

The Safety and Health Historical Society April 2020 Issue can be found here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1yCm_04pjEo7JOo-liOXLIqo54YBnqER5xGLWMuQ1xQw/edit

Upcoming Events

Business Meeting, June 2nd 2:00-3:00 via Zoom.

If you are interested in participating in the annual NECHPS Business Meeting, please email NECHPS@gmail.com for the Meeting ID.

Combined Technical Talk and President-Elect Meeting, September 23rd, 2020, Sturbridge, MA

UMass Lowell Radiological Sciences 50th Anniversary, November 14th – Inn and Conference Center, Lowell, MA

Join the UML Health Physics community in celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Radiological Sciences Program! More information can be found at alumni.uml.edu/radsci50.

Job Postings

University of Massachusetts Lowell: Radiation Safety Specialist.

<https://explorejobs.uml.edu/lowell/en-us/listing/> Reference Number: 505396

University of Massachusetts Lowell: Assistant/Associate Professor – Radiochemistry and Radiological Health Physics

<https://explorejobs.uml.edu/lowell/en-us/job/504338/assistantassociate-professor-radiochemistry-and-radiological-health-physics>

Membership and Dues

We revamped our distribution list. Many of us have changed jobs, and with those job changes came the email address changes. If you had a personal email on file, we added that to our distribution list. If you would like to update your contact information, please email NECHPS@gmail.com with your intended changes.

Dues are preferably paid online at NECHPS.org. To find out your membership status, please email NECHPS@gmail.com.

Affiliates' Corner

Are you looking to be more involved with our Affiliates and Vendors? Be on the lookout for these upcoming events!

Kentek Laser Safety Officer Training, July 20-24, 2020 in Chelmsford, MA.

<https://lasersafetyu.kentek.com/product/laser-safety-training-classroom/comprehensive-laser-safety-officer>

Mirion Connect Annual Users' Conference, July 27-31, 2020 at the Westin Waterfront in Boston. Learn more at mirionconnect.com.

Involvement

We would love your help, expertise, and advice in running our Chapter. If you would like to be more involved, we have a place for you! There are three Director roles open for a two-year term starting in June 2020. Please email us at NECHPS@gmail.com if you are interested in making an impact today!

The Health Physics Society is looking for volunteers to fill the roles of Director and Treasurer-Elect. If you are interesting in serving for the HPS, please email NECHPS@gmail.com for more information or to start the nomination process.

Contact Us

We would love to hear from you! Email us with any new updates that we can feature here on our monthly newsletter!