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**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OBSERVES NATIONAL RADIATION PROTECTION PROFESSIONALS WEEK, NOV. 6-12**

**TALLAHASSEE**— The Florida Department of Health (DOH), along with the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors and Radiation Protection Professionals in Florida, join together to observe the week of November 6-12 as National Radiation Protection Professionals Week.

The observance is designated in recognition of the commitment of radiation protection professionals and in honor of the discovery of X-ray radiation by Wilhelm Roentgen on November 8, 1895.

"This week is an opportunity to express gratitude to all radiation protection professionals who make Florida a safer place to live," DOH Secretary M. Rony François, M.D., M.S.P.H., Ph.D., said. "Radiation protection professionals promote the safe, secure and effective use of radiation in consumer products, transportation, energy, research and medical applications."

Radiation Protection Professionals touch all aspects of Floridians' lives, from the food they eat and the roads they use, to the medical facilities that provide diagnostic procedures and therapeutic applications that improve their quality of care.

The Department's Bureau of Radiation Control is the regulatory body responsible for ensuring the safe and secure use of x-ray machines and radioactive materials, providing emergency response for radiation related incidents and monitoring environmental health risks. The Bureau also works closely with medical physicists in public and private sectors to ensure that medical procedures are available and performed properly. For more information, visit the DOH Web site at [www.doh.state.fl.us](http://www.doh.state.fl.us) and select "Radiation Control" from the drop box.

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