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Radiation Safety Counseling News

Welcome to Our 2nd Issue

Dear Reader,

We plan to send out a short Newsletter once a month to stay in touch with our friends. However, when editing a newsletter, a month seems to go by very quickly. Wasn't the previous newsletter sent out just last week?

Meet Our Team

Since we are offering a new business service, we thought you might be interested in our radiation safety counseling team. We began earlier this year as a small group of professionals with an interest in helping people with concerns for nuclear technology and radiation safety. As specialists in radiation safety and counseling, we know that the most helpful response to concerned people involves not only an understanding of the technology but also an understanding of the basis for people's fears of radiation. Short introductions to team members follow.

Ray Johnson, MS, PE, FHPS, CHP



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Ray is the Director of the Radiation Safety Counseling Institute. He has over 45 years of experience in virtually all aspects of radiation safety. He directed studies of environmental radiation exposures for about ten years with the US Public Health Service (USPHS). In 1970 he was assigned to the US Environmental Protection Agency where he supervised a program for monitoring all sources of radiation in the US for nearly 15 years. He retired his commission (O-6) in the USPHS

in 1985 and established a private practice as the Communication Sciences Institute. This business morphed over the years into the Radiation Safety Academy, which merged with Dade Moeller and Associates in 2007. Ray managed a contract for radiation safety at the National Institutes of Health for 18 years beginning in 1988. For the past 20 years he has also been teaching 40-hour classes to qualify nearly 3,000 Radiation Safety Officers. Ray has been an active volunteer with professional societies since the 1960s. For example, he has served as President of the Health Physics Society and the Baltimore-Washington Chapter, the American Association of Radon Scientists and Technologists, and the National Radon Safety Board, etc. Ray has graduate degrees from MIT and Harvard University and went through several years of training in the 1970s with the Greater Washington Institute for Transactional Analysis to qualify as a psychological counselor. He now counsels in his church as a Commissioned Stephen Minister. Over the years Ray has attempted to provide insights from counseling to the radiation safety profession to help with issues of risk communication. He

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Got Questions?

If you have a question about radiation safety that you would like to share, please post your question on our Forum (blog) or our Facebook page. Each week our experts will select a question and post an answer that will also be included in our monthly newsletter.

To post a question go to:

[Radiation Safety Forum](#)

or

[RSCI on Facebook](#)

has written 100s of papers on communication insights and recently published a book on [Radiation Risk Communication: Issues and Solutions](#). Copies of some of Ray's papers are available upon request at <http://radiationcounseling.org/resources.html>.

Dave Wiedis, MS, JD



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Dave is the Founder and Director of [ServingLeaders Ministries](#) since 2007. Prior to serving as the Executive Director and counselor at ServingLeaders, Dave served as an attorney for dozens of radiation litigation cases since 1986 as a partner in the law firm of Jose and Wiedis and an Associate with Pepper, Hamilton, and Sheetz. From this experience he is very familiar with people's fears and concerns about radiation exposures which have led to legal cases. Dave has presented over 130 workshops, seminars, and talks on various aspects of radiation litigation since 1991. For example, Dave recently presented four workshops at the Indian Point Nuclear Plant on how to avoid litigation (together with Ray Johnson and Alan Fellman). After earning a master's degree in Christian counseling in 2004, Dave established a ministry to provide personal and marriage counseling for pastors and ministry leaders. In addition he is an Adjunct Professor in the Counseling Department at Philadelphia Biblical University where he teaches both graduate and undergraduate classes in Legal and Ethical Issues in Counseling. He also gives seminars in personal development, leadership, and inspiration. He has written many papers related to radiation litigation and currently writes a monthly newsletter for [ServingLeaders Ministries](#).

James Morgan, MDiv, DMin



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Jim has had a long career as a Methodist Minister, counselor, and educator. He got a Master's in Divinity in 1961 and a Doctorate in 1972 from the Wesley Theological Seminary. He has also done post-graduate studies at the Jung Institute, in Zurich, Switzerland and at the University of Edinburgh. For many years he provided training in counseling as co-director of the Greater Washington Institute for Transactional Analysis with Dr. H.D. Johns. (Ray was one of his students 1977-1979). Besides serving as a minister for several large churches since 1951, Jim has provided private counseling services since 1975. He directed a large Methodist Retreat Center for 8 years and served as a retreat leader around the US and Canada. He was a co-founder of the Family Life Center and a staff member of the Washington Pastoral Counseling Service. Jim has served on the faculty of the University of California for presenting courses on management and career development. He has also worked with Larry Petcovic and Ray Johnson for presenting workshops on radiation risk communication to the nuclear industry.

Communication Insights

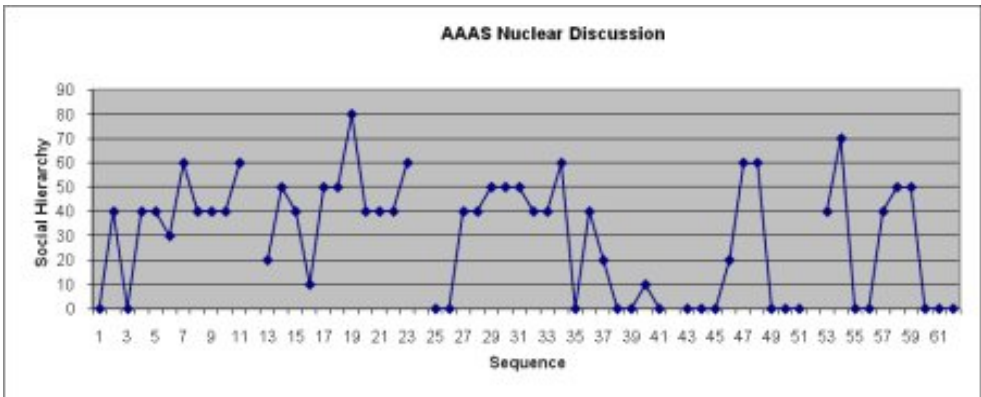
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We hope you find this information helpful and welcome your comments, questions, or other feedback.



Larry has had a long career involving both radiation safety and behavioral sciences. He began in 1966 as a Health Physicist with the US Army for ten years. He then went on to NUS Corporation and Training Resources (NSSI, Inc) where he produced training materials on radiation health and safety for nuclear power plants, national medical laboratories, hospitals, universities, and foreign governments. From 1984 to 1989 Larry ran a private consulting practice as Advanced. Communication Techniques. During those years he and Ray Johnson presented dozens of workshops for the Health Physics Society based on the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator. They also published a monthly column in the HPS Newsletter on Communication Insights. Both Larry and Ray graduated from the Hopkins Fellows Program in Community and Organizational Systems. From 1989 to 2002 Larry worked with several large corporations as a manager for business development, training, and human resources (while also pursuing graduate studies in Executive Leadership and Human Resources at George Washington University). Larry has master's degrees in Environmental Radiation Sciences from Rutgers University and Applied Behavioral Sciences from The Johns Hopkins University. Since 2002 Larry has again conducted a private practice as [3rd Order Communications](#). He has developed very successful programs for presentation, training, sales, and social media communication skills to enhance relationships and build individual credibility with difficult people and audiences. He has blended his technical background in radiation and environmental sciences with behavioral sciences and has integrated tools such as MBTI, NLP, Emotional and Social Intelligence, and Social Neurosciences into practical skill based learning programs for enhancing communication effectiveness. He is currently developing a communication mapping service to help understand your social effectiveness with workers and the public. It looks like this:



We will be telling you more about this new communication mapping technique and how it helps improve radiation communication effectiveness. Larry is a co-author with Ray on the book on Radiation Risk Communications: Issues and Solutions. Larry is also a co-founder of SoriesUSA, Inc, and Strategic Growth Partners, LLC.

Greg Johnson, MBA

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After getting his master's degree from the College of Business, Florida Institute of Technology in 1990, Greg worked for several years with an airport development company. In 1995 he came to the Radiation Safety Academy as the business manager and Dean of Administration. With the Academy he provided administrative and business development support leading to 300% growth over last six years before the Academy merged with Dade Moeller and Associates in 2007. Greg worked closely with students to help them choose the appropriate radiation safety training from over 25 classroom courses and over 25

computer based classes. Although not a radiation specialist by training, he learned a lot during his 12 years with the Academy about how to be most helpful for people with concerns for radiation safety. Having worked with computers for over 25 years, Greg is an expert on Microsoft Windows and Office software, computer systems including PC desktops and laptops, and peripheral equipment including printers, scanners, projectors, and networks (wireless and LAN). Since he managed all finances and payroll for the Academy he is also proficient in Quickbooks, accounting, and taxes. Since 2007 Greg has provided consulting services as [VirtuPRO Business Solutions](#) to help small, start-up businesses and non-profit organizations with training and coaching in administration, business development, information technology, and management. He is also the owner / operator of [Almost NEW Consignments](#) in Ocean Isle Beach, NC, one of the area's largest furniture and home décor resale stores.

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We wish you happy and safe holidays!

Sincerely,
Ray Johnson, Director
Radiation Safety Counseling Institute

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