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Summary CV

Michael O'Mahony – Radiation Protection Adviser and Radioactive Waste Adviser

Current Job Title – Director of Radiation Protection Advice and Services (January 2013 to date)

Key skills

- Radiological protection consultancy
- Radiological protection services
- Radiological safety training services
- Delivery of RPA consultancy and technical services
- Business development and marketing of RPA consultancy and technical services

Profile

Michael O'Mahony is a very experienced, certificated RPA/RWA, with at least 25 years experience in the field. He now manages a private Radiation Protection Adviser Consultancy Service, and also presents training courses covering a wide range of radiation issues.

Qualifications

1987 NRPB Post Graduate Radiation Protection course, Chilton
1992 Batchelor of Arts Open University
1995 Batchelor of Science (Hons) Open University

Professional Qualifications/Certification

August 2002, February 2008, and February 2013 - RPA2000: Certificate of Competence to be a Radiation Protection Adviser. June 2012 - UK RWA Approval Board: Certificate of Competence to be a Radioactive Waste Adviser.

Skills and RPA client history

Key skills

- Radiological protection consultancy
- Radiological protection services
- Service delivery
- Team management
- Stakeholder management
- Risk assessment and health and safety development
- Financial accounting

RPA clients:-

- Petrochemicals and Refineries
- Natural Environment and Research Council
- Irradiators
- Nuffield Hospitals
- Home Office (Prisons)
- Boots
- Several Universities
- Several Airports
- ABB Automation
- Quarrying and Mining
- Several food and drinks manufacturers
- Several private hospitals
- Several veterinary practices
- Several γ and X-ray NDT companies
- Several dentist practices
- Several local authorities for schools



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Health Protection Agency (HPA), Leeds 2008 - 2012

Primary responsibility involved the management of several experienced RPA's who provided radiation protection consultancy and technical services to a wide range of clients. Advised own clients on a wide range of ionising radiation applications, such as industrial sources, NORM and medical x-ray equipment. Also responded to enquiries on a wide range of radiation protection issues from the public, local authorities, commercial organisations and UK regulators. Contributed to the HPA emergency response role for radiological incidents and non radiological events (i.e Swine flu).

Managed radiation protection training courses held both internally and externally (at the client site).

Continued to act as designated Safety Officer and also conduct safety audits of other HPA departments.

HPA and the National Radiological Protection Board (NRPB), Leeds 1985 - 2008

RPA to a number of private hospitals and veterinary practices. This involved visits to each site, and completing quality assurance measurements on the diagnostic x-ray equipment. Participated in a number of working parties looking at improvements to the HPA/NRPB RPA service. Also attended external IPEM Topic meetings to discuss acceptance testing and other criteria for diagnostic x-ray equipment. Developed an RPA intranet site for use as a training and information resource for RPAs. Other work covered during this period included running a waste disposal service. Acted as the Safety Officer for the department.

Participated in the response to the polonium-210 incident in London and the Chernobyl incident.

Contributed to the management of several radiation protection training courses held both internally and externally.

National Radiological Protection Board 1976 - 1985

Supervised the running of the fast neutron tracking, tritium assessment and instrument testing laboratories. Carried out surveys of NHS hospitals under then HSE Agency agreement. The HSE work was extended to industrial users of ionising radiation. Participated in the NRPB radon survey of the UK.