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A 10-point question from the first American Board of Health Physics exam is listed below. Candidates were required to answer 15 out of 20 10-point questions, plus a 50-point essay, in an exam time limit of three hours.

14.	a)	Discuss the factors that affect the dispersion of a gas from a stack.
	b)	What factors would you consider in setting a limit on the release of radioactive liquid wastes to a stream?

AAHP Special Session

Radiation Protection—How Did We Get Here? Where Should We Have Gone?

2011 Health Physics Society Annual Meeting

West Palm Beach, Florida • 26-30 June 2011

Ever wonder why there are so many organizations (Environmental Protection Agency, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Department of Energy, U.S. Army, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, and National Aeronautics and Space Administration to name a few) affecting or doing radiation protection in so many different ways? Some organizations regulate on dose, others on risk. Some organizations provide guidance. Others’ actions are more like the guidance one gets from a traffic cop. How may the fundamental nature of radiation protection of

individuals in the United States be changing over time? The Academy’s special session at the 2011 Health Physics Society (HPS) Annual Meeting in West Palm Beach, Florida, 26-30 June, “Radiation Protection—How Did We Get Here? Where Should We Have Gone?” will speak to these topics.

Tradition has it that the Academy arranges and conducts a special session on Tuesday of each annual HPS meeting. So far, the Academy has been trusted by the HPS Program Committee to choose a subject and speakers of interest to the entire health physics community and has

not disappointed yet.

This year the joy of arranging the special session is given to the Academy’s immediate past president, Paul Stansbury. He and his colleague Dan Strom have “resonated” to develop this topic area and recruited speakers to “take no prisoners” among the “sacred cows” of our profession. (And if this bad mix of metaphors doesn’t stir your curiosity as well as a blender can be used to clean and scale fish, please consult the Preliminary Program (http://hps.org/documents/56_annual_meeting_preliminary_program.pdf).