

## **Short Biography**

Sara DeCair has been with the Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Radiation and Indoor Air since 2003. She works on policy, planning, training, and outreach specific to federal nuclear and radiological emergency preparedness and response. Coordination of preparedness efforts between EPA's headquarters Emergency Operations Center and the two national laboratories' mobile and fixed assets is a particularly high priority for her, along with specializing in technical issues such as emergency turnback levels and the EPA Protective Action Guides.

She previously worked for seven years with the State of Michigan's Department of Environmental Quality. Three of those years were spent in nuclear power plant emergency response and planning and before that, she was a state inspector of radioactive materials registrants and a radiation incident responder. Incident responses ranged from scrap yard portal monitor alarms to oil and gas pipe yard NORM discoveries to medical waste from Ohio or Canada. Source identification, isolation, storage and disposal were among the responsibilities of the incident responder. She also led the instrument calibration efforts for materials program instruments, completed several oil and gas NORM site cleanups, and facilitated the proper disposal of numerous orphan radioactive sources.

She received her B.S. in physics and mathematics from Hope College in Holland, Michigan. She is currently Secretary of the Baltimore-Washington Chapter of the Health Physics Society.