Group 3 Discussion Points

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• Noted parallels between bioethics and RP ethics
• Public lack of trust of government experts
• Widespread misapplication and misunderstanding of RP system after Chernobyl and Fukushima points to “something is missing”
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• Need for simplicity in the RP system
• Fear of radiation:
  – radiation = atomic bomb
• Acceptance of radiation important
• Will wider availability of radiation monitoring equipment help?
• Education very important to overcome misunderstanding
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• Values of RP ethics
  – Tolerance of people’s views (positive and negative aspects)
  – Human dignity
  – Justice
  – Respect for persons
  – Beneficence
  – Prudence
  – Understanding / simplicity
  – Wellbeing
    • Physical, mental, and social aspects
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• Voluntary nature
  – Choice
  – Engagement with stakeholders

• How can radiation contribute to people’s wellbeing?

• Issue of individual variability growing in importance (potential more complexity)
  – Smoking
  – Evacuation of elderly people
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• Relationship between radiation safety and nuclear safety not clear
  – Are RP specialists too insular?