

## **NAMP RADIOCHEMISTRY WEBINARS: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE**

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As a significant portion of the current radiochemistry workforce nears retirement age, the potential for a significant loss in U.S. radiochemistry expertise is widely recognized. The National Analytical Management Program (NAMP) Education and Training subcommittee was created to respond to the challenge of maintaining a well-educated work force and to meet the projected growth in the fields of nuclear medicine and nuclear energy. Since April 2012, when NAMP launched its first radiochemistry webinar, a total of 26 short (2-hour) educational lectures on radiochemistry topics have been conducted by renowned university professors and leading scientific experts. NAMP, in cooperation with the Environmental Protection Agency, other Federal agencies, and its university partners, offers these free, live, interactive conferences as part of an initiative to fill the expanding need for radiochemists in the workforce. Each presentation is recorded and archived as an on-line resource vital to ensuring future generations of radiochemists. This presentation examines the wide-reaching success of the NAMP in addressing needs in radiochemistry technology and resources by promoting interest, education and training. The current series of webinars related to the Nuclear Fuel Cycle is described, and a look at the webinars currently in development and planned through 2016 is included.