

In June 1991, Thomas called a meeting of a few non-Argonne scientists plus a small contingent of past radium program staff members, some supported in other divisions and others retired but still associated with Argonne through special-term appointments. These included Stehney, Lucas, Rowland, Schlenker, Keane, and Toohey; two representatives of the Office of Epidemiology and Health Surveillance, John Peeters and Michael Ginevan, also attended. The objective was to propose a plan that would best suit the needs of the new U.S. Department of Energy management. The meeting identified five important tasks for the final stages of the long-standing radium program. These tasks were the following:

- Perform a predictive analysis of the detectable level of risk from exposure to radium.
- Update the database by means of the ORACLE system.
- Complete a history of the program.
- Interact with scientists in other epidemiologic programs to broaden the perception of the importance of the radium data.
- Inventory and archive the skeletal and soft-tissue samples accumulated from autopsy material.

These five tasks were accepted by the U.S. Department of Energy program manager as an acceptable approach.

During Fiscal Year 1992 the morgue in Building 203 at Argonne was cleared of all equipment and supplies and was decontaminated and sterilized for unrestricted use. The frozen tissue samples from autopsies were transported to Washington State University, under the direction of Dr. Ronald Kathren.

In September 1992 a letter from Dr. Terry Thomas, Director of Health Communication and Coordination, ESH, was sent to Robert Thomas, directing that the project be terminated on September 30, 1993, and that no copying of medical records or radiographs take place. In December 1992 a meeting was called by Mr. William LeFurgy, now manager of the Internal Emitter Program in the Office of Epidemiology and Health Surveillance, to direct that all medical records be digitally copied and that the radiographs be copied next if time and funds permitted. In March 1993 this order was rescinded by letter from Goldsmith to Dr. Christopher Reilly, Director of Argonne's ER Division.