

ARSN Editors Column

My name is Lawrence “Scott” Walker. I am currently a staff member in Operational Accelerator Health Physics at the Los Alamos Neutron Scattering Center (LANSCE) at Los Alamos National Laboratory. The LANSCE accelerator is an 800 MeV high current proton accelerator which uses protons to radiograph dynamic systems or create neutrons which are used for neutron scattering materials analysis and nuclear physics research.

As the new editor of the International Accelerator Radiation Safety Newsletter (IARSN), I am pleased to have the opportunity to attempt further expansion the breadth of coverage, technical content, and extend the useful application to our daily jobs.

My current plans include trying to make this newsletter a platform for publishing the news from all of the accelerators around the world. In addition I have put together a list of common topics (such as access control, shielding/monte carlo computer codes, experiment review and control, access control, work control, contamination, operations, activated material control etc.). I will be soliciting specific articles from individuals throughout the industry concerning recent developments in these and other areas.