

# RADON STATE DATA EXCHANGE

JANUARY 11, 2011 – 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM (EDT)

CONFERENCE CALL INFORMATION – 1-866-299-3188; 202-343-9427

In Attendance:

R1	CT - Lynn	R6	TX - Ellen	CDC	Michele
R2	Larainne NJ – Anita, Herb	R7		EPA	Peggy
R3	Michelle PA - Bob	R8			
R4	AL - Beverly FL - Jorge	R9			
R5		R10	WA - Mike		

## **Welcome and Review**

Peggy Bagnoli welcomed the participants to a brand New Year and provided a brief recap of the December 14<sup>th</sup> conference call. The conference call focused on promoting the call for presentations for the upcoming National Radon Training Conference in Las Vegas as well brainstorming ways to encourage certified labs/industry to assist with data collection and harmonizing of radon data.

## **2012 National Radon Training Conference**

Peggy mentioned that the call for presentations was released for the National Radon Training Conference in Las Vegas for the week of October 14-16. She submitted a draft proposal for the CDC Environmental Public Health Tracking Network Radon Content Management Workgroup to present on an overview of the Network and progress of the inclusion of radon as a national indicator. Peggy also suggested that states send their ideas (3-4 sentences) to Susie Shimek.

## **Encouraging Labs to Harmonizing Data**

Peggy emailed the invitation to the labs on December 17, 2011, encouraging them to participate in bi-weekly meetings in order to harmonize and standardize radon data. A reminder was emailed on January 4<sup>th</sup> to the labs, however, there wasn't high interest due to January being National Radon Action Month. Peggy focused the remainder of the meeting on brain storming ways to bring labs to the table.

The workgroup agreed that we need to get a better handle of what “what’s in it for labs” and “how will this effort help their business” before inviting them to the table. A meeting with the labs will fail if we don't have a solid agenda and have a specific request for the labs.

The following are suggestions on potential the benefits of standardizing/harmonizing radon data may have for labs:

- Creating a reporting format that all states can use will make it simpler and more efficient.
- Having all radon data in one space (electronically) will enable all interested parties better understand what data and results are being collected.

- Since the EPHTN is starting from a clean slate, labs can focus on areas where data has not been collected. This will also meet the requirement of “every home tested” and provide a more nationally represented data set.
- The source of the data (lab) will be kept confidential to the users.

The workgroup will continue to have this discussion and will share additional ideas in the next couple of weeks.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

January 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm EST

February 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm EST