

RADON STATE DATA EXCHANGE

NOVEMBER 16TH, 2011 – 2:00 PM – 2:45 PM (EDT)

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

In Attendance:

R1	ME - Bob	R6		CDC	
R2	Laraine NY – Nikolas	R7	Bob IO – Rick MO – Roger Gibson NE - Sara	EPA	Peggy
R3	PA – Bob WV - Don	R8			
R4		R9			
R5	Mike	R10			

Welcome and Review

Peggy Bagnoli welcomed the participants and provided a brief recap of the Open Space Session at the National Radon Training Conference. We used the conference call to bring participants up to speed on CDC's Environmental Public Health Tracking (EPHT) efforts and finding right approach to get labs/industry to assist with data collection and harmonizing of radon data.

CDC EPHT Update

Roger Gibson, Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (CDC Principle Investigator), mentioned that the CDC's Radon Content Workgroup met again on October 26th. The workgroup's intent is to get a handle on what each of the 7 workgroup members are collecting and get familiar with the data collected, frequency of collection, how it's used, and any other commonalities that are identified as part of CDC's National Consistent Data Measures (NCDMs) guidelines for all CDC datasets. Once the workgroup analyzes the data, they will make a recommendation on whether or not radon data can be used in the EPHT network. The following are other items mentioned during this discussion:

- The documents created by the RSDX workgroup (list of all data collected by states and common radon data elements) have been very useful for the workgroup and will help cutting time off the schedule to reach a recommendation.
- CDC has already addressed the concern of 3rd parties (such as labs) pushing data into the National Data Repository. This should not be an issue as long as labs are pushing the same data set requested.
- Initial findings of the workgroup are in line with RSDX findings: data collected varies state by state. Some states have extensive data while others do not collect data at all. The Radon Content Workgroup efforts should help states who do not collect data a foundation and guidelines to set up their own program.
- As the workgroup analyzes the data from their respective states, they are also ensuring that they address the following:
 - Purpose – what is purpose of the system and the intended use of the data
 - Data collection/case identification methods

- Data elements and format – what data elements are available and what format are they in
- Completeness – how well does the system capture events/cases, how complete are the data elements for each event/case
- Time Period – what years covered by the system
- Timeliness – when are new data available and how often are they updated
- Spatial Coverage – what geographies are covered
- Spatial Resolution – at what geographic resolution are data collected
- Geocoded – are data geocoded
- Data Limitations
- Access Constraints
- Use Constraints
- Policies governing collection and use of data
- Native Data Environment – what technologies, platforms, tools, software, or operating system are used to collect, manage, and store data

44th National Conference on Radiation Control

Peggy mentioned that the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPD) will have their annual conference in Orland the week of May 7th, 2012. EPA submitted an abstract for the RSDX and CDC efforts. We are hoping that Roger Gibson (or other state contact) can help present at the conference and provide overview of the Radon Content workgroup efforts.

Open Space Discussion and Lab/Industry Inclusion

Peggy provided a recap of the discussion at the Open Space discussion at the National Radon Training Conference. She mentioned that labs/industry definitely showed a great interest in assisting states and CDC collect information. She emphasized that goal of the RSDX workgroup was not to just push common data elements to CDC's National Data Repository, but also to work with labs/industry to standardize/harmonize radon data collected.

The states agreed that labs should participate in our bi-weekly calls. But in order to be all inclusive, Peggy will work with states (especially regulated states) to get a comprehensive list of labs to invite them to participate in the calls and get their feedback.

NY Department of Health Stakeholder Meeting

The NYSDOH Radon Program sponsored the annual Radon Partners Meeting at the East Greenbush Library on November 9th from 10am-330pm. Local, state, and federal partners met to discuss past, present, and future radon projects. A radon mitigation contractor discussed what to look for in a complete system and what to look for under a slab and interesting mitigation scenarios. A representative from the Public Health Tracking bureau also discussed their use of radon results and mapping.

Next meetings are scheduled for November 30th.