

RADON STATE DATA EXCHANGE WORKGROUP

JUNE 15, 2011 – 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM (EST)

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

In Attendance:

R1	CT – Lynn	R6		CDC	Helen Flowers Patrick Wall
R2	NJ – Pat, Anita, Herb	R7	IA - Rick MO - Kris NE - Sara	EPA	Peggy Lou
R3	Michelle PA – Bob WV - Melissa	R8	Cornelia Deb Steve CO – Chrys		
R4	Patsy AL – Beverly SC - Aimee	R9	NV - Susan		
R5	MN - Andrew	R10	WA – Mike		

Welcome and Overview

Lou Witt welcomed the workgroup and provided a brief summary of the April 20th workgroup conference call. States that participated agreed to explore the possibilities of developing a shared database using CDC's EPHTN as the foundation. The group also agreed to have biweekly conference calls/webinars. Today's meeting would focus on working with CDC and identifying a list of all radon data collected by states.

Processing for publishing Content on National Environmental Public Health Tracking Network

Patrick Wall, CDC, presented on the processes for posting data on the Tracking Network. Once the workgroup identifies the core elements for the Radon State Data Exchange, CDC will develop the schema states will use to transfer data securely to CDC's National Data Repository.

Helen Flowers, CDC, presented on the overall process of including radon as part of the Tracking Network. Both the Principal Investigators (23 states and New York City) and CDC have approved radon as a formalized Content Initiative with an associated Task Force. Representatives from RSDX workgroup will coordinate with CDC's Content Management workgroup to ensure that expectations and needs of both workgroups are being met. Kris Schwartz, MO, will invite Roger Gibson, MO Tracking Network PI, to participate in our June 29th workgroup meeting to determine the best way to merge our efforts with CDC efforts. Helen also mentioned that CDC currently accepts from only CDC grantees. However, CDC can create a new category of data for states that currently do not have a CDC grant so all states can participate in this effort.

Transferring Radon Data (CDC and EN)

Peggy Bagnoli provided an overview of the potential flow of Radon State Data Exchange. The ideal flow would feed directly into CDC's National Data Repository. However, based on discussions with New Jersey and EPA's Exchange Network, Peggy requested states to contact their IT counterparts to determine if there is a state policy regarding data transfer (including radon) through the Exchange

Network. At the same time, Peggy will work with the Exchange Network to determine, if necessary, the least burdensome approach to transfer data from states to the Exchange Network and then to CDC's National Data Repository. More details to come.

Continuing the Process

Due to technical difficulties, we could not continue the discussion on identifying core elements and definitions for the shared database. Peggy will develop a shorter list that includes standardized definitions from both EPA and CDC. We will continue the discussion at our next meeting.

Next Meeting is June 29th.