

RADON STATE DATA EXCHANGE WORKGROUP

SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2011 – 2:00 PM – 2:30 PM* (EDT)

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

In Attendance:

R1	CT – Lynn	R6		CDC	Michele
R2	Larainne NJ – Pat, Anita	R7	IO - Rick MO – Kris NE – Sara	EPA	Lou Peggy
R3	Michelle PA – Bob WV - Don	R8			
R4	Patsy FL – Jorge AL – Jim	R9	NV - Susan		
R5	Mike MN - Andrew	R10			

Welcome and Review

Peggy Bagnoli welcomed the workgroup and provided a brief summary of the September 14th workgroup conference call. The call focused on next steps and moving forward with RSDX.

Update on the 2011 National Radon Training Conference Open Space

Peggy mentioned that the session's title had been changed to: *"Radon Data: To Infinity and Beyond."* The previous title, *"National Radon Database is on the Horizon - We're Not Mickey Mousing Around"* gave the perception of the effort being mandatory.

The session will encompass a brief overview of the genesis of the program and collaboration with CDC, a review of the core radon data elements, and a discussion of the list of key questions. Peggy will provide handouts of the slides along with individual core data element categories for the session.

Outcome from the National Radon Dialogue

Peggy provided a brief summary of the RSDX (where we are and next steps) to the National Radon Dialogue group on Monday, September 26th. The only concern raised was to ensure that CDC does not start from scratch. CDC needs to talk to those who have the knowledge, expertise, and history of trying to properly represent radon data. The discussions will continue in Orlando during Open Space. Peter Hendrick, AARST, mentioned that he will have representatives from industry participate in the session in Orlando.

Catching Up with the Radon Content Workgroup

Kris Schwartz, MO CDC, mentioned that the CDC's Radon Content workgroup met for the first time in August. All team members participated (SWAT Team: ME, MD, MO, NH, OR, WA, and WI) and reviewed

the current workplan which identifies the objective of the group and milestones. The group is also comparing radon data across states based on broader issues such as “Who collects the information?” and “What states are regulated and which are not?” The workgroup is very grateful for the deliverables (compilation of radon collected by states and core radon data elements) created by the RSDX workgroup. Hopefully, this will shorten the time the Radon Content workgroup has allotted for this effort.

Next meeting is scheduled for October. The Radon Content workgroup will review RSDX documents and include action items in workplan.

**** Note: The workgroup meeting ended at 2:30 pm due to technical difficulty. The last agenda item was discussed via communications through email.***

Question from Jeff Miner

Jeff Miner raised the following question for the RSDX workgroup:

Is there a place for radon data from "non-lab" test results to be included in the national radon database? I am referring to tests taken on electronic continuous radon monitors either employed by professional radon testers or by a homeowner. I know they are frowned upon by some on the RNPROF list serve, but many people are purchasing the Safety Siren Pro 3 electronic radon monitor (by Family Safety Products) to use in their own homes. Is there a way for them to input their test results and other required or optional data into the database? Or must all homeowner-done electronic tests be excluded?

Based on discussion, the workgroup agreed that radon data from any device which has successfully completed an accepted approval process should be included. However, even if a homeowner owns and uses an approved CRM, it is unlikely that data they might provide will be reliable. Homeowners almost never do necessary maintenance (calibration, background check, normal instrument checks), so any data they provide will be suspect.

The Workgroup agrees that homeowner-obtained electronic monitor data be excluded due to low confidence in its accuracy and reliability.

Next meetings are scheduled for Open Space Session in Orlando on October 19th and by phone on November 2nd.