

RADON DATA EXCHANGE WORKGROUP MEETING

FEBRUARY 9, 2011 – 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM (EST)

PARTICIPANTS

	Name	Organization
X	Bill Long	EPA
X	Sean Carter	EPA
X	Peggy Bagnoli	EPA – Co-chair
X	Lou Witt	EPA – Alternate Co-Chair
	Janise Palmer	EPA
X	Lyn Hudak	Connecticut
	Allison Sullivan	Connecticut
X	Patricia Gardner	New Jersey
X	Anita Kopera	New Jersey
X	Herbert Roy	New Jersey
X	Jorge Laguna	Florida
X	Aimee Morrow	South Carolina
X	Andrew Gilbert/	Minnesota
X	Jim Kelly	Minnesota
X	Brian Hanson	Kansas
X	Rick Welke	Iowa
	Kris Schwartz,	Missouri
X	Sara Morgan	Nebraska
X	Derry Stover	Nebraska
	Mike Brennan	Washington
	Dan Burke	Region 1
X	Laraine Koehler	Region 2
X	Patsy Brooks	Region 4
X	Colin McIsaac	Region 4
X	Ravi Rao	Region 4
X	Michael Murphy	Region 5
X	Bob Dye	Region 7
	Davis Zhen	Region 10

Agenda

Introductions

- Around the Phone
- Bill Long – Overview and Expectations
 - Had a nice call with NJ about concerns. All concerns are valid and EPA does not want to be doing anything that people don't want to do. Also based on conversations with many folks about how bad the radon map is and need to do something about it. Discussed how better data could be used to update the map. Concerns on how the map is used to distribute SIRG funding. States know that the map is not being used as intended – example - basing building code enforcement according to the particular zone a county is in on the EPA radon map. EPA can not afford to do another survey or another map. Some people in recent years started to advocate (WA, R4) doing something together that we can all share in and add to

on a national scale. Peggy came on detail from OEI and aware with folks on how to deal with data issues. Maybe it would be good for a group to establish a shared resource that many states can participate in and jointly keep our data. Then can be used in different ways...like mapping. And as more and more data came in, the data would be stronger.

- Concerns from others on how fast this train was moving due to Peggy only on detail for 4 months...now that Peggy is here permanently, and can spend more time getting the details together...that the group agrees upon. This is not what EPA wants to do on high. We're only exploring this concept. Our intention is to build this together. The devil is in the details. Making sure that the states that have established databases are comfortable with the purpose and process, this is not something that we want to add additional burden or investment to participate.
- Data Exchange Network = if we can get our thoughts/concepts in front of this group, they have resources that can be made available to this group through grant opportunities.
- We don't have a lot of money to use for this project and hope that we can find others that may want to contribute to this effort.
- Our OD supports this decision and likes the idea of potentially tapping into the Exchange Network. Can potentially harmonize the data each state is collecting. It can help states who want to become certified and provide evidence in collecting better data.
- Review Agenda – Lou went over what we plan on covering during this meeting.
- Other Agenda Items

Review Draft Workplan and Comments

- Short Term/Long Term Goals
 - Dates identified in the workplan are flexible. We just need to set realistic goals so we're not just spinning our wheels. Once we have seen the demo for Exchange Network and Central Data Exchange the group will have a better understanding of what the Network can provide/offer and the services it can provide. We can finalize the workplan after the demo and provide deliverables and expectations.
- Parallel Tracks --In order to keep the momentum with the group, we'll have smaller groups:
 - One to explore funding and grant opportunities to support the project.
 - Another group will focus on developing the core data elements and the data dictionary.

Recruitment

- State Members
- State Co-Lead
- Responsibilities
 - Feedback
 - Attendance (bi-weekly meetings – will send agenda ahead of time to determine who should participate).
 - Expertise – Greg Kearney with CDC asked to join the group.
 - A core group is needed in order to help develop the core data elements. This group will be responsible for identification, consolidation, and justification for each core data element.
 - The group will share all resources developed to the broader stakeholder group (via RadonLeaders.org) in order to get feedback and consensus on the resources developed.

Timeline and Milestones

- FLEXIBILITY
- Exchange Network Demonstration

- Peggy has scheduled two training sessions for the group and will open the invitation to the broader audience.
- Dates are March 8th from 2-3 and March 22nd from 2-3
- Potential Grant Funding/Timing
 - Peggy and other interested members will work with Office of Information Collection to add the Radon Data Exchange to the Exchange Network list of data flows to support.
 - This will enable any state or its affiliate to apply for the upcoming FY2012 Exchange Network Request for Proposals in late summer 2011, if necessary.

Common Radon Data Elements - Start Discussion (Provide spreadsheet from Nat'l Conf)

- Peggy provided a spreadsheet from the National Conference. Several states provided the following additions:
 - Cost for Mitigation
 - Actual Test Media
 - What Floor was Tested
 - Actual Start Date of Test
 - Actual End Date of Test
 - Structure Type
 - Location of Test (part of home or building/what floor)
 - Building Type (Commercial, residential, town house, row house, etc)
 - Licensure Related Information (includes expiration date)
- States with data will provide their template for collecting information to Peggy and Lou. States with data dictionaries will also provide a copy to Peggy and Lou.
- Peggy will provide a consolidated list of data collected by states, share with group, and request posting on RadonLeaders.org for feedback. Peggy will also request states with data to provide their data dictionaries if possible.

Schedule Follow-up meetings – Future meetings will be from 2:00-3:30.

Next meeting is the Demonstration of EPA's Exchange Network and Central Data Exchange
 March 8th, 2:00-3:00 EST or March 22nd, 2:00-3:00 EST