

NEHA RADON RESISTANT NEW CONSTRUCTION (RRNC) TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

Who Should Apply?

Those with a genuine interest in expanding their knowledge and commitment to obtaining and encouraging radon-resistant techniques in new residential construction (particularly in those areas with high radon risk potential). We are strongly encouraging joint applications that involve a public/environmental health professional paired with a building code official, zoning or planning department official, or an interested builder or representative of a homebuilders association from the same community. These individuals should be prepared to serve as resources for residential construction activities in their area for a minimum of one year.

What?

The National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) is sponsoring a 2½ day (all expenses paid) training in Washington, DC. The training is designed to enhance your efforts to implement radon-resistant new construction (RRNC). You will work with EPA staff, NEHA field partners who have successfully implemented RRNC in their communities, local code officials and builders, other national affiliate partners, and nationally recognized instructors. You will see specific examples of how to develop an effective, results-oriented program. And, you will develop your own comprehensive strategy to guide you in your efforts in promoting RRNC as part of your radon risk reduction strategy. The training will include an extensive overview of RRNC techniques and presentations on radon health effects, including recent research.

Why?

By the end of this training you will be knowledgeable in the technical components of RRNC and your state and local building code process. You will also acquire new skills to create consumer demand, build local coalitions, and work with other nonprofit affiliates and organizations such as Habitat for Humanity and other homebuilder associations. You will use this knowledge and these skills to develop a community action plan that contains specific and measurable goals for your program.

When?

February 11-13, 2009. Wednesday, February 11, will be a travel day; please arrive by 4:00 p.m. for a short evening session and reception. The class will then meet all day on the 12th and 13th. Return home will be Friday, February 13.

How to Apply?

Applications must be received by the close of business on Monday, January 19.

Participants will be notified by Friday, January 23, if selected. Applications must include:

- Name, position title, full mailing address, phone, fax, and e-mail address.
- Brief description of your current or planned radon activities (include any organizations you are or will be working with).
- A description of the area to be served and the radon zone classification, if known, and approximate number of new residential construction building permits in the past year.
- Any previous radon or RRNC training you have received.
- A brief statement indicating that you have the support of your management to undertake this program.

Electronic applications are to be sent to:
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For questions:
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