Citizen Advisory Council

PA DEP, Radon Program
Citizen Advisory Council Meeting
January 18, 2022

Tom Wolf, Governor
Patrick McDonnell, Secretary
Radon Program Activities

• January 2022-National Radon Action Month
  – Public Service Announcement (PSA)
    • TV, Billboards, Social Media, Hispanic version PSA
    • Env. Justice areas: Chambersburg, Clearfield, Huntingdon, Schuylkill Haven, Shippensburg, Altoona, Shamokin, Mt. Union, Braddock, and Lewistown.
Targeted communities- Use radon data and geology to determine.

Current campaign: 22 townships in 12 counties.
Re-entrainment Study- Can radon exhausted at ground level enter back into the home?
Re-entrainment Study
Radon Program Activities

• PA Home Builders Show upcoming?
Radon Poster Contest

- 13 Schools participated
- 115 total posters
- 1st Place sent to national competition
Radon Poster Contest-1st Place

2nd leading cause of lung cancer
Radon Poster Contest-2nd Place

RADON

Beware

Colorless, Odorless, Tasteless, Cancer, Deadly.

Don't let this happen to you!
Radon Poster Contest-3rd Place

Toucan test for Radon
Centers for Disease Control (CDC)

Environmental Public Health Tracking- to deliver information and data to protect the nation from health issues arising from or directly related to environmental factors.

PA has 10 years data on network.
Radon Testing

Tracking radon data in a standard way over time can help us identify areas that need more testing to provide a more accurate estimate of radon exposure in that locale. Every home should be tested for radon so the individuals living there can see if their home has elevated radon levels and take steps to reduce it, if needed.

We Track That
Proposed Legislation:

- Radon Testing/mitigation in Schools
- Radon Testing during Real Estate transactions
- Radon Resistant New Construction
Radon Program Activities

PA Dept. of Health
Cancer Control Plan- Now contains radon
PA Cancer Coalition- Working with Tobacco cessation to provide test kits/education.
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