



Radon Webinar Program

Theme: *Let's Get Serious About Radon*



Radon gas poses one of most deadly potential health and safety risks for families at home, especially when many people are staying at home more because of the COVID-19 pandemic. There is always a need to learn more about the dangers of radon, and how to educate residents about addressing these dangers. This month, HUD's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes (OLHCHH) is offering webinars on three topics about this hazard, at 2 PM EST on February 23rd, 24th, and 25th. The first webinar will be delivered in Spanish.

The target audiences for these webinars are a wide variety of stakeholders and partners, including managers and staff of: health care providers, community based organizations, property management firms, nonprofits in the housing and health arenas, HUD grantees, HUD and other Federal agencies, and other business and organizations. These webinars may be especially helpful for those who are new to this area. OLHCHH thanks the expert presenters from universities and state agencies, and the USDA-HUD supported Healthy Homes Partnership at the University of Missouri, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for managing the development of the webinars.

For any questions about this radon webinar program, please feel free to contact Clyde.K.Rodkey@hud.gov. We look forward to your attendance and participation!

IMPORTANT REGISTRATION INFORMATION

All times are Eastern Standard Time (EST). To attend a webinar, please follow the link below each webinar to register. You must register for each webinar you plan to attend. Registration is limited to the first 500 registrants, so please register early.

Once you have registered, you will receive confirmation by email, including instructions for connecting to the webinar on the day of the event. If you have any technical questions or concerns about registering for, or attending, a webinar, please contact Michael Goldschmidt, Director of the National Healthy Homes Partnership at goldschmidtm@missouri.edu.

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February 23 from 2:00 – 3:00 pm EST Radon: Developing Strategic Alliances to Increase Radon Awareness (Radón: Creación de Alianzas Estratégicas Para Incremental la Conciencia Sobre el Radón; Ver la descripción a continuación) – The first presenter is

Inés Beltrán, Family and Consumer Sciences Agent, University of Georgia, Cooperative Extension Service.

Target Audience: Stakeholders who work with home and building owners and residents.

This webinar will provide:

- Information on what radon is, and why homeowners and residents should be concerned.
- Tips on finding collaborating partners in other jurisdictions.
- How lessons learned from radon education programs in the state of Georgia and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and the strategic alliances developed to address radon in these areas can be used around the United States.
- Education resources in Spanish regarding radon.

Test. Fix. Save a Life. – The next presenter is Carmen Torrent, Hispanic Outreach Coordinator for Healthy Indoor Environments in the Office of Radiation and Indoor Air at EPA Headquarters in Washington, DC. She is also the Communications Liaison for EPA’s Region 2 Community Radon Mapping project in Puerto Rico.

Target Audience: A wide range of partners, grantees, and stakeholders who are Spanish Speakers.

Spanish speakers across the U.S. should have access to the same technical and informational resources about radon as English speakers. Targeted outreach to multilingual communities can help save lives.

The webinar will focus on:

- Where you can find Spanish radon resources.
- How lessons learned from a prevention-focused research project utilizing advanced monitoring technologies and citizen science in Puerto Rico can be used around the United States.

Radón: Creación de Alianzas Estratégicas Para Incremental la Conciencia Sobre el Radón – Nuestra primera presentadora es Inés Beltrán, Agente de Familia y Ciencias del Consumidor de la Universidad de Georgia, Servicio de Extensión Cooperativa.

Audiencia: Este seminario web está dirigido a las partes interesadas que trabajan con propietarios y residentes de casas y edificios.

Esta presentación abordará:

- Información sobre qué es el radón y por qué los propietarios / residentes deben preocuparse
- Sugerencias para encontrar socios colaboradores de radón en otros estados.
- Programas educativos sobre radón en Georgia y Puerto Rico y las alianzas estratégicas desarrolladas en esos estados para abordar las preocupaciones sobre el radón.
- Recursos educativos de radón en español.

Haga la prueba; Tome medidas; Salve una vida – La presentadora es Carmen Torrent, Coordinadora de alcance hispano para Ambientes Saludables en la Oficina de Radiación y Aire

Interior en la sede de la EPA en Washington, DC. También es la coordinadora de comunicaciones del proyecto de la Región 2 de la EPA para el mapeo comunitario de radón en Puerto Rico.

Audiencia: Grupos interesados de habla hispana.

El gas radón es la segunda causa principal de cáncer de pulmón en Estados Unidos y es responsable de aproximadamente 21,000 muertes al año. Los hispanohablantes en EE. UU. deben tener acceso a los mismos recursos técnicos e informativos que los angloparlantes. La divulgación de información dirigida a comunidades multilingües puede ayudar a salvar vidas.

Esta presentación abordará:

- Conceptos básicos sobre el radón.
- Dónde encontrar recursos de radón en español.
- Un proyecto de investigación en Puerto Rico centrado en la prevención utilizando tecnologías avanzadas de monitoreo y ciencia comunitaria.

Registration URL:

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February 24 from 2:00 – 3:30 pm EST Building Partnerships to Increase Radon Awareness

Our presenters are Dr. Pamela Turner, Professor and Extension Housing and Indoor Environmental Specialist, University of Georgia Extension; Dr. Sarah Kirby, Professor, Assistant Director, Extension Housing Specialist, NC State Extension, North Carolina State University; and Phillip Gibson, NC Radon Program Coordinator, NC Radiation Protection, NC Department of Health and Human Services.

Target audience: The wide range of stakeholders who work with homeowners and residents, including managers and staff of: OLHCHH grantees, HUD and other Federal agency staff, health care providers staff, staff in community based organizations, property management firms, nonprofits in the housing and health arenas, HUD grantees, HUD and other Federal agencies.

The webinar will provide:

- Background information on what radon is and why homeowners/residents should be concerned.
- Radon educational programs in Georgia and North Carolina and the partnerships developed in those states to address radon concerns.
- Suggestions for finding radon collaborative partners in other states.
- Radon educational resources used in Georgia and North Carolina (links to information).

Registration URL:

<https://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/5140527334698236173>

Webinar ID 264-921-179

February 25 from 2:00 – 3:00 pm EST Providing Radon Education: Most Common Questions and Misconceptions – Our presenters are Barbara Allen, MS, Extension Associate Specialist, Montana Healthy Homes Program, Montana State University Extension, Bozeman, Montana, and Art Nash, University of Alaska, Fairbanks Cooperative Extension statewide Associate Professor of Energy and Alaska National Extension Healthy Homes Board-Chair.

Target audience: Radon educators, radon testing/mitigation companies, certified home inspectors.

The webinar covers:

- The most common questions and misconceptions encountered over decades of Healthy Homes Programming.
- Results from Alaska State Indoor Radon Grant -provided short- and long-term residential radon sampling kits are now available to the public through an online interactive, online display of GIS mapping tessellations.

Questions to be addressed in this webinar:

- When to test: why does climate matter?
- Reason for testing: buying/selling of home; self-knowledge (not planning to sell home).
- How to test: short-term vs. long-term; do I need to hire a radon company?
- Where to test unfinished basement with a bedroom that is rarely used, and occupant is not planning on selling home.
- Why do we need to test? What about radon health mines?
- When to mitigate? What if my report results state 4.6 pCi/L?

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