

Date/Time: March 11, 2022

Location: Webex

ATTENDEES

Cindy Costello, NYSDOH, Task Force Liason
Alex Damiani, NYSDOH
Christine Dobert, NYSDOH
David Ohehir, NYSDOH
Gary Ginsburg, NYSDOH Designee.
Chris Chin, NYSDOH DLA
Christiner Westerman, NYSDOH
Selica Grant, NYSDOL Designee
George G. Schambach, Mitigation Contractor, President of NYSAARST
Richard "Dick" Kornbluth, Retired Mitigation Contractor
John Addario, Secretary of State Designee
Whitney Clark, Department of State
Nancy Bredhoff, President RTCA, NRSB
Eric Hausamann, NYSDEC

AGENDA

10:00 AM	Welcome & Introductions
10:15 AM	Review/Approval of Minutes
10:30 AM	Review Draft Task Force Report (Tester & Mitigator Licensing)
12:00 PM	Lunch
12:30 PM	Review Draft Task Force Report (Appendix F, Schools, Daycares)
1:45 PM	Next Steps
2:00 PM	Adjourn

Notes:

- Meeting Started at 10:05 AM via Webex
- Welcome and introductions
 - o No representatives from Dept of State
- Review/ Approve of Agenda
 - o Approved
- Review/ Approve of minutes

- License individual vs business
 - Business is license and hire certified people
 - Responsible person is the one responsible for the employee
 - Business will have the insurance policy
 - Advantage to license individuals is to track the person, where they work
 - DEC Vapor mitigation input, Eric Hausamann
 - Standby consultants/ contractors to subcontract the mitigators for installation and repair
 - Inspects and reports back
 - Refer to DOH listing, may need to change language as program progress
 - George S. sees vapor intrusion becoming part of AARST standards
 - Vapor intrusion testing is testing for sub slab depressurization
 - 15-20 installations by DEC
 - DEC will give input for report
- Review Draft Task Force Report
 - Review of Advantages/Disadvantages of each agency
 - Department of Health
 - DOH includes Bureau of Environmental Radiation
 - Already oversees radon program
 - Has licensing program for radioactive material and radiation-producing equipment
 - Review of individual license techs refers to the state ed and federal standards
 - Collects fees
 - Continuing Education requirement
 - Did not require to stay with professional society group
 - Rely on external requirements, education for certification and license
 - Enforcement capabilities
 - Process through AT-10 process
 - Limited power due to radon not an immediate health threat
 - Inspection driven vs complaint driven
 - ELAP inspects labs including testers who use continuing radon testing
 - Use state agency employee's vs contract inspectors (program in Indiana)
 - Important to have enforcement over unlicensed people and improper installed mitigations. Ensure compliance
 - Add narrative of minimal standards and law proposal
 - Authorization of surveillance program as needed
 - Idea proposal to inspect firs few installations then % afterwards
 - One paragraph for unlicensed person another for poor performance/ ethical/ removal of license and penalties
 - Third party inspections and examples of programs and AARST
 - Advantages

- Has radon training and outreach. Knowledge of testing and mitigation requirements, but no direct experience with installation of mitigation and testing
 - List of certified testers/mitigators is currently volunteered. Requested and submit proof of certification
 - Listed certified person is required to report how many test/mitigations done in each county
 - Express more details of AT-10 process
 - Disadvantages
 - “Establish a separate programmatic effort to license radon testing and mitigation” an issue for all agencies
 - Department of Labor
 - Similar programs oversee license mold and asbestos contractors
 - How does DOL interface with/enforce OSHA regs. With worker exposure?
 - No experience in radiation
 - State and Labor may have oversight of a business pending home inspection, mold testing etc.
 - Advantages
 - May be dealing with many of same companies
 - Disadvantages
 - Lack enforcement capability
 - Would hire new staff or train existing staff in radon
 - State Education Department
 - License individuals that require approved higher education
 - Department of State
 - Will need further review from John and Whitney
 - What enforcement does DOS have?
 - Process for code violation?
- Next meeting
- All agencies representing provide comment for their respective section.
 - Expand on Recommendations of interagency coordination of public education
 - Respond and comment draft for April 1st
 - Next meeting will be TBA
- Meeting Adjourned 12:19 PM