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Date/Time: July 22, 2022

Location: Webex

ATTENDEES

Cindy Costello, NYSDOH, Task Force Liaison
Alex Damiani, NYSDOH
Christine Dobert, NYSDOH
Gary Ginsburg, NYSDOH Designee.
Chris Chin, NYSDOH DLA
Christine Westerman, NYSDOH
Selica Grant, NYSDOL Designee
George G. Schambach, Mitigation Contractor, President of NYSAARST
Richard "Dick" Kombluth, Retired Mitigation Contractor
John Addario, Secretary of State Designee
Dan Lim State Education, Engineer
Cadence NYSDOH, Public Affairs

Public Attendees
Beth Ryan, NYS Homes and Community Renewal

AGENDA

10:00 AM Welcome & Introductions
10:15 AM Review/Approval of Minutes
10:30 AM Review Draft Task Force Report and Draft Legislation
(Tester & Mitigator Licensing)
12:00 PM Lunch
12:30 PM Review/Finalize Task Force Recommendations
(Interagency Outreach, Appendix F, Daycares, Water Schools, Real Estate, Financial Assistance, Tenant-Occupied Buildings)
2:15 PM Next Steps
2:30 PM Adjourn

Notes:

- Meeting started at 10:02 AM
- May and June minutes adopted by George
 - o Minutes approved 10:12 AM
- Task force Timeline
 - o Final draft by July 20th
 - o 2 week agency review by August 5th
 - o August 8th public comment published
- Task Force Report
- Dan- SED does not push for radon Outreach, but does see school designs for testing/mitigation

- DOH Radon program and Schools outreach just received a grant to tour school district for O& E for Radon and health hazards
- Credentialing of Individuals and/or Business
 - Recommended both business and individual to be licensed
 - Following Pennsylvania model
- What Agency should be in charge
 - A variety of barriers that applies to all the agencies
 - Lists of Advantages/ Disadvantages for each agency if they are put in charge
 - Confirmed that any agency will required start up funding for the program and after should be a self supporting program
 - Add Initial funding would be provided to the agency to start the program; ongoing cost would be funded by fees collected for the program
- Enforcement
 - Not actually enforceable to inspect a test, but can inspect a mitigation
 - Could contract through AARST for a percentage of mitigations to be inspected
 - NRPP provides training and certification to become an inspector
 - Also be complaint driven
- Radon Control Methods
 - EPA declined to remove the radon Map from Appendix
 - Remove zoning of radon
 - Public comment & if no appeals will be finalized end of 2022
 - Appendix F is not part of NYS residential code to build radon resistant
 - Only 2 NYS towns
- Schools and radon
 - Bringing radon into the 5 year building review of schools
 - Manual Planning Standard
 - For new construction or renovations
 - Recommendation for Building Condition Survey
 - To require testing instead of just survey and include guidance
 - Debate of what standards and what is the guidance for routine testing
 - Schools get reimbursed for testing
- Radon testing and Daycare facilities
 - Only requiring testing for high risk towns
 - Expand to require all daycares to be tested
 - OCFS did not acknowledge receipt of the draft
 - No feedback has been received
- Real Estate
 - Make sure that real estate agencies to provide information and an acknowledgement similar to the lead paint disclosure law
 - Recommendation to “allow” radon testing as part of a home inspection
 - Recommend an amendment to law and code to allow the option for radon testing and allow home inspectors to receive continuing education credits for radon training
- Financial Assistance and/or Incentive
 - No sustainable financial aid for radon mitigation

- Most programs provide minimal mitigation
 - Recommends to find funds for mitigation similar to Colorado Tire recycling program
- Break for lunch 12:03AM
- Return at 12:30PM
- Radon in drinking water
- Radon testing and mitigation in Tenant-occupied Buildings
 - Lessee must disclose any known hazards
 - Recommends tenants rights to withhold rent for high radon levels for failure to disclose, failure to plan/mitigate
 - Education/disclosure info re: radon testing and radon risk
- NY Lic-Cert law
 - Section 4.D.2.a-f
 - Give authority and enforcement
- Timeframe
 - Redraft in 2 weeks
 - Prioritize a 48 hour for final comments and edit
 - NYSDOH DLA final review
 - Following 2 weeks Agencies review and finalize
 - Goal Sept 1 for public comment period
 - Finalize early October.
- Meeting adjourn 1:36 PM