

**Date/Time:** May 31, 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" Kornbluth, Retired Mitigation Contractor  
John Addario, Secretary of State Designee  
Eric Hausamann, NYSDEC

### PUBLIC ATTENDEES

Justin, Home Inspector, Radon Testing  
Hank, Home Inspector  
David Clark, Licensed Home Inspector, Trainer

## 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	Finalize Task Force Recommendations (Appendix F, Daycares, Water)
1:30 PM	Review Draft Language/Recommendations (Schools, Real Estate, Financial Assistance, Tenant-Occupied)
2:15 PM	Next Steps
2:30 PM	Adjourn

## Notes:

- Meeting Starting at 10:02 AM
- Agenda Approved

- Minutes of previous meeting
  - o pending
- Review Draft Task Force Report
  - o NYS Radon Task Force
    - Extension date with the latest date
  - o Publish draft and include public comment with task force rebuttal
    - Announcement of release on website
    - Goal release August 1 and give public 45 days for comment
    - Note: no requirement for public comment
  - o Due November 1<sup>st</sup> for Legislation
  - o Interagency Coordination public O&E
    - NYSERDA
      - Check with BTSA
    - Real Estate
      - NYS training for CE credits
      - Work in progress
    - Fact sheet
      - What is a good radon mitigation?
      - Require mitigators to provide to homeowners
        - o Ideally, put of DOH website for reference material, note that mitigator contractors may not be aware of this provided information
      - Visual aid
    - Code Officials/ Home Inspectors
      - Provide information that could be passed along to public
  - o Part 2. Licensing
    - Table- define All
      - If the state adopts all or certain parts of the standards
      - EPA, ASTM, Other Column
        - o Noted that the law refers to old standards
    - Bottom conclusion
      - In summary, regardless of agency there will be a cost to state to start the program.
      - Not clear if program will be profitable with revenue
        - o Advantage is the program, not the revenue
        - o Program should become self sufficient with fees
    - DEC
      - Benefit of higher quality mitigators, some adjustment at beginning with over lap of VOC program
    - Enforcement
      - Model Indiana state
        - o A third party program contract will inspect mitigation systems
        - o Percentage of systems inspected per mitigator
  - o Appendix F
    - Recommend to Code council to adopt Appendix F

- In process of reviewing 2024 code
    - Consider putting legislation to adopt appendix F, not up to code council
      - Provide justification to code council, if failed to be adopted legislation could step in to pass adoption
  - Schools
    - Recommend language to tightened
    - Have regulation refence to current testing/mitigation standards
    - Pending State Education input and review
    - Task- Draft a list for State Ed for what is needed
  - Day care Facilities
    - Recommend all daycare facilities to test, not only area risk 1
  - Real estate transactions
    - Recommend that a signed acknowledgement of the risk of radon with a real estate transaction
      - Radon Awareness Bill
        - Realtor required to provide info to buyer if they sign no to a radon test
        - Pushback- Where is the line for environmental exposures in the home (lead, water, mold, asbestos etc.)
      - Draft Recommendations
  - Financial Assistance and Incentives
    - Recommendation
      - Colorado recycling funds for tires into general fun when it reaches a certain level, it is then used for low-income radon mitigation
  - Section 9 Tenant occupied buildings
    - Recommendations
      - Lease break if inhabitable (high radon)
      - Change in code requiring landlords to test and mitigates
        - Part of the maintenance code
        - Green building grants
        - Massachusetts has a tenant radon law
- Radon Licensing
  - Next Meeting June 29<sup>th</sup>
  - Meeting Concluded 2:03 PM