**Date/Time:** October 7, 2021 10:00 AM  
**Location:** UAlbany School of Public Health, Rensselaer, NY

### ATTENDEES
- Cindy Costello, NYSDOH, Task Force Liaison
- Alex Damiani, NYSDOH
- Christine Dobert, NYSDOH
- David Ohehir, NYSDOH
- Gary Ginsburg, NYSDOH Designee
- Christopher Chin, NYSDOH Law
- Selica Grant, NYSDOL Designee
- George G. Schambach
- Richard “Dick” Kornbluth
- John Addario, Secretary of State Designee

### AGENDA

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**Discussion**
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- Optional appendix F “Passive Radon Gas Controls” to the international Residential Building Code
- Radon testing (and mitigation, if needed) in schools
- Radon testing in daycare facilities
- Radon testing and mitigation as part of all real estate transactions
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- Other
Meeting started at 10:17 AM by Gary Ginsburg

- Introductions
- No Real Estate representative was selected for Task Force
- Final report extension requested for December 2022
- NYS has no licensing or regulation for mitigation and testing
- Proposed Legislation

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- Examine the need for interagency coordination of public education and outreach and prevention programs
  - Radon program has been in existence for 32 years
  - What agencies to include?
  - Proposed Legislation
  - Community target outreach pending radon testing results
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  - Building code for houses
  - Appendix F requires houses to be built with passive systems
  - Two towns in Livingston County that has adopted appendix F
- Radon testing (and mitigation, if needed) in schools
  - Regulation is schools need to be responsible and aware for Radon risk potential
  - Facility planning guidance- “should consider” radon indoor air quality
- Radon testing in daycare facilities
  - OFCS requires daycares to do environmental hazard testing, including radon
    - Dependent on zones with locations with 4.0pCi/l average
- Radon testing and mitigation as part of all real estate transactions
  - Proposed for Radon testing and mitigated to be required
- Financial assistance and/or incentives for persons to test and mitigate their homes for radon.
  - Minimal available programs for financial assistance
  - Proposed for Health insurance due to mitigation health preventative measure
    - Use money from Health Savings Account
  - Colorado uses a fund from recycled tires, excess money is used to financial aid for radon mitigation
  - USDA have some funds
  - What are gaps?
- Radon in well water
  - Action level is 40,000 pCi/l
  - Some states have regulations for public water radon levels
  - Studies are looking for the effect radon in water and stomach cancer
  - Uranium and Radium (parent isotopes) in water is regulated

- Outreach Public Education
  - Radon Action month
    - DOT highway signs promoting radon testing
  - Real Estate
    - Disclosure - If home is radon tested, results should be required to be made known to both parties
    - No requirement for real estate transactions if mitigation system is needed, money not earmarked specific for mitigation
    - Some banks require Radon testing

- Rental/ Tenants
  - Units not required for radon testing/ mitigation
  - Housing codes/ regulations?
  - HUD funding housing units are required to test 100% ground units 10% above ground for final loan process
    - Effective as on March 7th, 2021

- George Schambach Presentation “Radon Risk Potential in New York State Maps of Radon Test Data from Labs New York State- by County 2008-2017 at 11:26am
  - How many houses are being tested and what are the results?
    - Real estate transactions vs concern owners
    - Receiving data from state provided tests, home testers, public labs

- Radon Mitigation
  - Training, education, and credentialing of Radon service providers
  - “Measurement and mitigation are being performed by individuals who either do not know the industry standards or choose to not abide by them” - Colorado study
  - Voluntary Certification is insufficient
  - Define certifications V. Specialist
  - Certifying boards
    - NRSB, NRPP, AARST
      - AARST develops the standards, NRPP provides the certification

- Recommendations
  - Regulation through Certification

- Meeting adjourn at 2:40 PM
  - For next meeting
    - How to address certifying, licensing, and enforcement
    - Budget
    - Outline other states timeline of licensing and certification
    - New Construction
    - Meet again November 4 2021

- Future discussions
  - Comment period from outside agencies and community