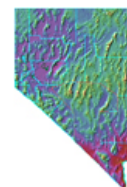




## NEVADA RADON REPORT



July through September 2007

### University of Nevada Cooperative Extension - Nevada Indoor Radon Education Program

Sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Air and Radiation, the Nevada State Health Division, and University of Nevada Cooperative Extension

### Nevada Indoor Radon Education Program Launched

On July 1, 2007 University of Nevada Cooperative Extension (UNCE), with funding provided by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Air and Radiation, and in cooperation with the Nevada State Health Division, launched the Nevada Indoor Radon Education Program (NIREP). The scope of this education and outreach program include

- Promoting radon testing and mitigation
- Educating the public about the nature and dangers of radon
- Providing radon test kits to targeted groups
- Establishing a Nevada Radon website
- The provision of measurement and mitigation advice to homeowners
- Promoting Radon-resistant new construction
- Creating partnerships and collaborations to address radon issues

### Radon Web Development Team Set

A team to create and promote a Nevada Radon website has been organized. The team will consist of Frank Flavin, NIREP oversight manager & UNCE Western Area Director; Megan Long, NIREP Assistant Director; Charlene Albee, Environmental Engineer working with radon for the Washoe County District Health Department; Claudene Wharton, Public Relations Officer, UNCE – Western Area; Vikki Ford, UNCE Statewide Communications Specialist; and Chad Waters, UNCE Webmaster. Adrian Howe, from the Radiological Health Section of the Nevada Health Division, Bureau of Health Protection Services, will be the technical advisor to the team.

## Radon Education Featured in Nevada Home Magazine

The health issues concerning radon were set out in *Health in the Home: Radon* by Cherie Turner in the August 2007 issue of Nevada Home Magazine. Ms. Turner collaborated with NIREP staff in developing the article that emphasized the linkage of radon to lung cancer and the importance of radon testing for every homeowner. Unfortunately, the article did list the wrong number to obtain a test kit from UNCE. This will be corrected in a future edition. To obtain a test kit call Megan Long, (775) 784-4848.

## 17<sup>th</sup> National Radon Conference Highlights

The Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors Inc. (CRCPD) 17<sup>th</sup> National Radon Meeting was held Sept. 9-12 at the Hyatt Regency, Jacksonville Riverfront in Jacksonville, Florida. Nevada representatives included

- Adrian Howe, Nevada State Radon Contact and Chairperson of the E-25 Committee that planned the conference
- Frank Flavin, NIREP Oversight Manager and Western Area Director of University of Nevada Cooperative Extension
- Charlene Albee and Susie Kapahee, Air Quality Management Division of the Washoe County District Health Department
- Alan Bennett, City of Reno Building Department

The opening session *State Radon Program Training: Developing Your Program* was extremely valuable in planning the implementation of the Nevada Indoor Radon Education Program (“NIREP”). The basic principals of an effective radon outreach program were presented including:

- Basic Health and Science Messages
  - The health effects of radon
  - The radon decay chain
  - How radon gets into houses
  - Outreach tools such as PSAs, Harvard Study Videos, and basic social marketing articles
- Outreach Methodology
  - Key message influencers
  - Target audiences
  - Action steps in various states
- Program Development
  - Review, assess, research, communicate
  - Making connections
  - Partnering – Identifying the buy-in
  - Logic model

Monday's plenary sessions focused on the progress made in radon education and mitigation, as well as the latest updates on epidemiological studies on health risks associated with radon. Tuesday's breakout sessions covered a variety of radon outreach education and mitigation strategies and methodology. On Wednesday, a variety of panels covered key topics such as website development and organizing leadership councils.

The proceedings of the conference are being prepared and will be available at <http://www.crcpd.org/Radon.asp> .

## **18<sup>th</sup> National Radon Conference**

**September 14-17, 2008**

### **Tuscany Suites and Casino** Las Vegas, Nevada



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The National Radon Conference will run concurrently with the American Association of Radon Scientists and Technologists (AARST) 2008 International Radon Symposium. Registration for either meeting will allow you to attend the plenary sessions of both organizations.

The hotel is 1.5 blocks from the Las Vegas Strip. Reservations: 877/877-2261.

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## NIREP TO EXHIBIT AT NEVADA STATEWIDE EVENTS

Radon education and test kit distribution will occur throughout Nevada this fall. NIREP is committed to exhibiting at the following events and locations:

Oct. 13	2007 Nevada State 4-H Exposition
Oct. 30	Health & Safety Fair at the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno
Nov. 7 - 9	Nevada Cattlemen's and CattleWomen's Convention at John Ascuaga's Nugget in Reno
Nov. 14	Western Area Meeting, UNCE, Reno
Nov. 14 -17	Nevada Farm Bureau Annual Meeting at the Oasis Resort in Mesquite



**The United States EPA has designated January as National Radon Action Month. Learn more about Nevada's effort to take action against radon by attending one of these FREE local classes...**

### When

Jan. 9, 6 - 7 p.m.  
Jan. 16, Noon - 1 p.m.  
Jan. 29, 6 - 7 p.m.  
Jan. 30, 4 - 5 p.m.

### Where

Northwest Reno Library  
Downtown Reno Library  
South Valleys Library  
Incline Village Library

The Air Quality Division of the District Health Department, in cooperation with University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, will be there to tell you what radon is, what the health effects are, and how to take care of a radon problem if one does exist...

**Plus receive a FREE radon test kit for your home!**



## **UNCE SEEKS STATEWIDE INDOOR RADON EDUCATION PROGRAM DIRECTOR**

The Project Director for the Statewide Indoor Radon Education Program for University of Nevada Cooperative Extension (UNCE) is responsible for managing the radon education and awareness program in the State of Nevada. The scope of the program includes overall project management of the radon education programs offered and acting as the liaison with local, state, and federal agencies engaged in radon research and mitigation activities. The position reports to the Western Area Director at the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR). Major responsibilities of this position include project management for the UNCE indoor radon education program: conducting and scheduling educational activities statewide; serving as public information and media relations coordinator for the project and scheduling educational activities statewide; performing other general managerial and operational functions associated with the program to include human resource management and training.

**Qualifications** for this position include a Bachelor's Degree from a regionally accredited institution and two years of professional experience in marketing, business management, public administration, training, education or related field. A certificate in Radon Testing or Mitigation is preferred. The individual must have a valid Nevada State Driver's License in order to drive a State vehicle or the ability to obtain one within the required time period. The following knowledge, skills and abilities are essential to the successful performance of this job. Knowledge of marketing and public relations, purchasing and grant/contract administration procedures; federal, state, and local radon regulations, research, and education programs, radon test procedures and mitigation measures, project administration, educational program design, development, management, and delivery, teaching/instruction methodology. Skills: excellent oral & written communication skills, excellent interpersonal & human relations skills, event planning, human resource supervision & management, use of a personal computer & Microsoft Office Suite, database management, website development & maintenance. An ability to engage agencies & individuals in a collaborative effort, formulate and implement project promotion & implementation, be flexible & work under limited supervision with considerable latitude for initiative & independent judgment, work as a team leader, present information to diverse audiences, maintain confidentiality, and travel as needed.

**TO APPLY** - Please go online to <http://jobs.unr.edu> . Click on "faculty" and use radon as your search key word.

**PLEASE NOTE – IF APPLICATION PACKET IS NOT COMPLETE BY CLOSING DATE, APPLICANT WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED**

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For more information, please contact Megan Long at UNCE, (775) 784-4848  
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Call the **Nevada State Health Division** at (775) 687-7531,  
or go to <http://www.epa.gov/radon/index.html>.