



# Radon Bulletin



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## 19th National Radon Training Conference

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Sept. 20-23, 2009 ⇨  
St. Louis, Missouri



The 19th National Radon Training Conference will be held September 20-23, 2009 at the St. Louis Union Station Marriott, One St. Louis Station, St. Louis, Missouri. The first day will be a joint meeting with the American Association of Radon Scientists and Technologists, with the plenary sessions being separate on the second and third day. Registration with

either organization allows you to attend sessions of both meetings.

Links ⇨ **Meeting announcement:** <<http://crcpd.org/Radon/NationalConference/Announcement-Radon09.pdf>>.

**Meeting agenda:** <<http://crcpd.org/Radon/NationalConference/19thAgenda.aspx>>

**Hardcopy registration form:** <<http://crcpd.org/Radon/NationalConference/19th%20Registration%20Form-Dynamic.pdf>>

**Online registration:** <<http://crcpd.org/PortalTools/Meetings/Index.cfm>>

Night Out ⇨ The Night Out will be held Tuesday night, September 21st at BB's Jazz, Blues & Soups, 700 South Broadway, St. Louis, Missouri 63102.

Additional details ⇨ We will post additional details about the meeting as added to web they become available. Feel free to pass these links on to anyone in your state that you feel may be interested in attending.



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- Hotel information ⇒ A block of rooms has been reserved at the St. Louis Union Station Marriott in the name of the “CRCPD.” The special room rate is \$111.00 single/double plus 14.991% sales tax. These rates are available three days prior to and three days after the National Radon Training Conference, based on availability.
- Hotel reservation information ⇒ You must call the hotel directly at 314/231-1234 or toll free at 800/410-9914, or you may make your reservation online at <<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/stlus?groupCode=crpcrpa&app=resvlink&fromDate=9/18/09&toDate=9/23/09>>. You must guarantee your reservation with either a credit card or one night’s deposit. If you need to cancel your reservation, you must call and cancel by 4:00 p.m. Central time on your arrival date or your deposit will be forfeited/credit card charged. NOTE: Guaranteed reservations are held for one night only – not for the entire stay. **The cut-off date for making reservations is August 21, 2009.**
- Driving directions ⇒ Driving directions: Airport/East Take 70 East. Exit Memorial Drive East. Turn right at 3rd light (Market). Stay on Market until 18th Street. Hotel is on the left.
- This hotel does not provide shuttle service.**
- How to get there by public transportation ⇒
- Alternate transportation: Trans Express: fee: \$17 one way), reservation required
  - Bus service fee: \$6.00 (one way)
  - Subway service, fee: \$3.50 (one way)
  - Estimated taxi fare: \$45.00 (one way)

**State Radon Coordinators**

Curt Hopkins (OED)

An updated list of the state radon coordinators, addresses, phone and fax numbers, E-mail addresses, and web sites can be accessed at:  
<[http://crcpd.org/Radon/State\\_Programs/radonMap.aspx](http://crcpd.org/Radon/State_Programs/radonMap.aspx)>.

If you find a mistake, please e-mail the correction to Sue Smith, [ssmith@crcpd.org](mailto:ssmith@crcpd.org)



Web Portal

**⇒ Just a Reminder!**

If you haven’t joined yet, please do.  
If you have already joined, please contribute.

[www.radonleaders.org](http://www.radonleaders.org)



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## PASSED Radon Test

Keith Keemer (DDOE)

Free radon test kits ⇒ The District of Columbia is offering free radon test kits and window decals for residents.

Get a “PASSED” window decal ⇒ Residents who have tested their homes for radon with results below EPA’s action guideline will receive a “PASSED” radon window decal to let the world know their home was tested and “PASSED!”



Window decal may encourage testing ⇒ The District Department of the Environment (DDOE) hopes that these window decals will encourage residents to test their homes for radon. The National Academy of Sciences estimates that radon causes between 15,000 and 22,000 lung cancer deaths each year in the United States, and that 12 percent of all lung cancer deaths are linked to radon.

District residents can receive a free radon test kit by calling the Radon Hotline at (202) 535-2302 or online at <<http://ddoe.dc.gov/radon>>.



## Curt Hopkins Retires

I am retiring from CRCPD, effective September 30th, after 19 years as the Radon Program Manager. It certainly has been a great experience and it has been very enjoyable working with all of you.

I was hired with the possibility that the program would only last one year because EPA wasn’t sure funding would be available at the end of that year! All of the organizations involved—non-profit, industry, and government—have all done a terrific job in reducing the potential exposure hazard from radon since the beginning of the radon initiative.

There have been some interesting/fun times along the way. You might ask one of the “dinosaurs” about a pig lung in the waste basket in the men’s rest room that was mistaken for an embryo that KK from Kansas discarded there, or the tortilla tossing contest at the Mexican restaurant in Dallas!

I plan to ride off into the sunset with my camera in hand, making friends one dollar at a time.

Curt



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