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Radon Presentations for Realtors & Contractors

McCook – Southwest Nebraska Public Health Department (SWNPHD) invites area realtors and contractors to radon presentations by Mark Versch, Environmental Health Analyst for the Nebraska Department of Health & Human Services on Wednesday, April 10th.

Contractors can check in at 6:45 a.m. at the Hormel Business Center at McCook Community College and the one-hour Radon for Contractors presentation will begin at 7:00 a.m. Realtors can check in fifteen minutes early for the 9:00 a.m. Radon for Realtors presentation at the Hormel Business Center.

“We are so pleased to have Mark Versch come to McCook and share his extensive knowledge on radon, particularly for area contractors that may see changes if legislation is passed that requires all newly built homes in Nebraska to include radon resistant construction,” explains Denise Ringenberg, Health Educator. “He is dealing with issues statewide and will share information that impacts this industry.”

To register for these free presentations, email Denise at educate@swhealth.ne.gov or call at 308-345-4223.

“Realtors and title companies are dealing with increased number of buyers requesting radon testing,” shares Ringenberg. “Mark will provide the latest radon testing information and anticipated changes for Nebraska realtors.”

Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer and the EPA recommends that every home be tested. Radon is an invisible, colorless, tasteless gas that comes through the soil following the chemical breakdown of uranium. In Nebraska, one out of every two homes tested has a high radon level (above 4.0 pCi/L).

For more information on radon, testing, mitigation and radon-resistant new construction, contact Denise Ringenberg at educate@swhealth.ne.gov, review our web site at www.swhealth.ne.gov or call the McCook office at 308-345-4223. SWNPHD is also on Facebook and Twitter. The health department serves Chase, Dundy, Hayes, Hitchcock, Frontier, Furnas, Perkins and Red Willow counties.

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