

NEHA presents A Special Training Opportunity

Learn the Latest About Asthma Triggers and IAQ Issues

The National Environmental Health Association (NEHA), in cooperation with the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Indoor Environments Division, is offering a significant training opportunity for environmental health professionals working in city, county, or state health or environmental protection agencies. NEHA is providing a comprehensive, 2½-day training course that is designed to reflect the new national priorities in addressing indoor air quality and health impacts resulting from IAQ contaminants. Specifically, material on asthma triggers, environmental tobacco smoke, mold spores, and radon will be presented along with supporting resource material. The course will be taught by recognized authorities in the indoor air field with a focus on presenting the latest health impact data and remediation strategies.

In addition to the educational content of the workshop, a second and equally important goal is to train participants on how to develop and implement a comprehensive community action program. A community action program is designed to

- obtain measurable results in the areas of outreach and public participation,
- identify risk reduction methods for IAQ contaminants,
- reduce asthma triggers (and other triggers specifically impacting children), and
- encourage residential testing and mitigation for elevated levels of radon gas.

NEHA will require a commitment to implement a community action plan as a prerequisite for acceptance to the training.

NEHA will select up to 30 people for training in Washington, DC, with all expenses paid. This includes round-trip, coach airfare, lodging, and a per diem allowance for meals. Travel to Washington, DC, will be on Tuesday, November 3, 2009.

The course will be conducted on the following schedule:

Tuesday	November 3	one-half day
Wednesday	November 4	full day
Thursday	November 5	full day

Those wishing to participate should submit a letter of interest with a mailing address, e-mail address, and telephone number. The letter should address the following points:

1. position title, with brief job description and length of time in the environmental health field,
2. history and experience of your program in addressing the IAQ issue,
3. how IAQ will rank as a priority in your overall program,
4. any ongoing programs that your agency has or that you would like to see established in the area of radon/IAQ/asthma risk reduction (please indicate if your agency has received EPA radon funding within the last six months),
5. any specialized IAQ programs you are involved in and/or any asthma-related programs you have or will develop,
6. any special areas of interest that you feel are relevant to your consideration for this course, and
7. that you have the support of your management to undertake a one-year IAQ program.

Electronic letters of interest should be submitted to:

Susan Jerles, Research and Development
National Environmental Health Association
E-mail: sjerles@neha.org

- Letters of interest must be received no later than the close of business on Monday, October 12, 2009.
- Selections and notification of successful applicants will be made no later than Thursday, October 15, 2009.

Any questions concerning this project or the application process should be directed to:

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