

Track II Workshops at AARST's

2013 International Radon Symposium



Practical Sessions for the Modern Radon Professional

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In addition to the 17 peer reviewed scientific and technical presentation selected for this year's Radon Symposium, there will be at practical workshops for professionals offered on Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept 24 and 25, 2013. These "Track II" sessions will offer nuts and bolts practical courses on safety, ethics, first aide, accounting, marketing, multi-family measurement and mitigation and vapor intrusion. Here are descriptions of 14 of the Track II workshops:

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- **How To Start and Operate A Successful Radon Mitigation Business** – a condensed 20 minute version of Dave’s hit 4 Hour C.E. Course on how to make your radon business a true success! (See Sunday C.E. class listings to register for the full course) **David Daniels, AARST-NRPP Certified Mitigator, Radon Specialists of Wisconsin (Free Bonus – take a workshop quiz and this is a .5 Cat I NRPP C.E. credit.)**
- **HUD Multi-family Measurement and Multi-Family Mitigation, RRNC Certifications** NRPP add on specialist certifications are coming to help market your professional standing in growing new markets. Learn how this process will work and why it is necessary. **Bruce Snead, Policy Chair, National Radon Proficiency Program**
- **Fix the Building Not the Unit! Multifamily Building Challenges** You’re Not Fixing Single Family Homes Anymore: The standard and the polices will be in place to address testing and fixing multifamily buildings, but will you know what you are doing? To survive, radon professionals are going to need additional skills and it's not just about a bigger building, new standards, and a bigger check. This presentation will explain why big projects will require special business, legal and experiential skills. In addition to add-on courses, standards and certification, you may well need business skills to deal with bidding procurement procedures, consulting engineers, lawyers and bonding. **Tony McDonald, AARST Radon Mitigator, A-Z Solutions Inc., Ohio**
- **Vapor Intrusion Requires A Step Up, New Standards, Greater Expertise** This presentation will give an overview of a potential new market for radon mitgators, however, it’s going to take a step up for the radon professionals. AARST members are at the standards table exploring this arena that some radon professionals may want to enter. Different standards and new capabilities will have to be developed to engage in this work. This is not a business for professionals lacking the company infrastructure and knowledge to handle design and build, procurement contracting, performance bonding and financing. But if you think that’s you, you need a briefing on the real world of the vapor intrusion business. **Tom Hatton, AARST Radon Mitigator, Clean Vapor Intrusion, New Jersey**
- **Liability Insurance and Performance Bonding - Protecting Our Radon Professionals,** What you need to know about not only the AARST Insurance package, but why you need proper coverage for doing larger projects and what it takes to get a Performance Bond (not ever business qualifies for bonding.) **Steve Riggs, AAI, Nelson Insurance Agency, Inc.**

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- **The American Radon Coalition – YOU Can Make a Difference.** Radon professionals working together to build grassroots coalitions that promote policies to increase risk reduction and protect our industry is vital to our collective success. Join **Gloria Linnertz, radon advocate, VP of CanSAR** and leader of CanSAR's grassroots coalition-building efforts, and **Kyle Hoylman, Chair of the American Radon Coalition**, Acting President of CanSAR, and AARST-NRPP Certified Measurement and Mitigation Professional, to learn why the time is now for grassroots radon policy advocacy. Learn about how YOU can become involved with ARC's vision for recruiting 100's of advocates across the country to build and implement local grassroots coalitions, and how working with local stakeholder groups, media and legislators can result in effective radon policies that save lives AND strengthen the sustainability of YOUR industry.

(Kyle and Gloria are also teaching two NRPP Category I CE courses on Sunday, **September 22**, at the [International Radon Symposium](#) – one 4 hour CE course on building and managing a grassroots coalition and one 4 hour CE companion course on using a grassroots coalition to advocate for policy change through the legislative process. Go to the [AARST Bookstore](#) to register for the Sunday CE courses).

- **RRNC 2.0 as an IRC/IBC Building Code – What's Up With This, Doc?** Fire codes prevent a large number of daily deaths, a radon specific code could do the same and this standard makes that happen. What's up with this? Adoption of a Code Specific Standard by the International Residential Code could create an explosion in the radon mitigation and measurement professional marketplace. With your help and knowledge, RRNC 2.0 will create the next generation of successful radon professionals. Learn the whys and hows and your role in this. **Dave Kapturowski, RRNC 2.0 AARST Standards Committee Chair, AARST-NRPP Certified, Vice President of Spruce Environmental**
- **QuickBooks Course: Accounting for Small Operations**, Too busy as a small busy business to take that QuickBooks course, eh? But you need the knowledge so you can deal with your customers, your banker, your accountant (and not to mention the IRS!) We've got just the presentation for you, an overview on how to manage your accounting for a small business. **Elaine Spearie, Cowan, Epperson, & Associates, P.C. Springfield IL 62704**

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- **Confined Space Entry and Job Site Safety: What You Need to Know Q&A** OSHA did such a great presentation last year (Thank you, OSHA!) , we asked them back. This presentation focuses Confined Space Entry and Job Site Safety issue small companies with few employees might encounter on a job. Understanding risk assessment and knowledge of your area. Risks cover a wide range of possibilities, geological (gasses/earth) animal (live) HantaVirus (rodent), structural/equipment. Be dressed/masked/and prepared, and know how to retrieve a colleague in the case of emergency. Presentation finishes with newest application in hazard communication (pictograms). **Presented by Brian Bothast, Compliance Assistance Specialist, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Peoria Illinois**
- **First Aide Preparedness For Your Radon Business:** Illinois Capital Area Chapter presents a safety, first aid and CPR overview for the professional. Prepare yourself, your staff and your business for any emergency, know how - have a plan and make a plan. The presentation touches on current techniques for CPR, First Aid and First Aid Preparedness, as well as disaster preparedness. *This is not a CPR certification course.* **Presented by Colleen Stone, Chief Executive Officer and and Mark Anderson, American Red Cross, Illinois Capital Area Chapter**
- **Professional Ethics in the Radon Industry,** ***Trudy Smith, AARST-NRPP Certified Members, Former Board Member, Educator at Spruce Environmental*** It's tough to compete against radon companies who make impossible promises, or cut corners to lower prices, or use "bait and switch" techniques to get business. Sometimes we're tempted to "bend" our own business practices to stay competitive. In this course, ethicists speak to the ethical quandaries businesses face, ask the tough questions about what is and what is not ethical behavior, and suggest methods to keep our and our industry's moral compasses pointed correctly. The class will explore how these situations compare to day-to-day radon business decisions and how we can all help the industry stay on track. **(Free Bonus – take the quiz and this becomes a 1.0 Cat I NRPP C.E. credit.)**
- **Facilitated Session for All Professionals: GREAT Answers to Common Questions from the field.** It almost like Opra's After Show. A facilitated session where we will take questions from the field and get some possible answers from the gray beards of the radon profession!
- **Facilitated Session for All Mitigation Professionals: Freddie Krugger Meets Radon's Houses from Heck!** The House from Heck is back with a pesky radon problem that makes Freddy Kruger's life look easy. Facilitated by pros who have been to Heck and Back. A great Nuts and Bolts learning experience.

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- **MEASUREMENT PROS – Don't Miss This PANEL: QA/QC – Why Charting and Device Performance Testing is Necessary for Measurement Professionals and Their Credibility**
Why do I have to do this performance test? I've got a device and it was calibrated when I bought it. The process, originally implemented by the USEAP is integral to professional credibility in the marketplace. Learn why this is important for all of us!

To register for the Symposium: <http://www.aarst.org/bookstore.shtml>

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