



# **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 5 Radon Program Update**

2015 Michigan Radon  
Stakeholder Workshop

*June 18, 2015*

*Lansing, Michigan*

# Funding Updates



- ❖ Total SIRG Funding for Region 5 is \$1.815 M for FY 2015.
- ❖ Final Funding for FY 2016 is uncertain at this time. Presidential Budget zeroes it out.
- ❖ The final SIRG Allocation for Each State has been sent to their respective programs with the approved allocation.

# FY 2015 SIRG Awards



## *FY 2015 SIRG 26 Recommended Funding Option*

States/Grantees ==>	IL	IN	MI	MN	OH	WI	Leech Lake	TBD	TBD	Tribal Total**	Total allocated	Total Unobligated
Regional FY 15 Recommended Option	\$355,760	\$50,000	\$286,368	\$372,691	\$372,593	\$278,588	\$45,000			\$90,000		\$1,851,000
Funding for the 2016 Stakeholder Meeting (E1D)												\$15,667
Re-Programmed Funding totals (E1D)-2014		\$25,000										

\$40,667

\$1,866,667

Balance                      \$355,760                      \$75,000                      \$286,368                      \$372,691                      \$372,593                      \$278,588                      \$45,000                      \$0                      \$90,000

# Regional Budget Issues



- Radon FTE in Region 5
- IAQ FTE in Region 5
- Status of Radon Program in Region 5
- Options for Program in Region 5

# Grants Issues



## Beginning Oct 1, 2014

- All Grants submitted beginning Oct. 1 will be through Grants.gov
- Mandatory Reporting Template for all Grants is being Developed.
- Issues Exist Between Regulatory and Voluntary Programs
- Transparency of Information from Grants Awarded
- More Timely Reporting Documentation Being Sought
- On-Line Reporting Systems being Reviewed

# *Legislative Updates in Region 5*



- 📖 Several new pieces of Radon Legislation have started in Region 5 in the past year.
- 📖 Illinois and Minnesota are national leaders and have enacted some new laws; are providing guidance and training on their implementation.
- 📖 Ohio still in revisions of Radon Regulations and implementing changes



## Innovations from Region 5

- Industry collaboration with State Radon Programs and NGO's like ALA and CANSar have lead to these improvements over the past few years.
- Working with Industry groups (AARST and CRCPD) have been especially useful for the programs.

# Radon Program



## Radon Program Future in Region 5 (Near-Term)

- ⌚ Largest per capita radon risk still exists in Region 5 of all the Regions. (Largest population base in high exposure areas)
- ⌚ The **Best** well documented Radon Programs can be found in Region 5.
- ⌚ Despite the small cost for big documentable risk reduction, this program still has an uncertain future. Mixed messages to all.

# Radon Program



## Radon Program Future in Region 5 (cont.)

- 🕒 Most efficient use of Radon Funding for generating outputs and outcomes.
- 🕒 Some of largest increases in testers and mitigators numbers are in Region 5.
- 🕒 More medical professionals are willing to collaborate with the Radon Industry and Radon Programs in Region 5 to reduce risk than has been reported in other Regions at this time.



## *Where do we go from Here??*

- ! Good Question, and the best response, right now is.....
- ! Information will be provided as soon as the Region gets it on funding to continue the program, hopefully FY 2016 and beyond.
- ! When we have a FY 2016 budget proposal released, as we go through the budgeting process, we will know better where we can go.

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