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Purpose

- To provide an overview of Housing and Community Living (HCL) Program and to obtain feedback on emerging issues in this area.



Housing and Community Living Selected Issues

- Healthy, safe, affordable and sustainable housing
- Air and water quality
- Energy efficiency and sustainability
- Built environments – green building
- Disaster preparedness and recovery
- Universal design
- Mortgages – foreclosures, subprime, reverse
- Homelessness



Partnerships for Addressing HCL Issues

- Housing and Urban Development
- Environmental Protection Agency
- Department of Energy
- Health and Human Services
- Coalition of Organizations for Disaster Education
- Committee on Indoor Air Quality
- Federal Emergency Management Agency



Healthy Homes Initiative

- Housing and Urban Development funded initiative supporting Cooperative Extension Service
- Administered through Auburn University to 25 states via mini-grants





Healthyhomes.gov

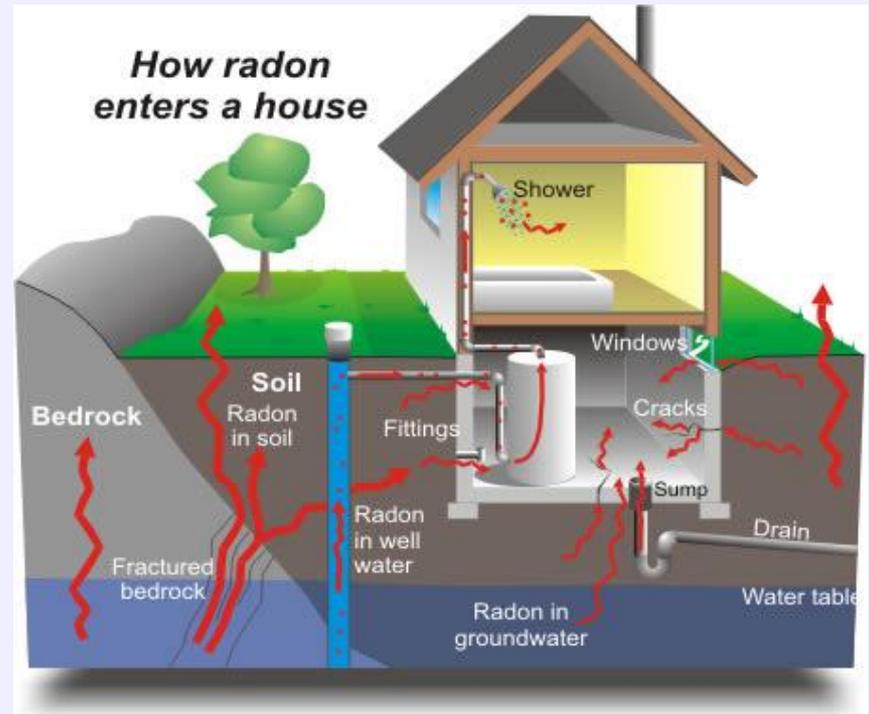
- New website coming in Spring 2012
- Funded by HUD and CDC and supported by USDA





Federal Radon Action Plan Workgroup

- “Protecting People and Families from Radon” launched in June 2011
- Federal workgroup is planning strategies for interagency collaboration of addressing radon





State Energy Extension Partnership

- USDA NIFA is collaborating with Department of Energy on funding to support education to accelerate adoption of energy efficiency and renewable energy in the U.S.
- Multi-agency support
 - Association of Public and Land-grant Universities
 - Cooperative Extension System



Home Energy

- National Institute of Food and Agriculture Liaison to Home Energy eXtension Community of Practice (CoP)
- The CoP provides monthly webinars related to energy efficiency





President's Task Force on Environmental Health Risks and Safety Risks to Children

- Healthy Settings – homes, schools
- Asthma
- Chemical Exposure – toys for children, etc.



Disaster Preparedness

- Extension Disaster Education Network
- Coalition of Organizations for Disaster Education
- Continuing of Operations Committee
- Disaster noncompetitive grants
 - Southern Regional Development
 - E-Commerce for Rural Areas
- USDA Special Needs Grants (competitive)
- National Disaster Housing Taskforce (FEMA)



Special Projects

- Master Family & Consumer Sciences Volunteer Program
- Food Safety Environmental Scan
- AFRI Food Safety Grant



Master Family & Consumer Sciences (FCS) Volunteer Program

- Creation of a model to train all FCS volunteers under one umbrella program
- On-line core curriculum for training



- Pilot effort in Virginia
- Branding of FCS



Food Safety Environmental Scan

- Funding of a project to conduct a nationwide “Environmental Scan of Cooperative Extension Programs in Home Food Preservation” which is being led by University of Georgia





Agriculture Food & Research Initiative (AFRI) Food Safety

- HCL supporting NIFA's AFRI Food Safety Project, \$2 million in grants for Salmonella and Campylobacter prevention/control
- An integrated project involving research, extension, and or education



NIFA HCL Listservs

- Housing Listserv (all housing specialists)
- HousComm Listserv (broader representation)



New Initiatives

- AFRI Climate Change Grant
- Federal Agency Climate Change Adaptation Community of Practice (CoP)



Emerging Trends and Needs

- What do you see as emerging trends and needs relating to Housing and Community Living?



Summary

- A brief overview of the Housing and Community Living Program and its goal to contribute to the quality of life for consumers
- A forum for you to provide input for the Housing and Community Living Program



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