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## **Yukon Housing and Yukon Lung Association offering radon mitigation training**

WHITEHORSE—The Yukon Lung Association has partnered with the Yukon Housing Corporation to sponsor a workshop this week on radon mitigation for new home construction.

"We're grateful to the Yukon Lung Association for their generous contribution to make this workshop possible," minister responsible for the Yukon Housing Corporation Stacey Hassard said. "Providing contractors with the latest tools to reduce radon exposure is a great way to address the issue."

Radon is a radioactive gas found naturally in the environment. It is odorless, invisible and tasteless. When the gas is inhaled it damages lung tissue and can lead to lung cancer. If radon enters an enclosed space like a home it can accumulate to high levels.

The workshop will provide information on the methods homebuilders can use to mitigate radon exposure in homes by venting it outdoors where it does not pose a risk.

"Long-term exposure to radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer after smoking and the leading cause of lung cancer for people who have never smoked," Yukon Lung Association president Doug MacLean explained. "We are very pleased to co-sponsor this informative workshop and training which will help to make more Yukon homes safer for the occupants."

The radon workshop is being delivered by Marcel Brascoupe, who is a certified radon mitigation specialist with Canada's National Radon Proficiency Program. Brascoupe has specialized in the installation of radon mitigation systems since 2008 and is a founding member of the Canadian Association of Radon Scientists and Technologists

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