



NOTES AND NEWS

June 2009

ITEMS OF LOCAL AND STATE INTEREST

BCAAT To Provide FREE Radon Test Kits

Are you concerned about whether your home has a radon problem, but unsure how to find out? BCAAT may be able to help.

On June 30, BCAAT will distribute free radon test kits to anyone who wants one – for as long as supplies last, that is. A Radon-Information Open House will be held from 1:00 to 5:00 pm at the Tellico Village Community Church, Christian Life Center. BCAAT members will be on hand to distribute the kits, and to provide radon information and to answer questions. A TN Official may also be on hand to provide information. Approximately 200 test kits will be available for distribution, one per household. If demand exceeds supply, BCAAT will assist attendees to obtain kits after the June 30 event.

Don't miss out.....FREE's GOOD, but it's first come - first served!!

BCAAT Membership Update

A big THANK YOU to those who have submitted their 2009 membership dues. If you have not yet done so, please consider sending yours today. The membership application form appears at the end of this newsletter.

ITEMS OF NATIONAL INTEREST

Items of Interest from the Obama Administration's 2010 Budget Proposal to Congress

**Excerpts from testimony of Lisa P. Jackson, Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Hearing on EPA's 2010 Budget Proposal, Environment and Public Works Committee, United States Senate**

Air Toxics

The budget includes \$3.3 million for air toxics research to protect and improve the quality of the air that each of us breathes. Air toxics research studies the effects to human health of toxic air pollutants and includes evaluating risk assessment methodologies to support the development and implementation of regulatory programs that assist state and local governments and tribes develop clean air plans. The FY 2010 budget also supports improvement of risk assessment tools, including National-Scale Air Toxics Assessment; analytical support to states as they enhance air toxics monitoring near selected schools, and 5 FTE in EPA's Regional offices to provide technical assistance and coordination.

Air Quality and Radon Grants

The FY 2010 request includes \$248 million for grants to support state, local, and tribal air management and radon programs. These funds provide resources to multi-state, state, local, and tribal air pollution control agencies for development and implementation of programs for the prevention and control of air pollution and implementation of National Ambient Air Quality Standards. EPA will continue an initiative to measure levels of toxic air pollution near selected schools across the country and ensure that deployed monitors collect high-quality data. This partnership will help EPA maximize its monitoring and analytical capabilities. This budget also includes \$8.1 million for radon grants that focus on reducing radon levels in existing homes and promoting the construction of new homes with radon reducing features.

Biofuels

The FY 2010 budget includes \$5.6 million, an increase of \$5 million over FY 2009, for biofuels research and sustainability analysis mandated by the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007. Biofuels lifecycle and sustainability research will provide better information to decision makers on the trade offs and opportunities associated with increased biofuels production.

OPEN BURNING

If you observe such non-emergency open burning within Loudon County, it can be reported to the Loudon County Building Inspector, Bill Cox, at 865-458-4470. To report open burning within Tellico Village, call Tellico Village Public Works (24/7) at 865-458-4522. To report emergencies, call 911.

The bans on open burning in Loudon County and the cities of Lenoir City and Loudon apply to large scale burning related to clearing land for development.

BCAAT Membership Application

Name _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Telephone number _____ E-Mail _____

Membership levels/Annual Dues

___ Individual \$10 ___ Family \$20 ___ Sustaining \$50 ___ Silver \$100 ___ Gold \$500 or more

() Check here if you wish your membership to remain anonymous

DUES AND CONTRIBUTIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE TO THE EXTENT ALLOWABLE BY LAW

Please indicate areas of interest Please mail application and check payable to BCAAT INC. to:

- () Distribute flyers
- () Participate on committee
- () Attend public meetings
- () Research and fact-finding
- () Write letters, articles
- () Other _____

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Thank you!