



**Radiation Safety
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"ONTARIO: BUILDING A COMPREHENSIVE PROVINCIAL POLICY ON RADON"

IN COLLABORATION WITH **CENTRE FOR LABOUR MANAGEMENT RELATIONS** OF THE TED ROGERS SCHOOL
OF MANAGEMENT, RYERSON UNIVERSITY AND WITH SUPPORT OF THE **ONTARIO LUNG ASSOCIATION**



MAY 1ST, 2014

RYERSON UNIVERSITY CAMPUS
TORONTO, ONTARIO

ONE-DAY RADON SYMPOSIUM

Join us on May 1st for a day of education and open dialog on occupational and public health implications of exposure to radioactivity from radon gas. The purpose of the event is to provide "good science in plain language" information about the potential radon hazard and allow the event participants to form their own opinions and contribute to building a comprehensive provincial radon policy.

This unique Program features experts in the field of health and safety, medical doctors, federal and provincial government representatives as well as presentations from front line workers.

The One-Day Radon Symposium will be of interest to all employers and employees, members of public, government agencies, unions, professional associations, health and safety associations, members of the provincial and municipal government, legislators, as well as radon professionals.

Registration Fee: \$50 (link to registration page to be added) or contact Maria Costa at 416 650 9090 ext 21 or by e-mail mcosta@radiationsafety.ca for early registration.

2 Coffee Breaks and Lunch are included in the registration fee.



DRAFT PROGRAM

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| 08:00 - 8:45 | Registration and Continental Breakfast |
| 08:45 - 8:50 | Welcome from Sheldon Levy, the President of Ryerson University |
| 08:50 - 9:00 | Welcome from Steven Murphy, Dean of the Ted Rogers School of Management |
| 09:00 - 9:40 | Key Note Speaker: Minister of Labour, Yasir Naqvi |

09:40 - 10:40 **1st Expert Panel Discussion: Radioactive Radon: Profile of the Hazard**

Includes such topics as: what is radon, health effects, risk factors, evidence, occupational exposure

Speakers (3) - 20 minutes each:

- Lung Cancer Risks from Radon in Ontario: Burden of Illness, Estimates and their Policy Implication, Dr Ray Copes, Director of Environmental and Occupation Health and Emily Peterson, MSc Public Health, Environmental Health Analyst Public Health Ontario
- Occupational Exposure to Radon and its Impact, Dr Paul Demers, Occupational Cancer Research Center
- Radon in the Water /Elliot Lake Lessons (Arthur Scott)

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| 10:40 - 11:00 | Rebuttals and Questions from the Audience |
| 11:00 - 11:30 | Health Break |

11:30 -12:30 **2nd Expert Panel Discussion: Policy Building Blocks**

Includes such topics as: federal guidelines and standards, existing provincial standards, current/future legislative initiatives, professional associations' perspectives (CARST)

Speakers (3) - 20 minutes each:

- National Radon Program, Tara Barrows, Environmental Health Program-Radon, Ontario Region
- Application of NORM guidelines in Ontario, Lothar Doehler, Manager, Radiation Protection Service, Ontario Ministry of Labour
- Bill 96: Radon Awareness and Prevention Act, (request placed with Reza Moridi, Minister of Research and Innovation, Ontario)

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| 12:30 - 12:45 | Rebuttals and Questions from the Audience |
| 12:45 - 1:45 | Lunch (Key Note Speech from RSIC President and CEO) |

1:45 - 2:45 **3d Expert Panel Discussion: Radon in the Community and Workplace**

Includes such topic as: Lessons from the Front Lines: Radon Testing in Action

Speakers (3) - 20 minutes each:

- Radon in Schools (Request placed with Dr Dessau)
- Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg Radon Community Radon Testing Project / or PAD
- Front Line Perspective, Standards and Trends in Radon Testing and Mitigation (representative of the Canadian Association of Radon Scientists and Technologists)

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| 2:45 - 3:00 | Rebuttals and Questions from the Audience |
| 3:00 - 3:15 | Health Break |

3:15 - 3:45 **Symposium Resolution Development and Approval** (Mediated by Steve Mahoney and Tim Armstrong)

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| 3:45 - 3:50 | Wrap up |
| 4:00 | Adjournment |