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To: All Lodging Establishments and Camps
From: Appalachian District Health Department
Subject: Carbon Monoxide Detectors Required in Lodging Establishments

Dear Owners/Operators:

Session Law 2013-413 (formerly House Bill 74) requires lodging establishments to install carbon monoxide detectors meeting ANSI/UL 2034 or ANSI/UL 2075 in every enclosed space having a fossil fuel burning heater, appliance, or fireplace and in any enclosed space, including a sleeping room, that shares a common wall, floor, or ceiling with an enclosed space having a fossil fuel burning heater, appliance, or fireplace by October 1, 2013. **The law allows use of either battery-operated or electric carbon monoxide detectors to meet that deadline, but further requires carbon monoxide detectors to receive primary power from the building's electrical wiring and have battery backup power by October 1, 2014.**

Under this requirement, a lodging establishment means any hotel, motel, tourist home, or other establishment permitted under authority of North Carolina General Statute 130A 248 to provide lodging accommodations for pay to the public. This includes hotels, motels, bed and breakfast inns, bed and breakfast homes, summer camps, primitive camps, and resident camps. A fossil fuel burning heater, appliance, or fireplace includes anything in a building that burns combustible materials to produce light, heat, refrigeration, or air conditioning—including, but not limited to, furnaces, pool heaters, water heaters, space heaters, cooking equipment, boilers, clothes dryers, fireplaces, pilot lights, and light fixtures. Fossil fuels include coal, wood, fuel oil, fuel gas, alcohol, gasoline, kerosene, diesel, paraffin, and canned heat.

This letter serves as a notice of this new law and it is advised that an assessment of your property be conducted to determine compliance. An assessment form has been included with this letter to assist you in determining what your property needs for compliance. **Do not delay in completing this assessment.** The Appalachian District Health Department will soon begin evaluating properties during routine annual inspections to determine compliance. Any facility deemed to be non-compliant will receive a "Notice of Intent to Suspend" which will give the facility thirty (30) days to correct any non-compliant issues. Facilities not in compliance after this thirty (30) day notice will have their permit to operate suspended and the facility must close until compliant.

The Appalachian District Health Department will be working with State and local agencies to provide you with the most up-to-date information as this new law comes into effect and evolves. Please visit our website at www.apphealth.com for the most current information, resources and educational opportunities to assist you with this new requirement.

Sincerely,

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