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Healthier homes

The American Lung Association of Connecticut reports that **Roger Petersen** of Scandia Construction and Development Corporation in Ridgefield recently completed the Health House Advantage Builders course.

Mr. Petersen, who graduated on May 1, after completing a three-day course, is now registered to build healthier homes according to the recently revised American Lung Association Guidelines.

The training course provided builders with information and techniques on how to build healthier, more energy and resource efficient homes that meet Health House Guidelines. The Health House Advantage program is a national effort to teach builders how to build healthier homes using builder training, consumer education and ongoing public information campaigns to create a new standard of home-building in America.

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Americans spend up to 90% of their time indoors and the levels of indoor air pollution may be two to five times higher, and occasionally more than 100 times higher, than outdoor levels. Exposure to indoor air pollution can pose serious health risks and contribute to respiratory disease, asthma and even cancer. As a result, the EPA has identified air pollution as one of the five most urgent environmental problems facing the United States.

For further information about the Health House program, call the American Lung Association of Connecticut at 1-800-LUNG USA or visit www.alact.org.