

“The Hidden Risks of Green Buildings”—NCARB’s first Continuing Education Seminar offering three HSW/SD continuing education credits—premiers June 17.

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The green design movement is transforming the profession like nothing else experienced in the lifetime of most architects. Green design’s holistic approach to designing higher performing buildings has many positive benefits. At the same time, green buildings present new challenges. Are you ready to build green?

NCARB’s new continuing education seminar, “The Hidden Risks of Green Buildings,” will help you get there. The seminar, offered in Chicago on 17 June 2009, will be presented by J. David Odom, ASHRAE, and Richard Scott, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP, who co-wrote NCARB’s mini-monograph of the same title with George H. DuBose, CGC. The seminar updates and expands on the mini-monograph, originally published in the *Direct Connection* and is available for download at <http://ncarb.org/publications/titles/hiddenrisk.html>.

“The great irony of building green is that the very concepts that are intended to enhance a building’s performance over its lifetime are many of the same things that also make it highly susceptible to catastrophic moisture and mold problems during the first few years of operation,” said Scott.

There is strong evidence to suggest a direct correlation between new products, innovative design, and building failures. Improved energy conservation, increased thermal insulation, and the use of innovative products are some of the things that make buildings green and sustainable. Coincidentally, these are also some of the things that make buildings susceptible to future failure—especially to major moisture and mold problems. Over the next several years, the ability to correctly implement green concepts will likely become the single most important determining factor in the success and failure of sustainable building designs.

“The Hidden Risks of Green Buildings” seminar will address the specific high-risk components of green buildings, offer practical solutions to avoiding these problems, and identify tools and techniques to reduce the risks of innovative designs. Attendees will earn three AIA-approved health, safety, and welfare (HSW) and sustainable design (SD) professional development units.

For more information about the seminar, look for an interview with the presenters on the NCARB web site at: www.ncarb.org/webcasts/podcasts.html. **DC**

SEMINAR DETAILS

WHEN:
Wednesday, 17 June 2009
1:30 p.m.– 5 p.m.

WHERE:
Renaissance Chicago Hotel
1 West Wacker Drive
Chicago, IL 60601

EARN:
Three HSW/SD units

Register online at www.ncarb.org beginning in mid-April.

NCARB RECORD HOLDERS
Early (before May 16): **\$125**
Regular (May 16 – June 6): **\$150**
Onsite: **\$200**

NON-RECORD HOLDERS
Early (before May 16): **\$225**
Regular (May 16 – June 6): **\$250**
Onsite: **\$300**