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Disaster Recovery Coalition Offers Mold Class Thursday at 5 p.m.

FAYETTEVILLE – The Cumberland Disaster Recovery Coalition will hold a mold awareness class for Cumberland County residents Thursday, Sept. 7, at 5 p.m. in the Department of Social Services conference room, located at 1225 Ramsey St.

The two-hour class is designed to raise awareness about the hazards of mold as part of the Hurricane Matthew recovery process. The meeting will cover the health hazards, assessment, monitoring and remediation of mold. The class will include a presentation and a demonstration so participants can see a moisture meter and how it works.

The International Chemical Workers Union Council, a training grantee of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) in Research Triangle Park, will provide the mold training as part of Hurricane Matthew recovery process. Class participants will also receive handouts and NIEHS booklets on mold and hurricanes.

“A home that’s been flooded can provide ideal conditions for the growth and proliferation of mold. After cleaning up from a flood, there’s still a good chance that mold might start growing sometime in the near future,” said Cumberland Disaster Recovery Coalition Executive Director Ivonne Anton. “This mold awareness class, sponsored by CDRC and Cumberland County, will help educate the community on what to expect and how to proceed.”

Following the mold awareness class, Cumberland County and the City of Fayetteville will hold a public meeting at 7 p.m. to inform residents about proposed projects to be funded by Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery (CDBG-DR) grants. North Carolina Emergency Management, the Governor’s Office and the Department of Commerce have allocated approximately \$34.7 million in CDBG-DR funding for projects in Cumberland County as part of Hurricane Matthew recovery.

The CDRC is a long-term disaster recovery group of nonprofits, faith-based and charitable organizations working together to meet the unmet needs of Cumberland County residents affected by state and federally-declared disasters.

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