

## **Potomac Homes Offers Neighborhood Environmental Reports**

### *Health Report on Your Home Now Available for Residential Properties*

**Washington, DC (November 1st, 2007)** -- Consumers preparing to buy or sell a home, as well as existing homeowners, now have the opportunity to conduct an even more thorough inspection of a property that will help them protect their health and investment. **Potomac Homes**, a premier provider of home inspection services in the region, announces it now offers the EDR Neighborhood Environmental Report™ among its property inspection services. Developed exclusively for home buyers and sellers, the EDR Neighborhood Environmental Report™ identifies potential environmental risks such as leaking underground tanks, landfills and toxic waste sites on or near a property that may threaten a family's health or the value of their investment.

Developed by Environmental Data Resources, Inc. (EDR), the leading national provider of environmental risk information, the comprehensive, easy to read report is being offered to meet growing demand for pre-purchase information for real estate agents, loan brokers, real estate professionals, and home-buyers and sellers in the U.S. The reports are generated from the largest collection of local, state, federal and proprietary environmental records in the U.S. and provide important information on known and potential contamination that exists on or in the vicinity of a property.

"**Potomac Homes** is very excited to work with EDR to provide this valuable service to real estate professionals, home-buyers and home sellers," said **Jacques Sirvain** of **Potomac Homes**. "While the reports most often give a property a clean bill of health, real estate professionals and home-buyers are always much better off uncovering any potential environmental issues up front, as opposed to retroactively addressing a problem after a sale has been completed. "As EDR-Certified home inspectors, we are able to provide the follow up assistance and guidance consumers need to resolve any issues the report may reveal," **Sirvain** said.

Neighborhood Environmental Reports cover the entire U.S. and provide records of contamination that could cause serious health problems as well as property devaluation. Homes that are contaminated often show no visible signs of the dangers they pose to residents through toxic air, water or soil problems. Examples of issues the report screens for include leaking underground storage tanks, landfills, defense sites, hazardous waste sites, Superfund sites and former meth-amphetamine ("meth") drug laboratories.

"For nearly 20 years, environmental information has been a part of commercial real estate transactions. EDR has now created a report for consumers in response to the growing trend of residential buyers wanting or even expecting increasing amounts of information before making important decisions; whether purchasing a car, making a health-related decision or investing in a home," said Robert Barber, CEO of EDR. "Part of this 'due diligence' trend is an increasing demand for expertly prepared environmental information."

## About Potomac Homes

Potomac Homes is an independently owned and operated corporation with a professional commitment to excellence in Residential Inspections, Mold Investigations and Sampling, Radon Measurements, Environmental Reporting and Consultations.

Our technical knowledge, long experience in the construction industry and comprehensive computerized narrative reports with color pictures help buyers to make informed decisions, owners to operate and maintain and increase the value of their investments over the years, and sellers to sell their residence at the highest market values.

Potomac Homes offer the following services 7 days a week in Montgomery, Howard, Prince George's counties and Washington DC:

- ❑ **Home Inspections** by Licensed Home Inspector, with Master's degree in Architecture and over 30 years experience in the construction industry (*NACHI, NSHI, IHINA, IACHI, ICC, AIA*)

FREE with every home inspection:

- Mold Inspection (no sampling, no lab analysis)
  - Standard Alarm Installation by Brinks
  - Limited Home Warranty (Buyers: 90-days / Sellers: 120-days)
  - Book "How to Operate Your Home"
- ❑ **Mold Investigations and Sampling** by ESA Certified Mold Inspector (*IAC2*). Swabs, Wall Samples, Air Samples, Carpet Samples, Inner-Wall Air Samples, with Computerized comprehensive mold reports by AIHA accredited Environmental Microbiology Laboratory.
  - ❑ **Radon Measurements** by NEHA-NRPP Certified Radon Measurement Provider (*AARST*). *Electret-Ion-Chamber* monitors, with measurements and computerized report immediately at the end of testing.
  - ❑ **Neighborhood Environmental Report**
  - ❑ **Consultations:**
    - Energy Efficiency
    - Operation & Maintenance
    - Troubleshooting (Leaking Roofs, water in basements and Crawl Spaces, etc.)

For more information, please visit our site: [www.potomac-homes.net](http://www.potomac-homes.net)

## About EDR

Environmental Data Resources Inc. (EDR) is the leading national provider of environmental information services in the United States. As the innovator of the most comprehensive database of environmental and historical land use information, the company provides reports, subscription services and other solutions to help its customers assess and manage environmental risk. EDR customers include commercial and residential real estate professionals, environmental consultants, lenders, corporations, attorneys and government agencies. Established in 1991, EDR is headquartered in Milford, Connecticut with regional offices located throughout the United States. For more information, visit [www.edrnet.com/residential](http://www.edrnet.com/residential).