
INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE RADON REPORT

RADON TESTING REPORT

Lee Elementary School

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PURPOSE

Radon testing was done to measure the background levels in all classrooms, offices and staff work rooms that are in contact with the ground.

TEST METHOD

Radon Air-Chek short-term test devices were used in each location by placing the device 5-6 feet above the floor where it is not in direct contact with airflow from the ventilation system, windows or exterior doors. Staff were requested to keep windows closed during the testing period.

These short-term devices work by trapping room air inside the grains of charcoal within the devices, meaning that live radon gas is being captured. The analysis is performed by measuring the radiation emitted from the charcoal, which is proportional to the amount of radon that was present in the room air.

The testing occurred from Tuesday January 7 to Friday January 10, 2014, during normal and routine operation of the school.

EPA RADON GUIDELINES

The EPA has set an Action Level of 4.0 pCi/L (picoCuries per liter) for schools. If classrooms or buildings have radon levels at or above 4.0 pCi/L, EPA recommends that schools take action to reduce the level. These actions include:

Step 1 If your result is 4.0 pCi/L or higher take a follow-up test (Step 2) to be sure.

Step 2. Follow up with either a long-term test or a second short-term test:

RESULTS and RECOMMENDATION

No test locations were above the EPA's Action Level of 4.0 picoCuries per liter (pCi/l).

BACKGROUND ON RADON

Radon is a gas that occurs in nature, seeping up from the earth. It is odorless, colorless and tasteless. Radon comes from the natural breakdown, or radioactive decay, of uranium 238. The half-life of an individual element is relatively short. Within two weeks, about 90% of a given amount of radon gas will be gone. However, the actual health concern is for the radon decay products, called radon progeny, which carry a small static charge that allows their attachment to water vapor, dust and smoke particles in the air.

The Radon progeny can become lodged in the lung tissue when they are inhaled, and it is these particles' further radiation decay that is associated with potential lung cancer effects.

Radon can seep into buildings or schools through cracks in slab floors or porous cinderblock. It can enter around loose-fitting drainage pipes or through sump pumps.

The US EPA has set an Action Level of 4.0 pCi/L. At or above this level of radon, the EPA recommends that corrective measures should be taken to reduce the exposure to radon gas.

CONTROL OF RADON LEVELS IN SCHOOLS

The major control mechanism for lowering radon levels within school buildings is use of dilution ventilation. If the amount of outside air delivered into a building increases, the radon levels should decrease.

Sample Data Attached

Radon test result report for:SK
LEE

Kit #	Room Id	Started	Ended	pCi/L	Analyzed
4602045	A1	2014-01-07 @ 10:00 am	2014-01-10 @ 9:00 am	0.6	2014-01-14
4602044	A2	2014-01-07 @ 10:00 am	2014-01-10 @ 9:00 am	0.8	2014-01-14
4602043	A3	2014-01-07 @ 10:00 am	2014-01-10 @ 9:00 am	0.6	2014-01-14
4602042	A4	2014-01-07 @ 10:00 am	2014-01-10 @ 9:00 am	0.6	2014-01-14
4602041	A5	2014-01-07 @ 10:00 am	2014-01-10 @ 9:00 am	0.7	2014-01-14
4602040	A6	2014-01-07 @ 10:00 am	2014-01-10 @ 9:00 am	< 0.3	2014-01-14
4602039	A7	2014-01-07 @ 10:00 am	2014-01-10 @ 9:00 am	0.5	2014-01-14
4602055	B10	2014-01-07 @ 10:00 am	2014-01-10 @ 9:00 am	0.8	2014-01-14
4602056	B11	2014-01-07 @ 10:00 am	2014-01-10 @ 9:00 am	1.0	2014-01-14
4602057	B12	2014-01-07 @ 10:00 am	2014-01-10 @ 9:00 am	< 0.3	2014-01-14
4602058	B13	2014-01-07 @ 10:00 am	2014-01-10 @ 9:00 am	0.7	2014-01-14
4602053	B8	2014-01-07 @ 10:00 am	2014-01-10 @ 9:00 am	< 0.3	2014-01-14
4602054	B9	2014-01-07 @ 10:00 am	2014-01-10 @ 9:00 am	0.6	2014-01-14
4602047	C14	2014-01-07 @ 10:00 am	2014-01-10 @ 9:00 am	0.6	2014-01-14
4602048	C15	2014-01-07 @ 10:00 am	2014-01-10 @ 9:00 am	0.6	2014-01-14
4602049	C16	2014-01-07 @ 10:00 am	2014-01-10 @ 9:00 am	0.7	2014-01-14
4602050	C17	2014-01-07 @ 10:00 am	2014-01-10 @ 9:00 am	0.8	2014-01-14
4602051	C18	2014-01-07 @ 10:00 am	2014-01-10 @ 9:00 am	0.7	2014-01-14
4602052	C19	2014-01-07 @ 10:00 am	2014-01-10 @ 9:00 am	0.7	2014-01-14
4602062	COMM OFFICE	2014-01-07 @ 10:00 am	2014-01-10 @ 9:00 am	0.7	2014-01-14
4602046	COMPUTER RM	2014-01-07 @ 10:00 am	2014-01-10 @ 9:00 am	0.7	2014-01-14
4602061	CONFERENCE RM	2014-01-07 @ 10:00 am	2014-01-10 @ 9:00 am	0.7	2014-01-14
4602064	COUNSELOR	2014-01-07 @ 10:00 am	2014-01-10 @ 9:00 am	0.8	2014-01-14
4602065	CUSTODIAN	2014-01-07 @ 10:00 am	2014-01-10 @ 9:00 am	0.9	2014-01-14
4602067	KITCHEN	2014-01-07 @ 10:00 am	2014-01-10 @ 9:00 am	< 0.3	2014-01-14
4602038	LRC OFFICE	2014-01-07 @ 10:00 am	2014-01-10 @ 9:00 am	< 0.3	2014-01-14
4602066	MUSIC	2014-01-07 @ 10:00 am	2014-01-10 @ 9:00 am	0.8	2014-01-14
4602068	PE OFFICE	2014-01-07 @ 10:00 am	2014-01-10 @ 9:00 am	2.4	2014-01-14
4602060	PRINCIPAL	2014-01-07 @ 10:00 am	2014-01-10 @ 9:00 am	< 0.3	2014-01-14
4602063	SPEECH	2014-01-07 @ 10:00 am	2014-01-10 @ 9:00 am	0.8	2014-01-14
4602059	STAFF RM	2014-01-07 @ 10:00 am	2014-01-10 @ 9:00 am	0.8	2014-01-14