

INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE REPORT

Mary Eyre Elementary School

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PURPOSE

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

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.

These short-term devices work by trapping room air inside the grains of charcoal with 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 Monday, December 10 to Thursday, December 13, 2013 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, from uranium 238, and produces radon. 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:
SCHOOL
MARY EYRE

Kit #	Room Id	Started	Ended	pCi/L	Analyzed
4592145	A1	2012-12-10 @ 9:00 am	2012-12-13 @ 1:00 pm	0.5	2012-12-17
4592146	A2	2012-12-10 @ 9:00 am	2012-12-13 @ 1:00 pm	< 0.3	2012-12-17
4592147	A3	2012-12-10 @ 9:00 am	2012-12-13 @ 1:00 pm	0.9	2012-12-17
4592148	A4	2012-12-10 @ 9:00 am	2012-12-13 @ 1:00 pm	0.5	2012-12-17
4592149	A5	2012-12-10 @ 9:00 am	2012-12-13 @ 1:00 pm	0.6	2012-12-17
4592150	A6	2012-12-10 @ 9:00 am	2012-12-13 @ 1:00 pm	0.8	2012-12-17
4592126	B1	2012-12-10 @ 9:00 am	2012-12-13 @ 1:00 pm	0.9	2012-12-17
4592127	B2	2012-12-10 @ 9:00 am	2012-12-13 @ 1:00 pm	0.6	2012-12-17
4592128	B3	2012-12-10 @ 9:00 am	2012-12-13 @ 1:00 pm	0.7	2012-12-17
4592130	B3-4 OFFICE	2012-12-10 @ 9:00 am	2012-12-13 @ 1:00 pm	0.5	2012-12-17
4592129	B4	2012-12-10 @ 9:00 am	2012-12-13 @ 1:00 pm	0.7	2012-12-17
4592131	B5	2012-12-10 @ 9:00 am	2012-12-13 @ 1:00 pm	0.7	2012-12-17
4592132	B6	2012-12-10 @ 9:00 am	2012-12-13 @ 1:00 pm	1.1	2012-12-17
4592133	C1	2012-12-10 @ 9:00 am	2012-12-13 @ 1:00 pm	0.7	2012-12-17
4592134	C2	2012-12-10 @ 9:00 am	2012-12-13 @ 1:00 pm	1.2	2012-12-17
4592135	C3	2012-12-10 @ 9:00 am	2012-12-13 @ 1:00 pm	0.6	2012-12-17
4592136	C4	2012-12-10 @ 9:00 am	2012-12-13 @ 1:00 pm	0.8	2012-12-17
4592137	C5	2012-12-10 @ 9:00 am	2012-12-13 @ 1:00 pm	1.1	2012-12-17
4592138	C6	2012-12-10 @ 9:00 am	2012-12-13 @ 1:00 pm	0.6	2012-12-17
4592141	COMPUTER LAB	2012-12-10 @ 9:00 am	2012-12-13 @ 1:00 pm	< 0.3	2012-12-17
4592120	COUNSELOR	2012-12-10 @ 9:00 am	2012-12-13 @ 1:00 pm	0.8	2012-12-17
4592142	CUSTODIAN OFFICE	2012-12-10 @ 9:00 am	2012-12-13 @ 1:00 pm	0.6	2012-12-17
4592124	INSTRUCTIONAL CO	2012-12-10 @ 9:00 am	2012-12-13 @ 1:00 pm	0.7	2012-12-17
4592139	LITERACY	2012-12-10 @ 9:00 am	2012-12-13 @ 1:00 pm	< 0.3	2012-12-17
4592140	LRC	2012-12-10 @ 9:00 am	2012-12-13 @ 1:00 pm	0.9	2012-12-17
4592144	PE OFFICE	2012-12-10 @ 9:00 am	2012-12-13 @ 1:00 pm	0.6	2012-12-17
4592119	PRINCIPAL	2012-12-10 @ 9:00 am	2012-12-13 @ 1:00 pm	< 0.3	2012-12-17
4592123	READING SPE	2012-12-10 @ 9:00 am	2012-12-13 @ 1:00 pm	0.9	2012-12-17
4592122	SPECIALIST	2012-12-10 @ 9:00 am	2012-12-13 @ 1:00 pm	0.9	2012-12-17
4592125	SPEECH	2012-12-10 @ 9:00 am	2012-12-13 @ 1:00 pm	< 0.3	2012-12-17
4592143	STAFF ROOM	2012-12-10 @ 9:00 am	2012-12-13 @ 1:00 pm	0.7	2012-12-17
4592121	TIME OUT	2012-12-10 @ 9:00 am	2012-12-13 @ 1:00 pm	< 0.3	2012-12-17