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New Report from the EPA Office of Inspector General: Vapor Intrusion

December 15, 2009 • EPA OIG

The EPA Office of Inspector General (OIG) has recently issued a new report that is now available on our Website at <http://www.epa.gov/oig> under "Recent Releases:"

"Lack of Final Guidance on Vapor Intrusion Impedes Efforts to Address Indoor Air Risks," dated December 14, 2009, <http://www.epa.gov/oig/reports/2010/20091214-10-P-0042.pdf>

We conducted this review to determine what actions the EPA has taken, both general and site-specific, to identify and mitigate human health risks from chemical vapor intrusion that can be associated with contaminated sites. When EPA had not taken site-specific actions, we examined the reasons why.

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Register Now! Join the Radon Tee: World Trek 2010

December 11, 2009 • RadonLeaders.org



Registration is now open for **Radon Tee: World Trek 2010!** The project is being led by [Cancer Survivors Against Radon \(CanSAR\)](#). **Radon Tee** harnesses the power of social media by posting photos, videos, and stories of ordinary people appearing with **Radon Tee**, a special t-shirt designed for [Cancer Survivors Against Radon \(CanSAR\)](#) by a group of eighth grade students from Illinois. As **Radon Tee** treks around the world (Radon Tee has already been to Europe and the UK!), social content will be posted to its Facebook and Twitter accounts, where fans can see others who support radon awareness and learn about the importance of testing their own homes for radon. There will also be a Radon Tee blog on RadonLeaders.org which will detail the journey of **Radon Tee**.

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Health Physics Society Updates Position on Radon

November 24, 2009 • Health Physics Society

The Health Physics Society published "Perspectives and Recommendations on Indoor Radon"—its initial position statement on indoor radon—in October 1990. Since that time, the National Academy of Sciences has reevaluated the epidemiological data on underground miners and reviewed indoor radon epidemiological studies. The Academy published its findings in 1999 in its BEIR VI Report, "Health Effects

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of Exposure to Radon." The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) reevaluated its risk assessment in 2003. In addition, a significant amount of new information on residential radon studies has become available in the past few years.

HPS's full statement: http://hps.org/documents/radon_position_statement.pdf

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REGISTER NOW! December 8th Webinar on Radon T: World Trek 2010 & NEW Eddie's Story PSA Materials Now Available!

November 12, 2009 • RadonLeaders.org

Upcoming Webinar on Radon T: World Trek 2010

A hands-on, people driven project - help CanSAR and its partners kick off *Radon T: World Trek 2010*! Let's go to all the 50 States and as many territories as we can in 2010! Become a *Radon T: World Trek 2010* Team Leader to support Cancer Survivors Against Radon.

Radon T: World Trek 2010 is a social media project developed by Cancer Survivors Against Radon (CanSAR). The Radon T-shirt will be a physical symbol that travels the country, as well as an online voice for radon awareness. We want this project to go viral, and it can, **with your help!**

During the Webinar Team Leaders from Kentucky will explain how easy it is to get involved in *Radon T: World Trek 2010*. They will provide all the information you need: logistics, dates, and support materials on how state, business, and non-profit volunteers can all help as *Radon Leaders Saving Lives!*

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Many Schools Don't Test For Radon In Class: Pennsylvania Has No State Law Requiring Testing

November 6, 2009 • THEPITTSBURGHCHANNEL.COM

ORIGINAL STORY

Watch the Video Report

PITTSBURGH -- What if your child's school was infected with a dangerous gas, but you were never told about it?

Team 4 has learned three out of four school districts in our area have not done any radon testing. That's because there is no state or federal requirement to do it. Some schools that did test found levels in the danger zone.

NOTE - If you want to see whether your school district has done radon testing, use the links in the "Related" box on the right side of this page.

Howe Elementary in Mt. Lebanon is a Pennsylvania school of distinction. But five years ago, the school distinguished itself in another way: high radon levels.

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Review the Current Draft of the Strategic Program Plan for EPA's Radon Program

October 21, 2009 • RadonLeaders.org

EPA is developing a Strategic Program Plan to meet its mandates on radon, and is seeking input from the radon community. EPA has hosted two previous opportunities for feedback on its plan from individual radon stakeholders - a feedback poll hosted on RadonLeaders.org and a discussion Webinar. On Sunday, September 20, 2009 EPA hosted a discussion session on its Plan during the concurrent national radon meetings in St. Louis, MO (AARST's 2009 International Radon Symposium, and CRCPD's 19th National Radon Training Conference).

The current draft of the Strategic Program Plan is available for [download](#).

Please note, you must be logged in to RadonLeaders.org to download these documents.

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Michigan Governor Urging Home Radon Testing

October 19, 2009 • [The Michigan News](#)

ORIGINAL POSTING

Lansing – Governor Jennifer M. Granholm has declared October 18-24 to be Radon Action Week, and Department of Environmental Quality Director Steven E. Chester is joining her by encouraging state residents to test their homes for the radioactive gas.

“Radon is tasteless, odorless, and colorless, which too often makes it easy to ignore,” said Director Chester. “The reality is that nearly one in eight Michigan homes could have an indoor radon problem and the only way to know if your family is at risk is to test your home.”

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas found in almost any kind of soil or rock. It travels through the ground, and is quickly diluted when released to the atmosphere, however, when it seeps into homes through openings in the foundation floor or walls, it can build up to unhealthy levels.

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Council could have to pay €1m radon gas bill (Ireland)

October 9, 2009 • [Myles Buchanan, Wicklow People](#)

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

High levels radon within Wicklow County Council's housing stock could see the council's finances spiralling out of control, as they face a bill of €1 million to bring the radon levels to an acceptable level.

Director of Services Michael Nicholson told members of the council on Monday that Wicklow has one of the highest levels of radon gas in the country.

He said the council currently had 2,200 houses on their books, 1,700 of them which had been built before 1998 when radon prevention measures came into place.

He said that to test each of these houses, at an average cost of €75 per house would cost €165,000. Any remedial works to houses affected would cost between €1,500 and €5,000 per house.

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Survey: 1 in 4 homes have high radon (Ely, NV)

October 8, 2009 • [The Ely Times](#)

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

With new test results showing one out of four homes in Nevada with elevated levels of radon, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension officials are urging all homeowners to have their homes tested for the cancer-causing gas.

Susan Howe, program director for University of Nevada Cooperative Extension's Radon Education Program, said more than 4,000 homes were tested in Nevada last year - thanks in large part to the more than 4,550 free test kits distributed by UNCE during National Radon Action Month last January.

Although the Nevada State Health Division conducted a radon survey in the late 1980s and early 1990s, the Cooperative Extension's kit-distribution efforts have resulted in thousands of additional tests in homes throughout the state. The data from those more than 5,268 tests shows elevated levels of radon were found in 25.2 percent of all homes tested statewide.

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