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Radon Survey Analysis
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for

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property located at
655 Filmore St.
Burns, OR 97720

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Introduction

The following report documents a study of radon levels for the property located at 655 Filmore St Burns OR 97720. The goal of this study is to determine indoor radon levels for all areas in contact with the ground. Testing performed per Oregon Health Authority School Testing Protocols.

Analysis assumes that the buildings tested were maintained under “closed-building” conditions (windows closed and exterior doors shut immediately after entering and exiting), as well as normal indoor temperatures, for the duration of the testing period. The H-VAC system for each building was set to normal occupied settings for the entirety of the testing period.

Conclusions and Recommendations

Test was a “Short-Term” test, with minimum duration of 60 hours. See the chart below of areas in buildings that were tested, and the corresponding levels found. Maps of the test levels are provided in Appendix A. Note that all 14 locations tested had results below the USEPA Action Level of 4.0 pCi/L.

No mitigation action is recommended at this time. While the USEPA recommends buildings be fixed if the radon level is 4.0 pCi/L or more, because there is no known safe level of exposure to radon, the US EPA also suggests individuals consider fixing buildings for radon levels between 2.0 pCi/L and 4.0 pCi/L.

This report represents the average radon concentration for the period that testing was and at the specific location(s) within the building. The concentration of radon gas in indoor air can vary widely; it fluctuates daily, seasonally, and with weather conditions. Indoor radon levels may be affected by barometric pressure, strong winds, rain-soaked ground, snow cover, heating and A/C systems, building construction, open windows, and the like. For further confirmation of average, long-term radon levels, it is suggested that long-term, Alpha-Track type radon testing be performed.

NOTE: It is recommended from the Oregon Health Authority that any school indicating low radon values be retested at least every 10 years. In areas where mitigation has been performed, it is recommended to test using long-term testing at least every 5 years.

Radon Level Measurements

The building tested was assumed occupied during testing.
The measurement technique used 17 AirChek activated charcoal kits.

Test Start Date: 12/07/2020

Test End Date: 12/10/2020

Measurements of radon levels were made in the following areas:

Table 1: Results

Room	Floor	Kit ID#	Test Start Time	Test End Time	Result (pCi/L)
Lobby	1	9545603	7:00 am	7:00 am	2.9 pCi/L
Lobby Office	1	9545628	7:00 am	7:00 am	2.6 pCi/L
Office 4	1	9545607	8:00 am	7:00 am	2.1 pCi/L
Office 3	1	9545613	7:00 am	7:00 am	1.9 pCi/L
Office 2	1	9545614	7:00 am	7:00 am	2.2 pCi/L
Office 1	1	9545621	7:00 am	7:00 am	1.2 pCi/L
Infant Toddler Room	1	Duplicate Avg*	7:00 am	7:00 am	2.8 pCi/L
Great Start Classroom	1	9545623	7:00 am	7:00 am	2.7 pCi/L
Head Start Classroom 4	1	9545623	8:00 am	7:00 am	2.2 pCi/L
Head Start Classroom 5	1	Duplicate Avg*	8:00 am	7:00 am	2.8 pCi/L
Home Based Classroom	1	9545631	7:00 am	7:00 am	3.1 pCi/L
Staff Room	1	9545643	8:00 am	7:00 am	2.9 pCi/L
Conference Room	1	9545644	8:00 am	7:00 am	2.2 pCi/L

Room	Floor	Kit ID#	Test Start Time	Test End Time	Result (pCi/L)
Kitchen	1	9545649	8:00 am	7:00 am	2.1 pCi/L

Duplicate measurements were conducted as a means to assess the precision of the test measurements. The criteria of acceptance is that the average relative percent difference (ARPD) of the results of the two measurement results for results whose averages are greater than 4.0, should be within 25%. The results of the collated duplicates are provided in Table 2. The applicable ARPD for this survey was not applicable and is thus in compliance.

Table 2: *Duplicate Table

Room	Kit ID#	Test Start Time	Test End Time	Result (pCi/L)	Average (pCi/L)	Avg > 3.9 pCi/L?	RPD %
Infant Toddler Room	9545615	7:00 am	7:00 am	2.8	2.75 pCi/L	No	N/A
	9545616	7:00 am	7:00 am	2.7			
Head Start Classroom 5	9545629	8:00 am	7:00 am	2.7	2.75 pCi/L	No	N/A
	9545630	8:00 am	7:00 am	2.8			
Average RPD for Duplicate Averages more than 3.9 pCi/L:							N/A
In Compliance:							Yes

As a means to determine any biases in the results, detectors were deployed but not opened. At the time of test retrieval of the regular test, the devices were removed from their packaging and sent to the laboratory for blind analysis. The results of these unexposed devices are shown in Table 3. As can be seen, the laboratory reported these at the lower level of detection, indicating that no biases were introduced in handling and shipping of the devices.

Table 3: Blanks

Room	Blank #	Kit ID#	Result (pCi/L)	In Compliance?
Office 3	1	9545612	0.3 pCi/L	Yes

A device was also selected from the lot of detectors that were utilized for exposure to a known radon environment at a spiking chamber (Bowser-Morner, NEHANRPP ID# 101 TC). After exposure, the device was submitted as a blind measurement to the laboratory. A comparison of the reported reading from the lab and the known concentration in the chamber is as follows:

Chamber concentration to which device was exposed:	29.5 pCi/L
Concentration reported by lab:	33.7 pCi/L
Relative percent difference (RPD):	13.3 %

The RPD between the reported and spiking concentration is well within normal limits.

Key:

pCi/L: Picocuries per liter – units of radon concentration.

Average (Avg): Cumulative average of the entire period since the test started.

Invalid: Kit is void due to being found on floor, damaged, missing, or visibly tampered with after placement

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

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Appendix A: Map of Test Results – School Building

