



Canadian Radon Program - Measurement

Differences between the Canadian and U.S. Programs

- Consumer Guidance
- Units of Measure
- Large Buildings



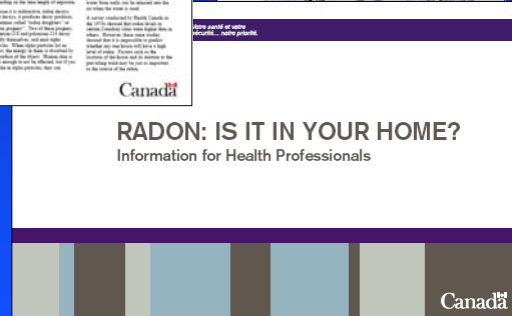
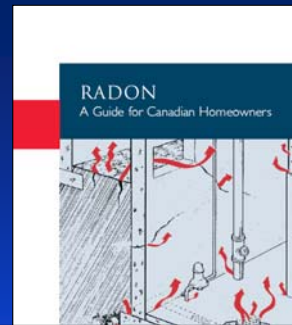
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Mitigation differences addressed in another course

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Canadian Guidance Health Risk Estimates Distribution



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Canadian Radon Guidance for Dwellings

- Current Guidance: 200 Bq/M3 of Radon
 - Federal Provincial Territorial Radiation Protection Committee – October 2006
 - Government of Canada – June 9, 2007
- Previous Guidance: 800 Bq/M3 of Radon

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Canadian Radon Levels

| Situation | Current |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Average Outdoor Radon Levels | 10 Bq/M3 |
| Geometric Mean of Indoor Levels | 41.9 Bq/M3 |
| Level to which most homes can be mitigated | 75 Bq/M3 |
| % Homes Above 200 Bq/M3 (Population Weighted) | 6.9% Previously was 3.3% |

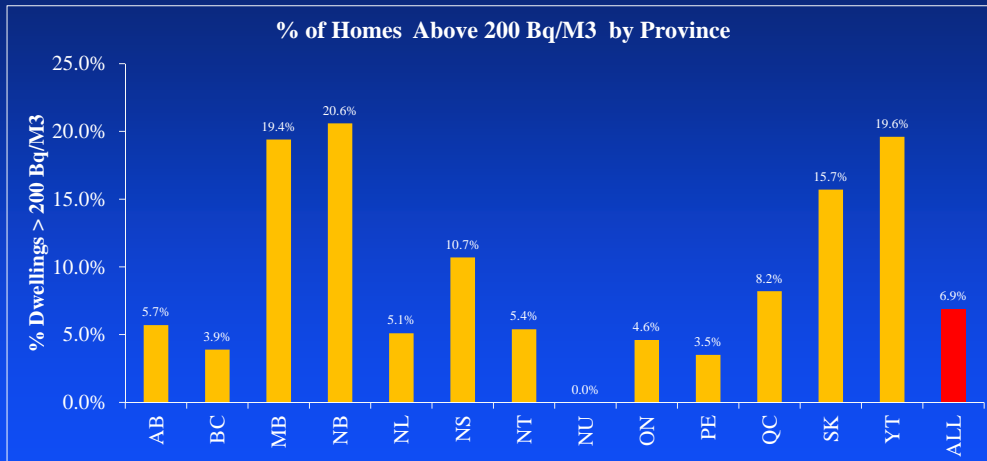
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2. Cross-Canada Survey of Radon Concentrations in Homes
March 2012 http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/alt_formats/pdf/radiation/radon/survey-sondage-eng.pdf

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Canadian Incidence by Province

Cross-Canada Survey of Radon Concentrations in Homes March 2012
13,976 homes http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/alt_formats/pdf/radiation/radon/survey-sondage-eng.pdf



Percentage of Canadian dwellings above 200 Bq/M3: **6.9 %**

Average Indoor Exposure: **41.9 Bq/M3**

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Canadian Health Risk Assumptions

| Situation | 2006 (Ref 1) | 2011 (Ref 2) |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Lung Cancer – Men | 10,700 | 11,300 |
| Lung Cancer Women | 8,600 | 9,300 |
| Lung Cancer Total | 19,300 | 20,300 |
| Lung Cancer Attributed to Radon | 10% | 16% |
| Attributed to Radon (cases) | 1,930 | 3,261 |

Assumptions:

- Average time spent in home: 18 hours/day (75%)
- Average indoor radon: 41.9 Bq/M3 – 45 Bq/M3

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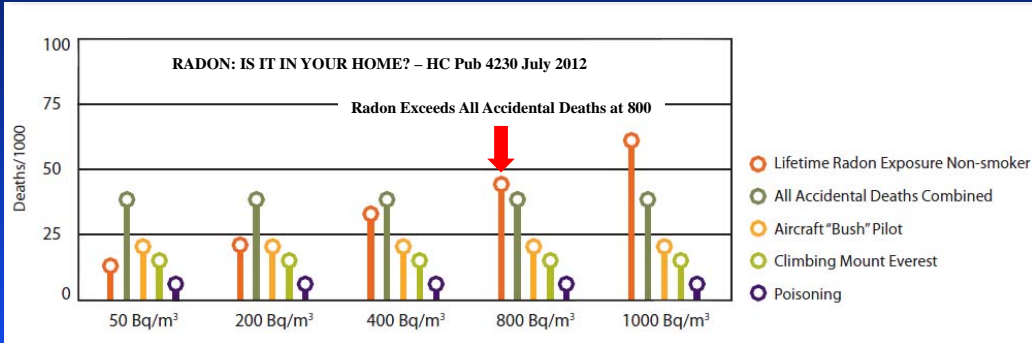
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Lifetime Risk Comparison (Non-Smoker)

RADON: IS IT IN YOUR HOME?



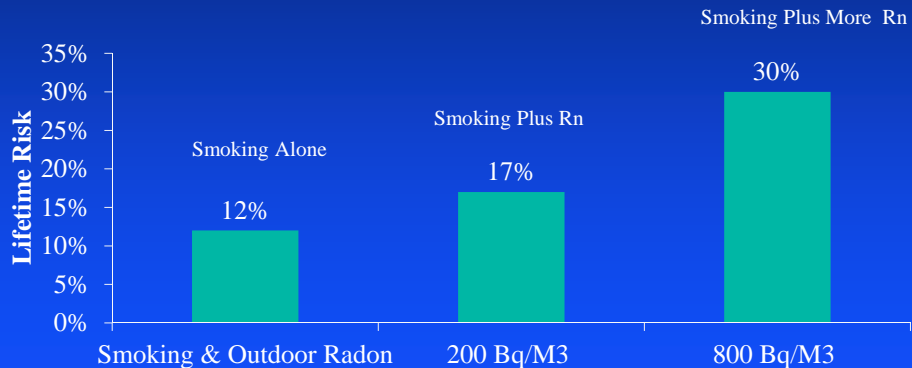
- Risk is linear with radon exposure
- 12 deaths/1000 people for every 50 Bq/M3 average lifetime exposure
- Exceeds all accidental deaths at 800 Bq/M3

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Radon and Smoking

RADON: IS IT IN YOUR HOME? Information for Health Professionals

Lung Cancer Risk from Smoking and Increasing Lifetime Exposure to Radon



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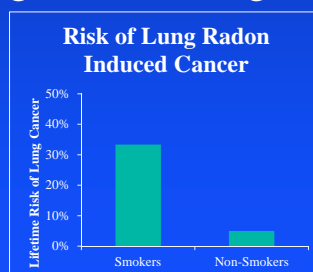
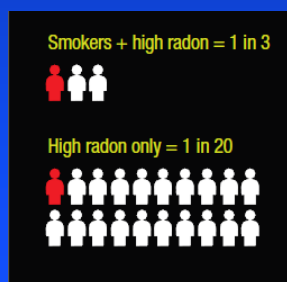
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Radon Induced Lung Cancer Smokers vs. Non-Smokers

RADON – ANOTHER REASON TO QUIT

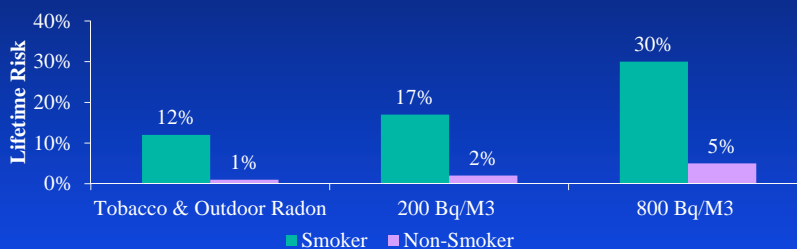
- Lung cancer risk from radon essentially 6 times greater for smokers than non-smokers.
- 16% of lung cancers from radon (previously was 10%)
- Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer.



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Radon Risk Smokers vs. Non-Smokers

Lifetime Risks from Radon Smokers vs. Non-Smokers



LIFETIME RISKS TO A SMOKER EXPOSED TO RADON

Lung cancer risk for lifetime exposure to radon at 800 Bq/m³ 30%
 Lung cancer risk for lifetime exposure to radon at 200 Bq/m³ 17%
 Lung cancer risk from smoking only 12%

LIFETIME RISKS TO A NON-SMOKER EXPOSED TO RADON

Lung cancer risk for lifetime exposure to radon at 800 Bq/m³ 5%
 Lung cancer risk for lifetime exposure to radon at 200 Bq/m³ 2%
 Lung cancer risk for exposure to radon at low outdoor levels 1%

(Source: Report of the Radon Working Group on a New Radon Guideline for Canada)

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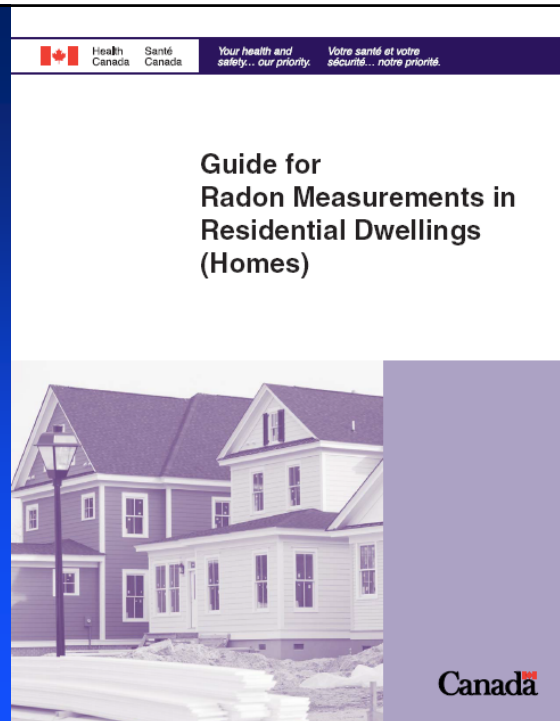
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Physics and Radon Measurements



Canadian Approaches to Radon Measurement

- Differences between Health Canada Guidance and U.S. EPA Protocols
 - Residential
 - Public Buildings
 - Schools
 - Post-Mitigation Testing

There are more similarities than there are differences!

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What is Similar?

- **Device types**
 - Device use and approvals are identical
- **Quality Assurance and Quality Control**
 - Identical requirements for duplicates, blanks, spikes, performance testing, etc.
 - Both refer to US EPA Document
 - Guidance on Quality Assurance EPA 402-R-95-012 October 1997.
- **Common certification oversight**
 - National Radon Proficiency Program
- **Radon behavior**
 - Radon acts the same on either side of the 49th parallel

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What are Basic Differences?

- **Measurement Units**
 - SI units
- **Canadian preference for Long-Term measurements**
 - US also prefers long-term measurements as better indicator but emphasizes short-term as first step in identifying problem
 - Canada recommends long-term (3 month minimum as first step)
- **Canada requires knowledge of public building protocols**
 - Public buildings considered to be “dwellings”
- **Real Estate Testing**
 - Need for short-term testing recognized, but long-term is still recommended.

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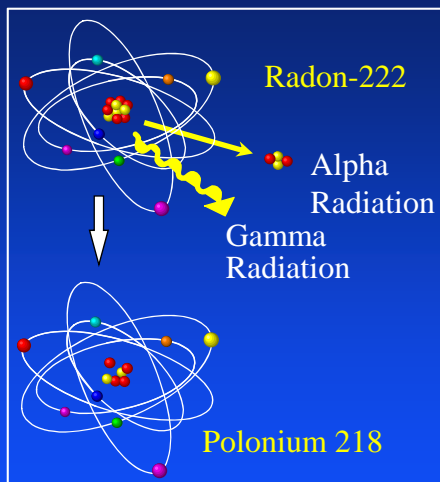
Applicable SI Units

SI: systeme internationale

- Radioactivity
- Exposure
- Dose
- Pressure Measurements

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Radioactivity



Rate that a radioactive element decays or disintegrates down to another element.

| Type | Unit | Rate/Second | Rate/Minute |
|-----------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| U.S. | Pico Curie (pCi) | .037 decays per second | 2.22 decays per minute |
| SI/Canada | Becquerel (Bq) | 1 decay per second | 60 decays per minute |

A source at 1 Bq is 27 times stronger than one at 1 pCi
($1/0.037 = 27$)

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Radioactivity per Unit Volume

- U.S.
 - Liter
- Canada
 - Cubic Meter

| Type | Unit | Rate/Minute per Unit Volume |
|-----------|--|--------------------------------------|
| U.S. | Pico Curie/Liter (pCi/L) | 2.22 decays per minute per liter |
| SI/Canada | Becquerel per cubic meter (Bq/M ³) | 60 decays per minute per cubic meter |

$$1 \text{ pCi/L} = \frac{2.22 \text{ DPM}}{L} \times \frac{1,000 L}{1 \text{ M}^3} \times \frac{Bq}{60 \text{ DPM}} = 37 \text{ Bq/M}^3$$

$$1 \text{ Bq/M}^3 = \frac{60 \text{ DPM}}{\text{M}^3} \times \frac{1 \text{ M}^3}{1000 L} \times \frac{pCi}{2.22 \text{ DPM}} = 0.027 \text{ pCi/L}$$

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Converting Between Bq/M³ & pCi/L

$$\frac{Bq/M^3}{37} = pCi/L$$

$$pCi/L \times 37 = Bq/M^3$$

Tips:

- Remember 37
- To convert --- either multiply or divide by 37
- If sampling same location -- Bq/M³ will always be numerically larger than pCi/L
 - Divide by 37 when converting Bq/M³ to pCi/L
 - Multiply by 37 when converting pCi/L to Bq/M³

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Conversion Examples: Bq/M³ to pCi/L

$$\frac{\text{Bq/M}^3}{37} = \text{pCi/L}$$

- What is the Canadian radon guidance in pCi/L?

$$\frac{200 \text{ Bq/M}^3}{37} = 5.4 \text{ pCi/L}$$

- What is World Health Organization's Reference Level of 100 Bq/M³ in terms of pCi/L?

$$\frac{100 \text{ Bq/M}^3}{37} = 2.7 \text{ pCi/L}$$

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Conversion Examples: pCi/L to Bq/M³

$$\text{pCi/L} \times 37 = \text{Bq/M}^3$$

- What is the U.S. radon guidance in Bq/M³ ?

$$4.0 \text{ pCi/L} \times 37 = 148 \text{ Bq/M}^3$$

- What is U.S. EPA's suggestion to which homes can be reduced when mitigated in Bq/M³?

$$2.0 \text{ pCi/L} \times 37 = 74 \text{ Bq/M}^3$$

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Radon Decay Product Units

- Working Levels (WL) are used in Canadian occupational guidance documents
 - SI Units:
 - Micro joules/cubic meter abbreviated: $\mu\text{J}/\text{M}^3$
 - Measure of energy per unit volume (cubic meter)
- ___ WL x 20.8 = __micro joules per cubic meter

Example: 0.020 WL x 20.8 = 0.416 $\mu\text{J}/\text{M}^3$

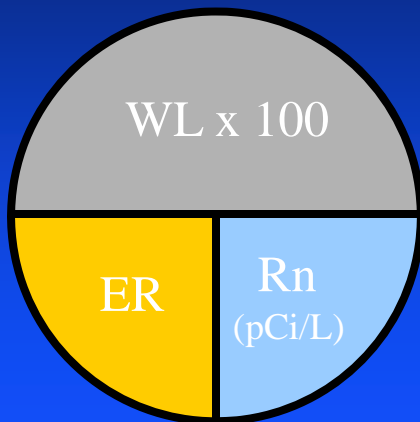
This can also be expressed in milli joules (factor of 1,000) or 416 mJ/M^3

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Equilibrium Equation (English)

A Means for Estimating RDP Levels from Radon Measurements

Where Radon is Measured in pCi/L



■ $ER = \frac{WL \times 100}{Rn}$

■ $Rn = \frac{WL \times 100}{ER}$

■ $WL = \frac{ER \times Rn}{100}$

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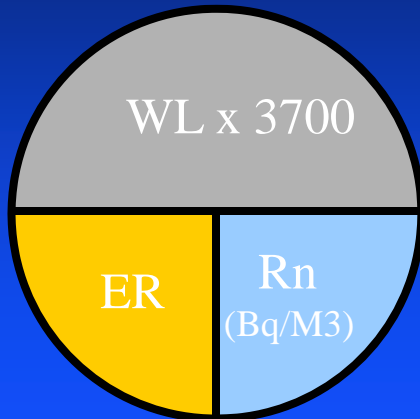
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Equilibrium Equation (SI)

A Means for Estimating RDP Levels from Radon Measurements

Where Radon is Measured in **Bq/M³**



$$\blacksquare ER = \frac{WL \times 3700}{Rn}$$

$$\blacksquare Rn = \frac{WL \times 3700}{ER}$$

$$\blacksquare WL = \frac{ER \times Rn}{3700}$$

$$\frac{Bq/M^3}{37} = pCi/L$$

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Equilibrium Equation Example 1 Calculate RDPs

If EF = 40% and radon is 800 Bq/M³, what is Radon Decay Product activity in units of WL?

$$WL = \frac{ER \times Rn}{3700} = \frac{0.4 \times 800}{3700} = 0.086 WL$$

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Equilibrium Equation Example 2 Calculate Equilibrium Factor

If $R_n = 250 \text{ Bq/M}^3$ and $RDPs = .042 \text{ WL}$ what is EF?

$$ER = \frac{WL \times 3700}{R_n} = \frac{0.042 \times 3700}{250} = 0.62 \text{ or } 62\%$$

Note: Percentage of decay products in air is referred to as equilibrium factor (EF) or Equilibrium Ratio (ER)

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Equilibrium Equation Example 3 Calculate Radon

How much radon is needed to create 0.020 WL in a room assumed to have an equilibrium factor of 40% EF?

$$R_n = \frac{WL \times 3700}{ER} = \frac{0.020 \times 3700}{0.4} = 185 \text{ Bq/M}^3$$

Note: Canada (and others) assume an EF of 40% (0.4)

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Dose – WLM and milli Sieverts

- Working Level Month is a combination of exposure and time of exposure:

- $$\text{WLM} = \frac{\text{WL} \times \text{hours}}{170 \text{ hours/year}}$$

- Conversion Factors:

| Situation* | Conversion |
|------------|-----------------------|
| Workplace | ___ WLM x 5 = ___ mSv |
| Public | ___ WLM x 4 = ___ mSv |

* Canadian Centre for Occupational Health and Safety - http://www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/phys_agents/ionizing.html

* ICRP Publication 65, Protection Against Radon at Home and at Work

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Dose Example (1)

What is dose in mSv for working a full year (2,000 hours) at average radon level of 150 Bq/M3?

1. Convert Bq/M3 to pCi/L : $150 \text{ Bq/M3} / 37 = 4.05 \text{ pCi/L}$
2. Estimate RDP in WL using Canadian EF assumption (40%)
$$\text{WL} = \text{RN} \times \text{EF}/100 = 4.05 \times .4/100 = .016 \text{ WL}$$
3. Determine Dose in WLM
$$\text{WLM} = \text{WL} \times \text{hours}/170 = .016 \times 2000/170 = 0.188 \text{ WLM}$$
4. Apply appropriate conversion factor
$$0.188 \text{ WLM} \times 5 \text{ mSv/WLM} = 0.94 \text{ mSv (Essentially 1mSv)}$$

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Another Way for Calculating Dose*

$$300,000 \text{ Bq/M}^3 - \text{hours} = 1 \text{ mSv}^*$$

or

$$300 \text{ kBq/M}^3 - \text{hours} = 1 \text{ mSv}$$

Assumes 40% Equilibrium Factor

1. Multiply radon in Bq/M³ x hours worked
2. Divide by 300,000 to obtain mSv

* Reducing Radon Levels in Existing Homes A Canadian Guide for Professional Contractors

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Dose Example (2)

What is dose in mSv for working 4 weeks at average radon level of 450 Bq/M³?

1. Calculate hours during period

$$4 \text{ (weeks)} \times 40 \text{ (work hours per week)} = 160 \text{ hours}$$

2. Calculate k Bq/M³ – hours

$$450 \text{ Bq/M}^3 \times 160 \text{ hours} = 72000 \text{ Bq/M}^3 \text{ hours}/1000$$

$$= 72 \text{ kBq/M}^3 \text{ hours}$$

3. Determine Dose in mSv

$$\frac{72 \frac{\text{kBq}}{\text{M}^3} \text{ hours}}{300 \frac{\text{kBq}}{\text{M}^3} \text{ hours per mSv}} = 0.24 \text{ mSv}$$

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What is Significance of Annual Dose to a Radon Professional?*

According to the Canadian Guidelines for the Management of Naturally Occurring Radioactive Materials there are specific exposure brackets where specific Management Plans are to be in place:

| Annual Effective Dose mSv | Equivalent Annual Radon Exposure kBq/M3 – hours | Average Radon for 2,000 hours per year & 40% EF Bq/M3 | Action |
|---------------------------|---|---|------------------------------|
| Less than 1 | Less than 300 | Less than 150 | No action |
| 1 to 5 | 300 - 1500 | 150 - 750 | Dose Management Program |
| 5-20 | 1500 - 6000 | 750 - 3000 | Radiation Protection Program |
| 20 and above | 6000 | 3000 | Dose Limit |

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Measurement Protocol Differences

Device characteristics are identical to materials covered in CERTI course
(U.S. Device Protocols)

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Residential Deployment Locations

- Residential dwellings:
 - Single family residences
 - Apartment units
 - ☞ Locations below 3rd floor
- One device per dwelling (plus QA/QC)
 - Normal occupancy area in lowest level of home
 - ☞ Where one would spend 4 hours or more per day
- No stipulation for duplicate, passive, short-term integrating devices in real estate transactions

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Test Device Placement

| Distance from: | Metric | English |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Floor | 0.8 to 2 meters above floor | 3 To 6.5 feet above floor |
| Ceiling | At least 50 cm from ceiling | At least 20 inches from ceiling |
| Interior wall | At least 40 cm from interior wall | At least 16 inches from interior wall |
| Exterior wall | At least 50 cm from exterior wall | At least 20 inches from exterior wall |
| Other objects* | At least 20 cm from other objects | At least 8 inches from other objects |

* Objects that might interfere with normal air movement to device like behind a bookcase

| Avoid | Avoid |
|-----------------------|--|
| High humidity areas | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kitchen, laundry room, bathrooms |
| Non occupied areas | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closets cupboards, sumps, crawlspaces, foundation nooks |
| Air currents and Heat | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Path of forced air from HVAC system • Over radiators • Near fireplaces • In direct sunlight |

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Residential Building Conditions Long-Term Tests

- No special building operating conditions
- Test Duration:
 - Minimum: 3 months*
 - Optimum: 12 months
- Testing Period:
 - Ideal: October to April – but not mandatory

*1 month tests are listed in Canadian Guidance but strongly discouraged

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Residential Building Conditions Short-Term Test

| Item | Status during S.T. Test | Comment |
|---------------------------|---|---|
| Exterior windows* | Closed | |
| Exterior doors* | Closed except for normal entry and exit | Do not leave open for more than a few minutes |
| Heat Recovery Ventilators | Operate as normal | Probably should note on report |
| Air Conditioning | OK if recirculates interior air only | Window units- turn to total recycle |
| Attic Fans | Operate as normal | |
| Radon mitigation system | Operate as normal | Probably should note on report |
| Whole house fans | OFF | Not stipulated in guidance |
| Exhaust fans | Operate as normal | Do not run continuously |

* If test is less than 4 days, doors and windows should be closed 12 hours prior as well as all during test

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Long-Term Devices Listed

| Long-Term Devices | Duration |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Alpha Track Detectors | 1 to 12 months |
| Electret Ion Chamber | 1 to 12 months |
| Digital Detector* | Running average |

*Not an officially approved device by NRPP as of 2/1/2013

- Canadian program emphasizes use of long-term test devices to characterize indoor radon levels
- Although 1 month test is allowed -- 3 month minimum is strongly suggested

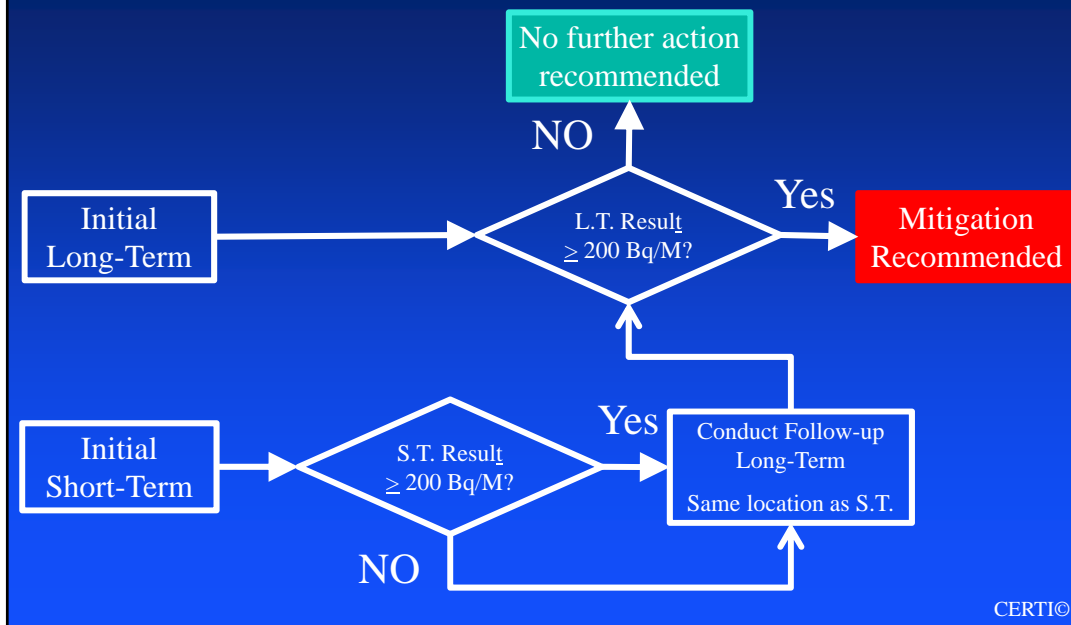
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Short-Term Devices Listed

| Short-Term Devices | Duration |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| Activated Charcoal | 2 to 7 days |
| Charcoal Liquid Scintillation | 2 to 7 days |
| Electret Ion Chamber | 2 to 7 days |
| Continuous Radon Monitor | Normally 48 hours (Can be longer) |
| Continuous Working Level Monitor (RDPs) | Minimum 48 hours (Can be longer) |
| Radon Progeny Integrating Sampling Unit | Normally 48 hours (Can be longer) |
| Three Day Integrating Evacuated Scintillation Cell | Three days |
| Grab Radon / Activated Carbon | Typically 5 minute diagnostic samples |
| Grab Radon / Scintillation Cell | Typically 5 minute diagnostic samples |
| Grab Radon / Pump Collapsible Bag | Typically 5 minute diagnostic samples |
| Grab Working Level (RDPs) | Typically 5 minute diagnostic samples |

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Interpretation of Results - Residential Dwellings



Use of Short-Term Test Results

- Regardless of ST test result, it should be followed up with a long-term test.
- A single short-term test is not sufficient for making a mitigation decision.
- Test duration less than 2 days is never acceptable to determine radon concentrations.

Remediation Time Frame


| Radon Concentration Bq/M3 (Assumed from Long-Term Test) | Recommended Remedial Action Time |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| Greater than 600 Bq/M3 | Less than 1 year |
| Between 200 – 600 Bq/M3 | In less than 2 years |
| Less than 200 | No action required |

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Post-Mitigation Testing

| Event | Type of Test | Timing | Comment |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|--|
| Immediately After mitigation | Short-Term | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> After system has operated 24 hours Same location as pre-mitigation test Effective: If result less than 100 Bq/M3 Ineffective if result greater than 200 Bq/M3 |
| 1 st Follow-up | Long-Term | In winter after ST test | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assumed to be within 12 months after mitigation |
| 2 nd Follow-up | Long-Term | Within 2 years after mitigation | |
| Subsequent follow-ups | Long-Term | Every 5 years after mitigation | |

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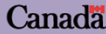
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Public Buildings

- Indoor areas for public considered to be dwellings
 - Long-term care residences
 - Hospitals
 - Schools
 - Detention Centres


Guide for Radon Measurements in Public Buildings

(Schools, Hospitals, Care Facilities, Detention Centres)





Public Building Guidance


- Public : 200 Bq/M3
- Workers: Not covered in Public Building Document
 - Canadian Guidelines for Management of Naturally Occurring Radioactive Materials (NORM)



Canadian Guidelines for the Management of Naturally Occurring Radioactive Materials (NORM)



<http://hc-sc.gc.ca/ewh-semt/pubs/contaminants/norm-mrn/index-eng.php>
 - Canadian Labour Code



Long-Term Testing of Federal Buildings

Following is a breakdown of the Federal Building radon test results as of December 2011.

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Total number of Buildings | 7239 |
| Number of Buildings with average Radon below 200 Bq/m³ | 6887 |
| Number of Buildings with average Radon between 200 and 600 Bq/m³ | 301 |
| Number of Buildings with average Radon above 600 Bq/m³ | 51 |

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Public Buildings vs. Schools

- Public Buildings
 - Assumed to be occupied 100% of time
 - Test duration: 3-12 months
- Schools
 - Assumed to be occupied:
 - ☞ 5 days per week
 - ☞ 10 months/ year
 - ☞ Special calculation is used to estimate student exposure
 - Long-term weighted by CRM results (later)

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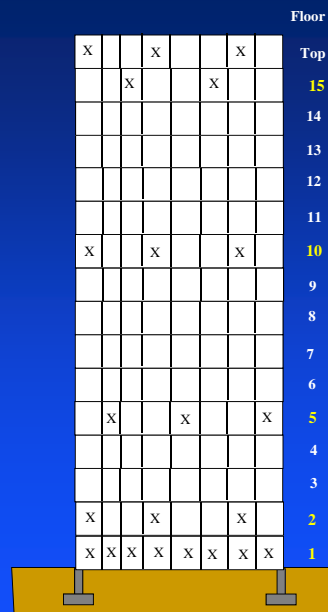
Test Locations Public Buildings and Schools

1. Test all rooms with floors or walls that are in direct contact with the ground or a crawl space.
 - If none of these levels have occupied rooms, test all occupied rooms on the first occupied level.
2. Test every 3rd room on the floor level above the floor meeting criterion #1.
3. Test every 3rd room on the top floor of the building.
4. Test every 3rd room of every 5th floor (e.g. Floor 5, 10, 15, 20, 25,...).

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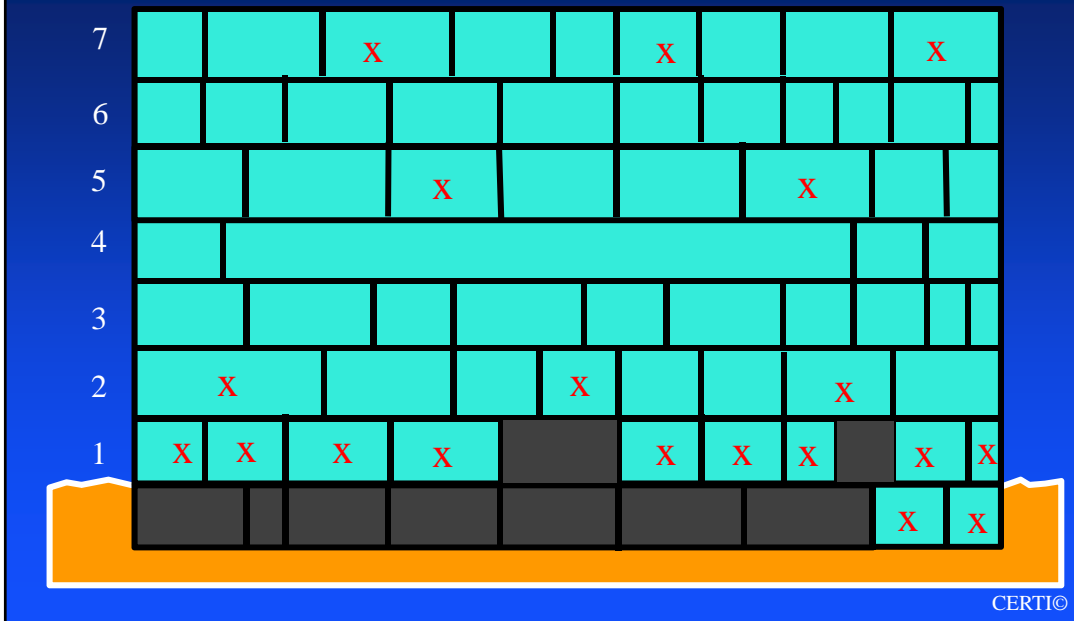
Public Building Measurement Locations

- Test
 - All ground contact rooms occupied more than 4 hours per day
 - 1 out of 3 occupied rooms on:
 - ☞ Floor above lowest occupied level
 - ☞ Top floor of building
 - ☞ Every 5th floor
- Do not test
 - Storage areas, closets, warehouse space, kitchens
 - Rooms occupied < 4 hours/day



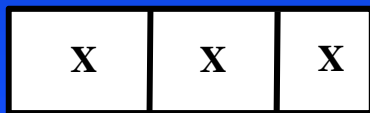
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Example 1 Essentially Unoccupied Basement

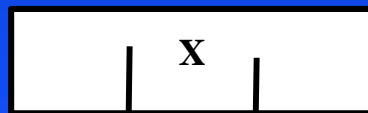


Public Buildings – Measurement Locations

- Test all ground floor occupied rooms
- Room Definition:
 - Occupied 4 hours or more per day
 - Has floor to ceiling walls
 - ☞ Partitions do not constitute a room
- Large rooms 1 device per 200 square meters



Floor to ceiling walls: 3 locations



Partial dividers: 1 location

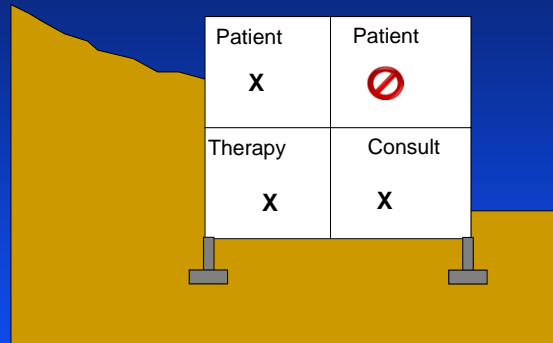
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Rooms in Contact with The Soil

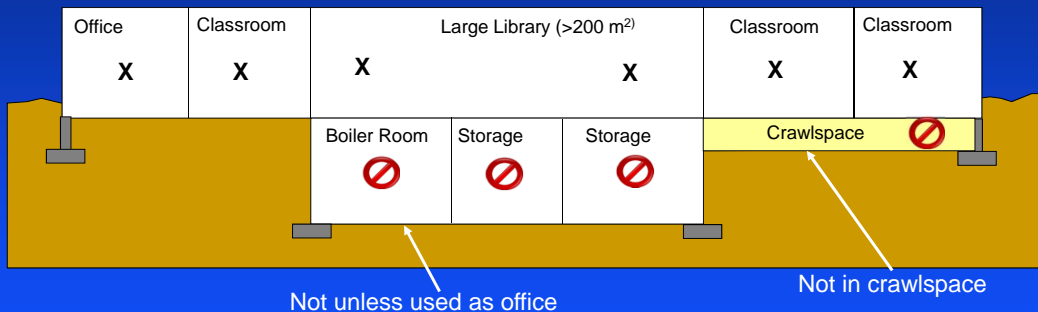


X = Test Location

⊘ Not a Test Location

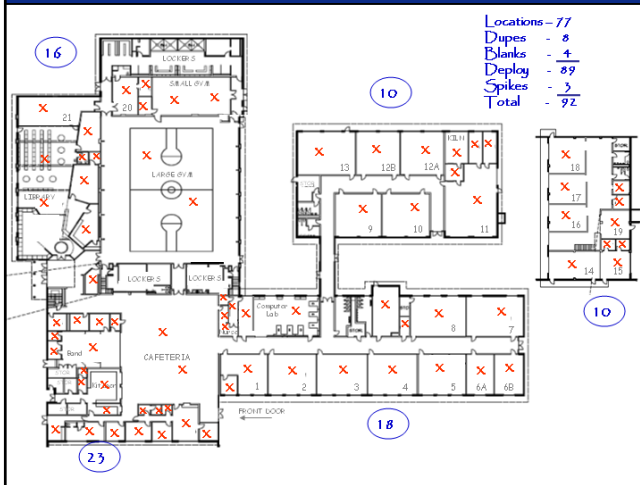
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Lowest Location in Contact with Soil



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Single Story School Example



- Every occupied room
- 1 per 200 m²
- 10% Duplicates
- Additional QA/QC:
 - 5% Blanks
 - 3% Spikes

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Examples of Rooms Not to Test

- Rooms not occupied more than 4 hours per day
- Locker rooms
- Hallways if not occupied more than 4 hours per day
- Storage areas
 - Consider testing if they could be occupied in future
- Bathrooms
- Crawlspace
- Utility tunnels
- Boiler rooms unless occupied as office
- Rooms where wall does not extend to ceiling

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Deployment Considerations-Public Buildings

- Deploy devices identically to placement in residences
- If several buildings in a complex, test each separately
- Additional recommendations – Public Buildings
 - Avoid high heat zones such as over radiators
 - Out of direct path of air supply ducts
 - Avoid being close to electrically powered equipment
 - ☞ Computers
 - ☞ Televisions
 - ☞ Stereos and speakers

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QA/QC Duplicates Public Buildings & Schools

- Duplicates in 10% of locations
 - Required if more than 10 locations to be tested
 - ☞ Recommendation: Always at least one
 - Distribute systematically throughout
- Locate 10 cm (4 inches apart)



Duplicate devices

If one result is more than twice the other:

- Report to supplier/laboratory
- Room or area tested may need to be re-tested

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Additional QA/QC Measures to Consider



Field Blank



Spikes

- Blanks - 5% (Should be at LLD of device - typically less than 1.0)
 - Unexposed device sent in for analysis
- Spikes - 3% (Should be at least within 25% of chamber value)
 - Sent to radon chamber for exposure to known environment

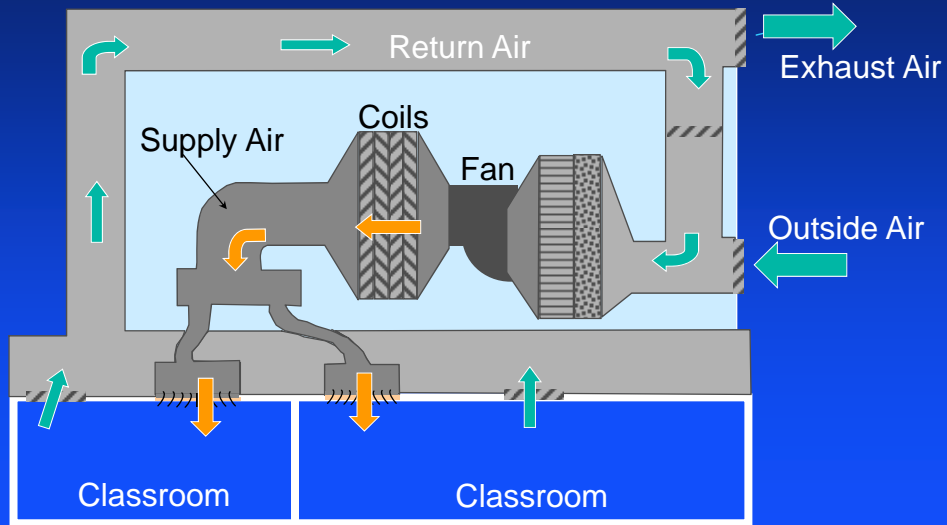
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Follow-Up & Interpretation of Measurements

| Facility Type | Follow-Up |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Public Building other than School | No follow-up required <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assumes minimum 3 month test was conducted • If long-term result is greater than 200 Bq/M3 proceed to mitigation |
| School | Follow-up with hourly measurements during school week <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estimate exposure during occupied periods |

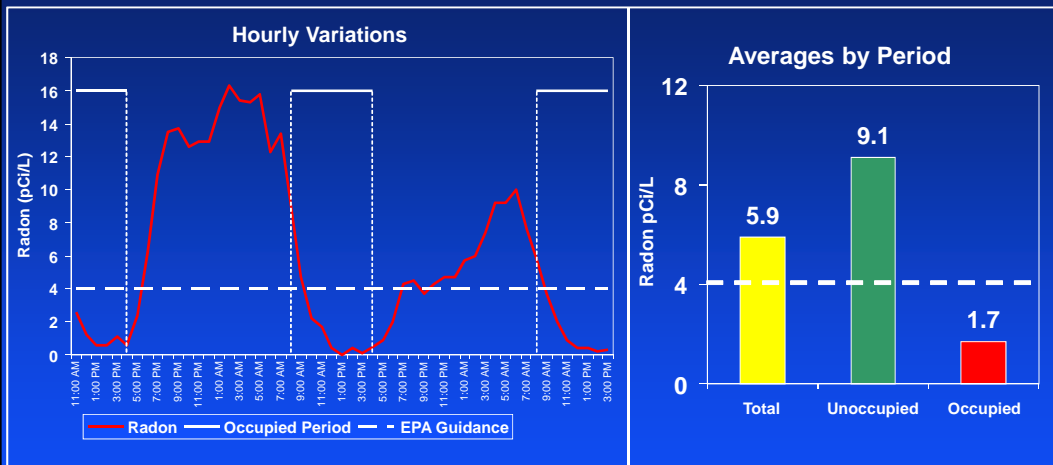
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Fresh Air Make-up – Schools



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Effect of Fresh Air Make-up in Schools



Occupied periods assumed to be: 7:30 AM to 3:30 AM / Hourly measurements are average for preceding hour
 Test Period: April 18-20, 2007 - Post HVAC adjustments
 Pre-HVAC ST Measurement: 6.0 pCi/L overall

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Follow up to Long-Term Results - Schools

- Conduct a short-term measurement in locations with elevated long-term results.
 - Use Continuous Monitor that measures in hourly increments
 - Test period
 - 48 hour to 7 days (7 days preferred)
 - During occupied week
- Segregate hourly measurements for occupied hours and determine average radon for occupied periods
- Obtain ratio of occupied average to total short-term result
 - Multiply ratio times previous long-term result to obtain assumed occupied exposure
 - Make recommendation on assumed occupied exposure

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Follow-up to L.T. – Schools – Example 1

$$R_n \text{ (long-term average during school hours)} = \frac{S.T. \text{ Occupied Average}}{S.T. \text{ Average}} \times \text{LT Result}$$

An initial long-term result in a classroom was 300 Bq/M³. A CRM was deployed for 7 days and an hourly average was obtained for occupied periods as follows:

| Data from 7 day Follow-up S.T. Test | Result |
|--|-----------------------|
| Monday – Friday Average (8:00 AM to 3:00 PM) | 122 Bq/M ³ |
| Total Average for 7 day S.T. Test | 560 Bq/M ³ |

$$R_n \text{ L.T. Occupied} = \frac{122}{560} \times 300 \text{ Bq/M}^3 = 65 \text{ Bq/M}^3$$

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Follow-up to L.T. – Schools – Example 2

$$R_n \text{ (long-term average during school hours)} = \frac{S.T. \text{ Occupied Average}}{S.T. \text{ Average}} \times \text{LT Result}$$

An initial long-term result in a classroom was 220 Bq/M3. A CRM was deployed for 48 hours and an hourly average was obtained for occupied periods as follows:

| Data from 7 day Follow-up S.T. Test | Result |
|--|-----------|
| Tuesday – Wednesday Average (8:00 AM to 3:00 PM) | 430 Bq/M3 |
| Total Average for 2 day S.T. Test | 310 Bq/M3 |

$$R_N \text{ L.T. Occupied} = \frac{430}{310} \times 220 \text{ Bq/M3} = 305 \text{ Bq/M3}$$

Its larger - how can this be?

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Cautions on Continuous S.T. Measurements as Follow-up

- Select a time when economizers are not operating
 - 100% fresh air for A/C can give false low ratio
- The longer the deployment period the better
 - The shorter the test, the greater weather and building use variations can have on obtained ratio
- Utilize normal CRM precautions
 - Eliminate first four hours of data from averages
 - Recognize that passive CRM hourly averages lag real time exposures by ~ 1 hour
- Every school can have different pupil occupied time periods
- Look for unusual changes in hourly measurements

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Remediation Time Frame – Public Buildings

Same Guidance as for Residences

| Radon Concentration Bq/M3 (Assumed from Long-Term Test) | Recommended Remedial Action Time |
|--|-------------------------------------|
| Greater than 600 Bq/M3 | Less than 1 year |
| Between 200 – 600 Bq/M3 | In less than 2 years |
| Less than 200 | No action required |

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Pressure Differential Units

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Differential Pressure Measurements

English Units (U.S.)

Inches of Water Column



SI Units (Canada)

Pascals



Most instruments
can measure in
either unit



1 pascal = 0.004 inches of water column

A thousandth of an inch is 1/4 of a pascal

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Additional Resources and Updates

| Organization | URL |
|--|---|
| Health Canada | http://hc-sc.gc.ca/index-eng.php |
| Center for Environmental Research and Technology, Inc. | www.certi.us |
| Canadian National Radon Proficiency Program | http://nrpp.info/cnrpp.shtml |

If you are viewing this program as part of a CERTI course be sure to check out the resource section for additional tools and resources



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