



MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS RADON TESTING

Executive Summary: Westbrook Elementary School

5110 Allan Terrace,
Bethesda, MD 20816

Date of Test Report:	3/29/2019
Round of Testing:	Initial Follow-up Post Remediation 2 Year Testing 5 Year Testing HVAC Upgrade Window Replacement New Addition New Facility
# of Rooms Tested:	2
# of Rooms \geq 4.0 pCi/L:	0
Low Value:	2.1
High Value:	2.1

Project Status

Retesting completed: No further action at this time.

Missing: B17



March 29, 2019

Mr. Richard Cox
Indoor Air Quality Team Leader
Montgomery County Public Schools
850 Hungerford Drive
Rockville, MD 20850

Re: Radon Testing Services

Location: Westbrook Elementary School
5110 Allan Terrace,
Bethesda, MD 20816

Dear Mr. Cox:

Intertek-PSI (PSI) is pleased to submit the following report to the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) for completion of a “short-term” 3-day radon test for Westbrook Elementary School, located at 5110 Allan Terrace, Bethesda, MD 20816 (subject site).

Scope of Services:

PSI conducted radon testing at the subject site to evaluate indoor radon levels relative to the USEPA's recommended action level of 4.0 picocuries per Liter (pCi/L) - the level at which EPA recommends that schools take action to reduce the level. PSI conducted the radon testing in accordance with American Association of Radon Scientists and Technologists (AARST) Protocol for Conducting Measurements of Radon and Radon Decay Products in Schools and Large Buildings. A National Radon Safety Board (NRSB) Radon Measurement Specialist (certification #14SS007) supervised the testing. Additional information on radon management and the health effects of radon exposure is available from www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dep/air/radon or www.epa.gov/radon.

PSI visited the site on February 26, 2019 and deployed one (1) activated charcoal (AC) radon test kit. PSI deployed radon test kits in frequently-occupied ground contact rooms, and other areas, (if applicable) in accordance with AARST guidance. PSI returned to the site on March 1, 2019 to retrieve the radon sampling test kit. On March 11, 2019 PSI deployed one (1) additional radon test kit in Room B17. On March 14, 2019 PSI returned to retrieve the test kit but the test kit was missing. A floor plan map of the building with the test location is included as Attachment A of this report.

PSI shipped all radon tests via overnight delivery to AccuStar Labs for analysis by gamma-ray spectroscopy. Accustar Labs is a NRSB certified analytical laboratory for radon analysis located at 929 Mount Zion Road, Lebanon, Pennsylvania (certification # ARL0007).

Evaluation of Testing Conditions:

The operating condition that represents the greatest amount of significantly occupied time for this building is; heating active, with outdoor temperature averages $\leq 65^{\circ}\text{F}$.



PSI concludes that the test period reasonably represents normal conditions when the building is significantly occupied. Clear characterization of the radon hazard is most likely to be observed under this normal operating condition. Based on the evaluation of test conditions, this test should reasonably characterize radon hazards.

PSI also conducted observations of field conditions which could affect the results of the test and compiled weather data for the testing period. PSI recorded observations of the following conditions in each room at the time of deployment and collection of the radon test kits:

- Indoor temperature,
- HVAC Operation,
- Dehumidifier operation,
- Humidifier operation,
- Ceiling fan operation, and
- Open windows or doors.

Results:

The results of the radon test analysis indicated the following:

Radon Concentration	Room	Result
≥ 4.0 pCi/L	None	NA
≤ 4.0 pCi/L	See Attachment B	

Notes:
D -Duplicate Sample

The office blank and lab transit blanks had test results of less than the laboratory detection limit of 0.4 pCi/L. Review of the duplicate sample analysis indicates that adequate laboratory measurement precision was achieved. The Spike sample analysis results indicate the laboratory is operating within statistical control limits.

The sampling locations, field observations, and analytical results are listed on Table 1 (Attachment B). The laboratory analytical results are also attached (Attachment C).

Laboratory results and exposure data for the spike samples are also included in Attachment C. Our professional services have been performed in accordance with customary principles and practices in the field of industrial hygiene and engineering. If you have any questions or comments regarding this report, please feel free to contact me at (703) 698-9300.

ATTACHMENT B

Radon Test Summary Spreadsheet

Radon Testing Results		
Westbrook Elementary School		
Testing period: 2/26/19 - 3/1/19		
Kit Number	Room / Area	Result (pCi/L)
3923303	Room B18D	2.1
--	Room B17 (MISSING)	--

Radon Testing Results		
Westbrook Elementary School		
Testing period: 3/11/19 - 3/14/19		
Kit Number	Room / Area	Result (pCi/L)
--	Room B17 (MISSING)	--

Table Notes:

D – Duplicate

FB – Field Blank

OB – Office Blank

TB – Transit Blank

QC – Quality Control

ATTACHMENT C

Laboratory Analytical Results

NRPP 105011 AL
NRSB ARL0007

EPA Method #402-R-92-004
Charcoal Canister
NRPP Device Code 6048
NRSB Device Code 10317

Laboratory Report for:

Property Tested: Project # 04481387-1

Intertek-PSI (VA)
2930 Eskridge Road
Fairfax VA 22031

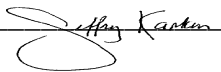
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Log Number	Device Number	Test Exposure Duration:	Area Tested	Result pCi/L
3220661	3923303	02/26/2019 2:26 pm 03/01/2019 11:43 am	First Floor Room B18D	2.1

Comment: A copy of this report was e-mailed to Intertek-PSI (VA)

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Date Received: 03/04/2019 Date Logged: 03/04/2019 Date Analyzed: 03/05/2019 Date Reported: 03/05/2019

Report Reviewed By: 

Report Approved By: 

Disclaimer:

The uncertainty of this radon measurement is $\sim\pm 10\%$. Factors contributing to uncertainty include statistical variations, daily and seasonal variations in radon concentrations, sample collection techniques and operation of the dwelling. Interference with test conditions may influence the test results.

Shawn Price, Director of Laboratory Operations, AccuStar Labs

This report may only be transferred to a third party in its entirety. Analytical results relate to the samples AS RECEIVED BY THE LABORATORY. Results shown on this report represent levels of radon gas measured between the dates shown in the room or area of the site identified above as "Property Tested". Incorrect information will affect results. The results may not be construed as either predictive or supportive of measurements conducted in any area of this structure at any other time. AccuStar Labs, its employees and agents are not responsible for the consequences of any action taken or not taken based upon the results reported or any verbal or written interpretation of the results.