

### Introduction

Radon is a colorless and odorless gas that comes from the soil. Exposure to radon over time can cause lung cancer. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has set a target level of 4 pCi/L and to consider action at 2 pCi/L.

Meridian Consulting conducted short-term radon testing for District Program Center/SWAHS at 8400 E Point Douglas Rd S, Cottage Grove, MN 55016. Testing was conducted to determine if occupants are exposed to elevated levels of radon. Radon testing was done according to ANSI/AARST MA-MFLB 2023.

## **Testing**

Testing was conducted from 02/05/2024 to 02/07/2024 using Air Chek Pro Chek radon test kits from Air Chek, Inc. 1936 Butler Bridge Rd, Mills River, NC. 28759, NRPP Certified Lab # 101138 AL.

Testing was conducted by the following Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) licensed radon measurement professionals:

Name	MDH License #	Signature
Wendy German	RMEA-00447	

All ground-contact rooms that are occupied or intended to be occupied were tested. In addition, tests were conducted in all rooms above ground-contact rooms that were not tested. On second floors, ten percent of rooms were tested with at least one test conducted on each story.

### **Test Conditions**

Radon levels in a building can be influenced by many factors including weather, season, and occupancy patterns. Temporary conditions observed during the testing period may cause the test to not reflect the occupant's risk from radon.

The radon levels stated for this period had the following situations present:

There were no situations present that would interfere with accurate testing.

### **Test Results**

All test results were less 2 pCi/L.

## **Missing or Invalid Test Results**

Location	Missing/Invalid/Not Tested	Explanation
n/a	None	n/a

There were no missing tests.

## **Quality Assurance and Quality Control**

Quality control measurements were conducted in compliance with ANSI/AARST MA-MFLB 2023.

### Recommendations

### Test result is 4.0 pCi/L or greater:

- Fix the building if test results indicate occupants may be exposed to radon concentrations that meet or exceed the EPA action level of 4.0 pCi/L.
- Efforts to reduce radon concentrations are not complete until a retest provides evidence of effectiveness.
- The initial retest should be conducted within 30 days after mitigation efforts and system installations.
- Post-mitigation clearance testing to confirm each building is fixed requires testing all buildings that demonstrated elevated radon concentrations:
  - 1. in all ground-contact rooms and dwellings,
  - 2. in not less than 10% of non-residential rooms and dwellings on each upper floor.
- Should testing indicate that concentrations meet or exceed the action level, conduct evaluations, corrections, and further testing under radon concentrations have been mitigated to below the action level.
- Retest every 2 years to ensure the system remains effective.

### Test results between 2.0 and 4.0 pCi/L:

- Consider fixing the building if the test results indicate radon levels greater than half of the EPA action level.
- Tests conducted when heating systems are active both day and night are more likely to provide a clear characterization of potential radon hazards.

#### When to Retest:

- Retest every 5 years if no mitigation system is installed.
- Retest in conjunction with the sale of any new or existing building.
- Be certain to test again when any of the following circumstances occur:
  - A new addition is constructed or alterations for building rehab or reconfiguration occur;
  - A ground contact area not previously tested is occupied, or a building is newly occupied;
  - Heating and cooling systems are significantly altered, resulting in changes to air pressure or pressure relationships;
  - Ventilation is significantly altered by extensive weatherization, changes to mechanical systems or comparable procedures;
  - Significant openings to the soil occur due to:
    - Groundwater or slab surface water control systems that are altered or added (ex. sumps, perimeter drain tile, shower/tub retrofits) or,
    - Natural settlement causing major cracks to develop.
  - Earthquakes, construction blasting, or formation of sink holes nearby; or
  - o A radon mitigation system is altered, modified, or repaired.

### **Radon Information**

Additional information on radon can be found on the Minnesota Department of Health's website at mn.gov/radon or by contacting them at 651-201-4601 or health.indoorair@state.mn.us.

If you have any questions, please contact us at 320-224-1908 or wendy@meridianconsult.net

# **Appendix A: Floor Plan Diagram**

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## **Appendix B: Test Conditions**

- The minimum outdoor temperature that existed 12 hours prior to and during the test period was 25°F. The maximum outdoor temperature was 55°F. The average outdoor temperature was 41°F.
- Weather was mild and rainy. No snow coverage on ground.

		Annual	During the Test
Outdoor Temperatures	Avg. °F	45°	41°
Operating Conditions	Heating (% year)	75%	100%
Operating Conditions	Cooling (% year)	0	0
Operating Conditions	Mixed (% year)	25%	0
Prevailing Operating Condition	Heating/Cooling/Mixed	Heating	Heating

## **Appendix C: Quality Control Measurements**

Duplicates: Two devices are placed next to each other for the results to be compared. This measures the accuracy and consistency of the lab, and the quality and reproducibility of the testing kits.

Sample ID	Result	Average	Pass/Fail
11449218	0.9	0.9	Pass
11449219	0.9		
11449225	1.1	1.1	Pass
11449224	1.1		
11449235	< 0.3	.5	Pass
11449234	0.7		
11449237	.9	0.6	Pass
11449239	< 0.3		
11449251	1.3	.8	Pass
11449241	< 0.3		
11449247	1.0	1.2	Pass
11449249	1.3		
11449259	.6	0.5	Pass
11449260	< 0.3		
11449290	< 0.3	0.6	Pass
11449295	0.8		
11449273	1.3	1.0	Pass
11449272	0.6		
11449201	0.9	1.0	Pass
11449203	1.1		
11449269	0.8	0.6	Pass
11449275	< 0.3		
11449212	0.9	0.8	Pass
11449210	0.6		

Blanks: Devices that are sealed immediately and not exposed to air at different times during the testing process. Transit blanks are sent to the lab immediately after receiving the test kits to verify that no radon has been accumulated through transit. Office blanks are sealed on test day to verify that no radon has been accumulated during storage. Field blanks are sealed and placed throughout the buildings being tested.

Туре	Sample ID	Result	Pass/Fail
Transit	7408066	< 0.3	Pass
Transit	7408065	< 0.3	Pass
Transit	7408064	< 0.3	Pass
Office	11726803	< 0.3	Pass
Office	11726802	< 0.3	Pass
Office	11726801	< 0.3	Pass
Field	11449268	< 0.6	Pass
Field	11449243	< 0.3	Pass
Field	11449282	< 0.9	Pass
Field	11449205	< 0.6	Pass

Spikes: devices that are sent to a third-party lab, where it is exposed to a known concentration of radon. The device is then sent to the lab to compare results. This measures the accuracy of the test kits.

Sample ID	Exposed	Result	Pass/Fail
11726672	10.5	12.2	Pass
11726673	10.5	11.6	Pass
11726674	10.5	12.2	Pass
11726675	10.5	12.4	Pass
11726679	10.5	12.1	Pass
11726680	10.5	10.9	Pass

# **Appendix D: Analytical Results**

Sample ID	Location	Start Date/Time	End Date/Time	Duplicate	Result
11449216	107	2/5/24 10:00	2/7/24 10:00		0.7
11449217	108	2/5/24 10:00	2/7/24 10:00		0
11449220	109	2/5/24 10:00	2/7/24 10:00		0.8
11449218	110	2/5/24 10:00	2/7/24 10:00	0.9	0.0
11449219	110	2/5/24 10:00	2/7/24 10:00	0.9	0.9
11449221	111	2/5/24 10:00	2/7/24 10:00		0.7
11449222	112	2/5/24 10:00	2/7/24 10:00		0.9
11449223	113	2/5/24 10:00	2/7/24 10:00		0.9
11449225	115	2/5/24 10:00	2/7/24 10:00	1.1	1.1
11449224	115	2/5/24 10:00	2/7/24 10:00	1.1	
11449226	117	2/5/24 10:00	2/7/24 10:00		0.9
11449232	118	2/5/24 10:00	2/7/24 10:00		0.8
11449235	124	2/5/24 10:00	2/7/24 10:00	< 0.3	0.5
11449234	124	2/5/24 10:00	2/7/24 10:00	0.7	0.5
11449236	124A	2/5/24 10:00	2/7/24 10:00		< 0.3
11449237	125	2/5/24 10:00	2/7/24 10:00	0.9	0.6
11449239	125	2/5/24 10:00	2/7/24 10:00	< 0.3	
11449238	126	2/5/24 10:00	2/7/24 10:00		1.2
11449240	126A Nurse	2/5/24 11:00	2/7/24 10:00		1.8
11449245	127	2/5/24 11:00	2/7/24 10:00		< 0.3
11449244	128	2/5/24 11:00	2/7/24 10:00		1.1
11449251	129	2/5/24 11:00	2/7/24 10:00	1.3	0.0
11449241	129	2/5/24 11:00	2/7/24 10:00	<0.3	0.8
11449246	130	2/5/24 11:00	2/7/24 10:00		< 0.3
11449242	130A	2/5/24 11:00	2/7/24 10:00		1.6
11449252	131	2/5/24 11:00	2/7/24 10:00		0.7
11449248	132	2/5/24 11:00	2/7/24 10:00		0.7
11449247	133	2/5/24 11:00	2/7/24 10:00	1	4.5
11449249	133	2/5/24 11:00	2/7/24 10:00	1.3	1.2
11449253	135	2/5/24 11:00	2/7/24 10:00		< 0.3
11449256	136	2/5/24 11:00	2/7/24 10:00		< 0.3
11449254	137	2/5/24 11:00	2/7/24 10:00		< 0.3
11449255	138	2/5/24 11:00	2/7/24 10:00		1.6
11449250	139	2/5/24 11:00	2/7/24 10:00		0.9
11449259	Bolstad	2/5/24 11:00	2/7/24 10:00	0.6	0.5
11449260	Bolstad	2/5/24 11:00	2/7/24 10:00	< 0.3	

11449277	CE3	2/5/24 11:00	2/7/24 11:00	<u> </u>	1.1
11449278	CE4	2/5/24 11:00	2/7/24 11:00		< 0.3
11449288	CE7	2/5/24 11:00	2/7/24 11:00		0.9
11449290	CE9	2/5/24 11:00	2/7/24 11:00		< 0.3
11449281	CE1	2/5/24 11:00	2/7/24 11:00		< 0.3
11449283	CE2	2/5/24 11:00	2/7/24 11:00		0.6
11449284	E5	2/5/24 11:00	2/7/24 11:00		< 0.3
11449287	CE6	2/5/24 11:00	2/7/24 11:00		1.1
11449289	CE7	2/5/24 11:00	2/7/24 11:00		0.6
11449295	CE9	2/5/24 11:00	2/7/24 11:00		0.8
11449280	Comm Ed1	2/5/24 11:00	2/7/24 11:00		< 0.3
11449233	Custodial	2/5/24 10:00	2/7/24 10:00		1.1
11449229	Gym 1	2/5/24 10:00	2/7/24 10:00		0.8
11449230	Gym 2	2/5/24 10:00	2/7/24 10:00		0.9
11449231	Gym 3	2/5/24 10:00	2/7/24 10:00		1.3
11449273	Lobby	2/5/24 11:00	2/7/24 11:00	1.3	
11449272	Lobby	2/5/24 11:00	2/7/24 11:00	0.6	1
11449227	Lunch Room	2/5/24 10:00	2/7/24 10:00		< 0.3
11449204	Nurse	2/5/24 10:00	2/7/24 10:00		< 0.3
11449228	Occu Food	2/5/24 10:00	2/7/24 10:00		< 0.3
11449261	Off 2	2/5/24 11:00	2/7/24 10:00		1.1
11449263	Off 3	2/5/24 11:00	2/7/24 10:00		0.7
11449264	Off 4	2/5/24 11:00	2/7/24 10:00		< 0.3
11449265	Off 5	2/5/24 11:00	2/7/24 11:00		0.6
11449266	Off 6	2/5/24 11:00	2/7/24 11:00		0.8
11449262	Off 7	2/5/24 11:00	2/7/24 11:00		< 0.3
11449267	Off 8	2/5/24 11:00	2/7/24 11:00		1
11449201	Office	2/5/24 10:00	2/7/24 10:00	1.3	
11449203	Office	2/5/24 10:00	2/7/24 10:00	0.6	1
11449274	Senior Center 1	2/5/24 11:00	2/7/24 11:00		1.2
11449279	Senior Center 2	2/5/24 11:00	2/7/24 11:00		0.9
11449296	Small Group 2	2/5/24 11:00	2/7/24 11:00		< 0.3
11449257	Special Services 1	2/5/24 11:00	2/7/24 11:00		< 0.3
11449258	Special Services 2	2/5/24 11:00	2/7/24 10:00		1
11449291	SS Kitchen	2/5/24 11:00	2/7/24 11:00		0.7
11449269	SS Off 1	2/5/24 11:00	2/7/24 11:00	0.8	0.6
11449275	SS Off 1	2/5/24 11:00	2/7/24 11:00	< 0.3	J 0.6
11449270	SS Off 2	2/5/24 11:00	2/7/24 11:00		0.6
11449211	102	2/5/24 10:00	2/7/24 10:00		0.5

11449212	103	2/5/24 10:00	2/7/24 10:00	0.9	0.8
11449210	103	2/5/24 10:00	2/7/24 10:00	0.6	0.6
1144921	104	2/5/24 10:00	2/7/24 10:00		1.2
11449214	105	2/5/24 10:00	2/7/24 10:00		0.8
11449215	106	2/5/24 10:00	2/7/24 10:00		0.8
11449209	Achievement Lab	2/5/24 10:00	2/7/24 10:00		0.9
11449207	Goar	2/5/24 10:00	2/7/24 10:00		< 0.3
11449208	Muszynski	2/5/24 10:00	2/7/24 10:00		< 0.3
11449202	Ruka	2/5/24 10:00	2/7/24 10:00		< 0.3
11449206	Vang	2/5/24 10:00	2/7/24 10:00		< 0.3

# **Appendix E: Test Notifications**



# **Client Advisories Prior to Testing**

Testing will be conducted in compliance with ANSI/AARST MA-MFLB 2023 and the Minnesota Radon Licensing Act.

- Tests will be done in 100% ground contact residential units and non-residential rooms that are occupied or intended to be occupied.
- In addition, 10% of residential units and non-residential rooms will be tested on each upper floor, with a minimum of one test per floor.
- Quality control measurements will be done at 10% duplicates (extended testing option),
   5% blanks, and 3% spikes.
- Closed-building conditions must be maintained at least 12-hours prior to and during the test.

There are two test options that comply with the standards:

Time-Sensitive Testing	Extended Testing	
Tests at each location are tested using two short-term test devices or a continuous radon monitor	Tests at each location are conducted usi single short-term test device	
	All locations that meet or exceed the action level (4.0 pCi/L) are retested	
Decisions to mitigate are based on the results of the average of the two short-term test devices or the average from a continuous radon monitor	Decisions to mitigate are based on the results of the average of the two rounds of testing	

Failure to reasonably maintain test conditions can lead to unnecessary expense, disruptions, and unreliable data. Disturbing test devices can also cause reliable and invalid test results.

To aid in proper test conditions, the measurement professional will:

- Inform the person responsible for building operations of the required test conditions,
- Ensure "Radon Test in Progress" signs are posted in prominent locations,
- Attempt to obtain a signed statement from onsite supervisors or facilitating staff members that they will aid in the quality control of closed-building conditions, and
- Conduct a visual inspection upon detector placement and retrieval to ensure all closedbuilding conditions are met.

Please provide, in writing, a list of who is authorized to receive test data and at which junctures data should be provided.

#### CLIENT ADVISORIES PRIOR TO TESTING

## **Instructions for Notifying Individual of Test Conditions**

Proper notification is essential to get compliance with required testing conditions.

Enclosed are notification forms for facilitating staff such as authorized building supervisors, maintenance staff, teachers, or office managers. Facilitating staff should ensure closed-building conditions are met in non-residential spaces at least 12-hours prior to the test and maintained during the test period.

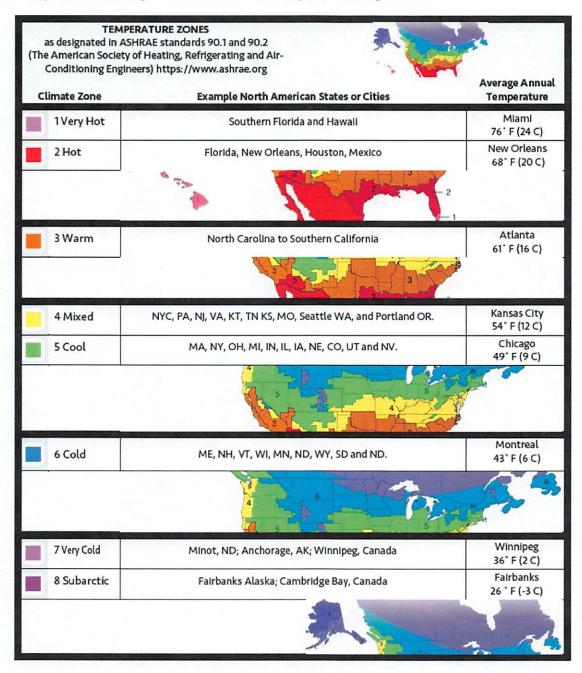
In addition, notifications must be distributed to all occupants of tested and not-tested units and contain:

- Scheduled dates and times for test device placement and retrieval,
- Essential closed-building requirements portrayed in Table 4-A of the ANSI/AARST standard and that these conditions are required no later than 12 hours prior to the test and throughout the test period,
- Information on how to obtain federal or state radon health guidance, and
- Local contact information for inquiries, such as the authorized building supervisor.

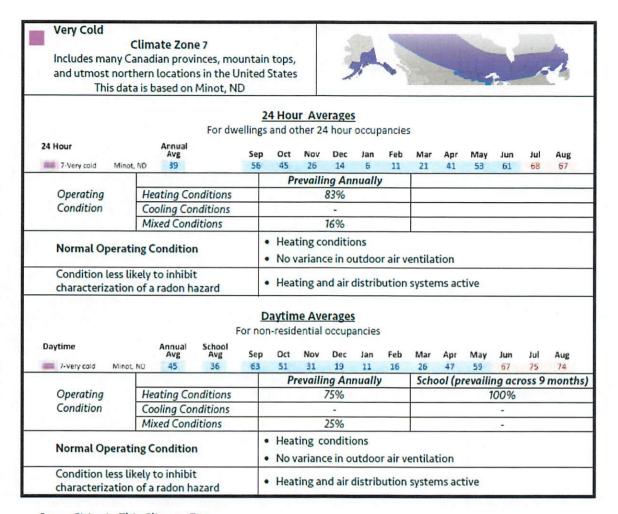
Enclosed are notification forms for occupants. Please distribute notifications to occupants at least 24 hours prior to testing. Notifications also need to be posted in prominent areas such as entry doors and community bulletins.

## **Normal Occupied Building Conditions**

Minnesota is in Temperature Zones 6 and 7. Across the state, the prevailing HVAC condition is heating. Radon testing is recommended during the heating season.



#### CLIENT ADVISORIES PRIOR TO TESTING



### Some Cities in This Climate Zone

Note-Exact percentages will vary slightly depending upon location

Caribou ME

Breckenridge, CO

Quebec, CA Aspen, CO

Marquette MI

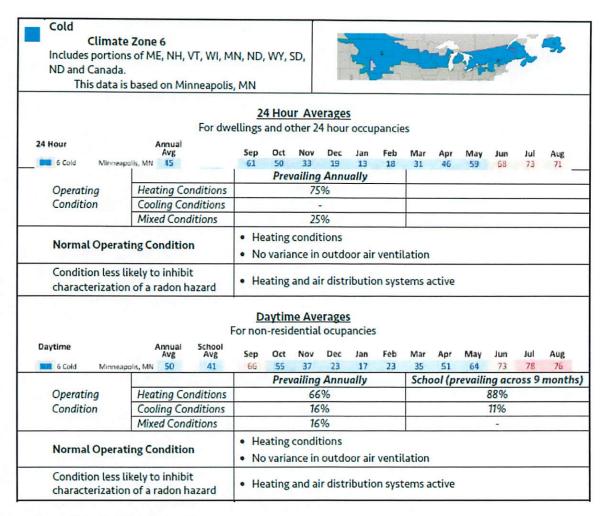
Duluth MN

Winnipeg, CA

Grand Forks, ND

Anchorage, AK

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### Some Cities in This Climate Zone

Note-Exact percentages will vary slightly depending upon location

Portland, ME

Buffalo, NY

Burlington, NH

Milwaukee, WI

Minneapolis, MN

Bismarck, ND

Pierre, SD

Cheyenne, WY

Billings, MT

Helena, MT

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# **Client Authorizations & Communications**

<b>Client and Facilitation</b>	ng Staff Member Contac	t Information	
Client/Authorized Agent	Kyle Uecker	phone	(651) 425-6299
Onsite Supervisor Principa		phone	
Building/Dwelling Access	Wendy has full access	phone	
HVAC Operations Kyle Ue	cker	phone	
Other Contact/Title		phone	
	essional Contact Informa		
Scheduling/Logistics Wen	dy German	phone	(651) 425-6277
Onsite Supervisor same		phone	
Field Technician same		phone	
Field Technician		phone	
Staff authorized for	responding to occupant	and public inqu	uiries:
Name/Title Kyle Uecker		phone	
Name/Title		phone	
	d to receive report data	and incrementa	al reports:
Name/Title Kyle Uecker		phone	
Name/Title		phone	
Frequency of Repor	ts  after each phase of testing	when testing is	s complete

Minnesota Department of Health | Indoor Air Unit | PO Box 64975 | St. Paul, MN 55164 | 651-201-4601 health.indoorair@state.mn.us | www.health.state.mn.us | mngov/radon

08/17/2023 | To obtain this information in a different format, call: 651-201-4601.



# **Notice of Inspection for Building Occupants**

### A radon test is scheduled for:

Building: District Program Center/Alternative High School

Test Start Date: 2/5/24 Test End Date: 2/7/24

An important step is being taken to ensure a safe and healthy building. Testing for radon is recommended for all homes and schools.

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that can be present in some buildings at concentrations greater than recommended. In the United States, radon exposure is the second leading cause of lung cancer, and it is the leading cause of lung cancer in nonsmokers.

Please help to maintain the required test conditions throughout the building.

- 1. All windows and exterior doors must be kept closed (aside from momentary entry or exit) for 12 hours before and during the test.
- 2. Heating and cooling systems must be set to normal occupied operating temperatures.
- 3. Test devices are not to be disturbed.

The test devices are not dangerous in any way, if a test gets incidentally moved, please put it back where it was originally placed. If you think a test has been heavily tampered with (smashed, ripped, moved) please leave me a note so that I can research its validity.

More information about radon in Minnesota can be found online at mn.gov/radon. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact:

Wendy German

South Washington County Schools

Facilities – Health and Safety

wgerman@sowashco.org

651-425-6277







# **Client Commitment to Compliance**

### **Management Commitment:**

Client/Authorized Agent: Kyle Uecker

health.indoorair@state.mn.us, mn.gov/radon

To the extent reasonably possible, I, on behalf of **District Program Center/Alternative High School**, commit to helping ensure that building conditions required to achieve reliable radon tests are met, as portrayed herein.

To the extent reasonably possible, I commit to helping ensure that building conditions required to achieve reliable radon tests are met, as portrayed herein, by accepting the following responsibilities:

- 1. **Building Preparation:** I accept responsibility that, no later than 12 hours prior to testing, each building scheduled for testing will be reviewed for compliance with closed-building requirements.
- 2. **Compliance Verification**: I accept responsibility for taking actions that could include adjustments to HVAC units and repairs where completion is required no later than 12 hours prior to testing.

Date: 1/23/24

Building On-Site Supervisor Commitment:
To the extent reasonably possible, I commit to helping ensure that building conditions required to achieve reliable radon tests are met, as portrayed herein, by accepting the following responsibilities:
<ol> <li>Prior Notifications: Notices will be distributed to all staff and posted in publicly accessible areas in a timely manner.</li> </ol>
2. Access: Access will be provided to each location being tested within a building with intent to access a locations on the same day for both the event of placing testing devices and a second event for retrieving test devices.
On-Site Supervisor/Principal:  Signature:  Date: 2-1-24
Signature

Minnesota Department of Health, Indoor Air Unit, PO Box 64975, St. Paul, MN 55164 651-201-4601,

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## RADON TEST IN PROGRESS

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Required closed-building conditions (12 hours prior to the test and during the test)		
Keep closed	Windows & Exterior doors (except for momentary use)	
Set to normal	Heating & Cooling systems keep between about 65° - 80° F)	
Set to lowest outdoor ventilation	Systems that temporarily ventilate with outdoor air for seasonal comfort or energy savings	
Avoid excessive operation	Clothes dryers, range hoods and bathroom fans	
	Whole-house and window fans	
Do not operate	Fireplaces that burn solid, liquid or gas fuels, unless they are the primary sources of heat for the building	

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