

March 6, 2020

Mr. Terry Zerwas St. Michael-Albertville Schools, ISD #885 11343 50th Street NE Albertville, MN 55301

RE: St. Michael-Albertville ISD #885 Short-Term Radon Testing Results (Round 2)

IEA Project #201911211

Dear Mr. Zerwas:

IEA placed six (6) Air Chek Pro Chek short-term radon test kits in the following buildings for the purpose of evaluating radon levels:

• St. Michael-Albertville High School – 3 test kits •

St. Michael Elementary – 3 test kits

The radon samples were placed and retrieved by the following certified radon measurement professional:

Kennedy Peterson	Certification Number: RMEA-00046	KEMR
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Conditions of air intakes were good and the ventilation system was operating in good condition at the time of placement and retrieval. The purpose for the 2nd round of testing is due to the short-term radon kits that were missing in these locations, during the initial testing.

INTRODUCTION

Radon is a colorless, odorless, tasteless, radioactive gas that occurs naturally in soil, rocks, and underground water supplies and in the ambient air. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and other scientific organizations, naturally occurring radon gas has been associated with an increased risk of developing lung cancer. The chances of developing lung cancer from radon exposure are dependent on several factors including individual susceptibility and, perhaps more importantly, the dose and duration of exposure. Radon testing in schools is highly recommended by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and EPA.

IEA placed six (6) Air Chek Pro Chek short-term radon test kits in frequently occupied areas in the buildings listed above at St. Michael-Albertville ISD #885 for the purpose of sampling for radon in accordance with the MDH's *Guidance for Radon Testing in Minnesota Schools* (2018) and ANSI/AARST 'Protocol for Conducting Measurements of Radon and Radon Decay Products in Schools and Large Buildings' (ANSI/AARST MALB 2014). A total of six radon test kits were placed from February 25, 2020 to February 28, 2020 for a total short-term sampling period of three days. The radon test kits were analyzed by AirChek, Inc., MDH license #RL-00003, located at 1936 Butler Bridge Road, Mills River, NC 28759. The sampling and analysis methodologies are provided in Appendix A. IEA followed ANSI/AARST MALB 2014 for quality assurance measurements by including duplicate kits, control kits (blanks), and spiked kits.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

The MDH and the EPA have established a recommended action level in frequently occupied areas of 4.0 picocuries per liter (pCi/L) for an annual average. Testing was conducted during school days when the building is significantly occupied. The HVAC system was set as it normally is during school days. Testing was conducted during the heating season when the average outdoor temperature is less than 65°F, as recommended by the MDH, when the ventilation system was operating normally, and windows and doors were closed. Consequently, sampling under these "closed" conditions is when the radon risk is most likely to occur.

MDH recommends follow-up testing for sampling results that are above the action level. Please refer to the following table for MDH guidelines:

RESULTS (pCi/L)	RECOMMENDED ACTION
LESS THAN 4	Re-test after changes to foundation or HVAC and every 5 years
GREATER THAN 4	Conduct CRM short-term testing during winter months
LESS THAN 4 (<u>DURING OCCUPANCY</u>) AFTER CRM TESTING	Repeat CRM testing if not conducted during winter or if conducted during abnormal ventilation. Otherwise consider retesting after changes to foundation or HVAC and every 5 years
GREATER THAN 4 (<u>DURING</u> <u>OCCUPANCY</u>) AFTER CRM TESTING	Reduce radon in rooms to less than 4 through radon mitigation. Conduct CRM testing to verify radon reduction.

CRM: Continuous Radon Monitor

RESULTS & DISCUSSION

The laboratory reports, including maps of each building with sampling locations marked, are provided in Appendix B. The chain of custody cover pages are also provided in Appendix B. Following are summary results for each building.

St. Michael-Albertville High School 5800 Jamison Avenue NE St. Michael, MN 55376

A total of three (3) test kits were placed at St. Michael-Albertville High School. The results indicated that radon levels were below the action level of 4 pCi/L. See Table 1 below for a summary of the results:

TABLE 1: ST. MICHAEL-ALBERTVILLE HIGH SCHOOL RANGE OF RESULTS				
0.0 − 1.9 pCi/L				
Number of Tests	3	0	0	0
All below action level				

pCi/L: picocuries per liter

St. Michael Elementary

101 Central Avenue W

St. Michael, MN 55376

A total of three (3) test kits were placed at St. Michael Elementary. The results indicated that radon levels were below the action level of 4 pCi/L. See Table 2 below for a summary of the results:

TABLE 2: ST. MICHAEL ELEMENTARY RANGE OF RESULTS				
$0.0 - 1.9 \text{ pCi/L}$ $2.0 - 2.9 \text{ pCi/L}$ $3.0 - 3.9 \text{ pCi/L}$ $\geq 4 \text{ pCi/L}$				
Number of Tests	3	0	0	0
All below action level				

pCi/L: picocuries per liter

CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

The radon levels in the sampled locations were below the EPA action level of 4 pCi/L.

The EPA has established recommended guidelines for permissible radon concentrations in schools. The following are general recommendations for frequently occupied areas of schools:

- Retest the building at least every 5 years and in conjunction with any sale of a building.
- In addition, be certain to test again when any of the following circumstances occur:
 - A new addition is constructed, or a significant renovation occurs
 - A ground contact area not previously tested is occupied
 - Heating or cooling systems are significantly altered resulting in changes to air pressures or distribution
 - Ventilation is significantly altered by extensive weatherization, changes to mechanical systems, or comparable procedures
 - Significant openings to soil occur due to:
 - Ground water or slab surface water control systems (e.g., sumps, perimeter drain tile, shower/tub retrofits, etc.) or
 - Natural settlement causing major cracks to develop
 - Earthquakes, construction blasting, or formation of sink holes nearby or
 - A mitigation system is altered, modified or repaired
- Rooms should be retested during the winter heating season (i.e. under "closed" conditions) which is typically "worst case" conditions.
- Per Minnesota Statutes, section 123B.571, school districts are required to report radon test results at a school board meeting and report results to the MDH. IEA is able to assist with presenting results to the school board, and the MDH reporting. The MDH 'School Radon Testing Form' is located in Appendix E.

For more information regarding radon, see the EPA's A Citizen's Guide to Radon at http://www.epa.gov/radon. MDH can be contacted at health.indoorair@state.mn.us or 651-201-4601.

GENERAL COMMENTS

The analysis and opinions expressed in this report are based upon data obtained from radon sampling district-wide and are representative of the locations and time period sampled. This report does not reflect variations in conditions that may occur across the site, property, or facility. Actual conditions may vary and may not become evident without further assessment.

The report is prepared for the exclusive use of our client for specific application to the project discussed and has been prepared in accordance with generally accepted environmental, health and safety practices. Other than as provided in the preceding sentence and in our Proposal #8573 dated November 5, 2019 regarding radon sampling services at the district locations, including the General Conditions attached thereto, no warranties are extended or made.

IEA appreciates the opportunity to submit this analysis to St. Michael-Albertville ISD #885. Should you require additional radon testing or have any questions regarding radon or any other environmental, health, or safety-related concerns, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

IEA, Inc.

Daniel Holcomb EHS Account Manager

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Appendix A

Methodology and Quality Control Measurements

Sampling Methodology

IEA placed Air Chek, Inc. Pro Chek activated charcoal radon test kits designed specifically for the detection of gamma emissions caused by the decay of Radon-222 and its daughter products. The kit is made of a padded envelope which contains activated charcoal. The kit is placed during normal occupancy HVAC operations and sealed with vinyl tape after 72 to 96 hours of indoor exposure. Individual kits are uniquely identified with a number and corresponding bar code.

Upon receipt at the analytical laboratory, the kits are logged in using the unique numbers assigned to each kit. The kits are placed on a gamma detector to count the gamma emissions from the decay of radon adsorbed by the charcoal. A calibration factor determined in part by the exposure time and decay time is used to calculate the radon concentration. A correction factor is also applied for weight gain from any moisture absorbed by the charcoal during the sampling period.

Any unusual conditions are noted on the processing form and shown on the exposure report.

MDH and ANSI/AARST MALB 2014 Quality Control Measurements

IEA followed ANSI/AARST MALB 2014 and MDH recommendations for quality assurance measurements to ensure the accuracy of test results. Quality assurance measurements include side-by-side test kits (duplicates) and unexposed control test kits (blanks).

Duplicates are pairs of test kits placed 4-8 inches apart for the same test period. Duplicates are stored, placed, retrieved, and shipped to the laboratory for analysis in the same manner as the other test kits so that the laboratory cannot distinguish them. Since duplicates are placed side-by-side, the measured values for radon should be the same. The average of all duplicates' relative percent difference (RPD) should not exceed 25%. If they do, an investigation to identify the cause may be warranted and could include repeating the measurements. Duplicate averages are listed in Table 1.

Table 1: Duplicate Device Measurements and Averages				
Building Location Test 1 (pCi/L) Test 2 (pCi/L) Average (pCi/L)				
St. Michael Elementary	Room 133	1.2	1.6	1.4

Blanks can be used to determine whether the manufacturing, shipping, storage, or processing of the detector has "contaminated" your measurements. Blanks are opened and immediately re-sealed to keep room air from infiltrating the test kit. Blanks are labeled and shipped in the same manner as the exposed test kits so that the laboratory cannot distinguish them. Since blanks are not exposed to radon, their measurement value should be below the lower limit of detection. Field blanks are listed in the laboratory report as F2767. Lab-Transit Blanks are listed in Table 2.

Table 2: Lab-Transit Blanks				
Date	Device ID	Radon Concentration		
4/17/2019	9169251	< 0.3		
4/17/2019	9169252	< 0.3		
4/17/2019	9169253	< 0.3		
4/17/2019	9169254	< 0.3		
4/17/2019	9169255	< 0.3		
11/9/2019	9184108	< 0.3		

Spikes are test kits that have been exposed in a chamber to a known concentration of radon. Using spiked measurements can help evaluate the accuracy of a laboratory analysis and/or how accurately test kits supplied by a laboratory measure radon. Spiked test kits are labeled and shipped in the same manner as the exposed test kits so that the laboratory cannot distinguish them. Spiked results completed for our laboratory are included in the following pages. Spiked test kits are listed in Table 3.

Table 3: Spiked Detectors				
Date	Device ID	Measured Value (pCi/L)	Reference Value (pCi/L)	
11/11/2019	0001	22.9	24.0	
11/11/2019	0002	26.9	24.0	
11/11/2019	0003	24.3	24.0	

ANSI/AARST MALB 2014 requires the reporting of duplicate measurements and their average. These are located on the following pages.

Appendix B

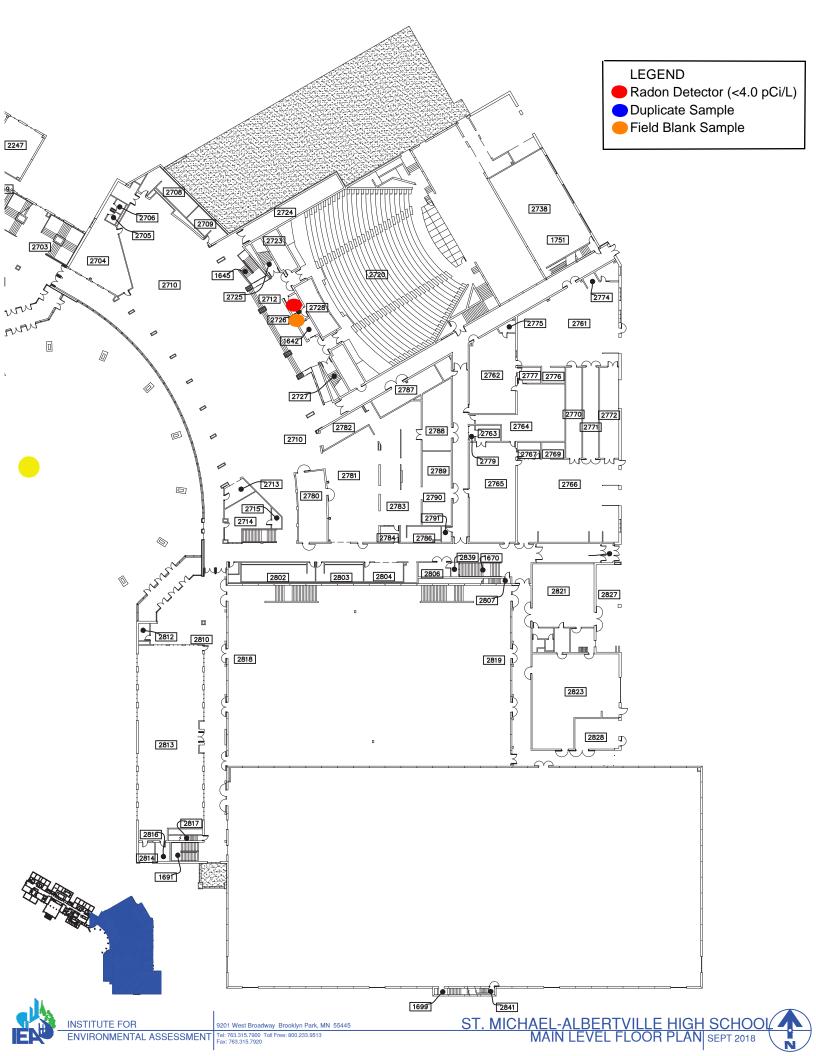
Laboratory Reports, Maps, and Chain-of-Custody Cover Pages

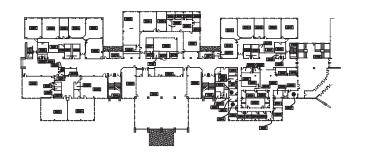
** LABORATORY ANALYSIS REPORT **

Radon test result report for: ST MICHAEL ALBERTVILLE PUBLIC SCHOO ST MICHAEL ALBERTVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

Kit #	Room Id	Started	Ended	pCi/L	Analyzed
9363099	2767	2020-02-25 @ 9:00 am	2020-02-28 @ 9:00 am	< 0.3	2020-03-03
9363092	3346	2020-02-25 @ 9:00 am	2020-02-28 @ 9:00 am	< 0.3	2020-03-03
9363100	F2767	2020-02-25 @ 9:00 am	2020-02-28 @ 9:00 am	< 0.3	2020-03-03
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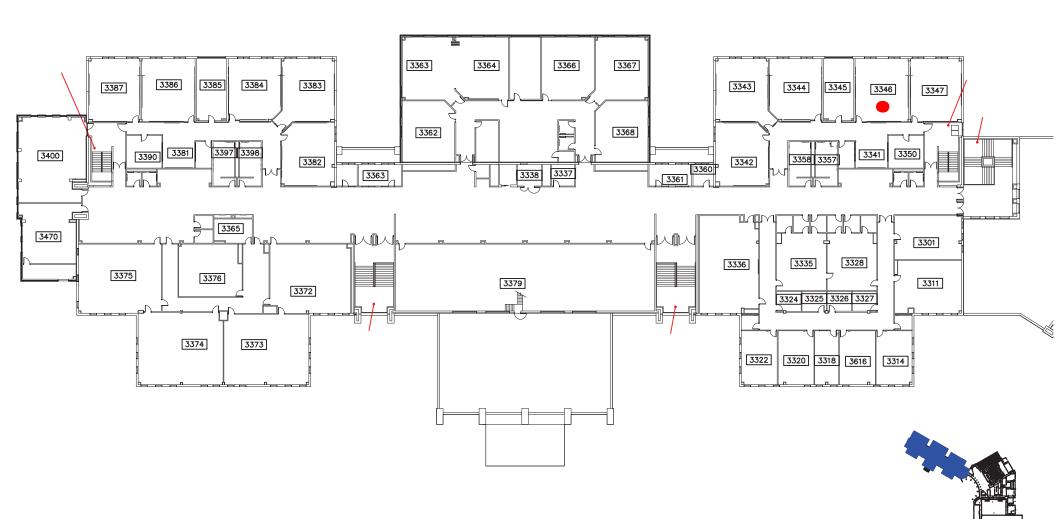
Air Chek 1936 Butler Bridge Rd, Mills River, NC 28759-3892 Phone: (828) 684-0893 Fax: (828) 684-8498





LEGEND Radon Detector (<4.0 pCi/L)</p> Duplicate Sample

Field Blank Sample



Chain-of-Custody Cover Page



IEA, Inc. 9201 West Broadway, Suite 600 Brooklyn Park, MN 55445 763-315-7900

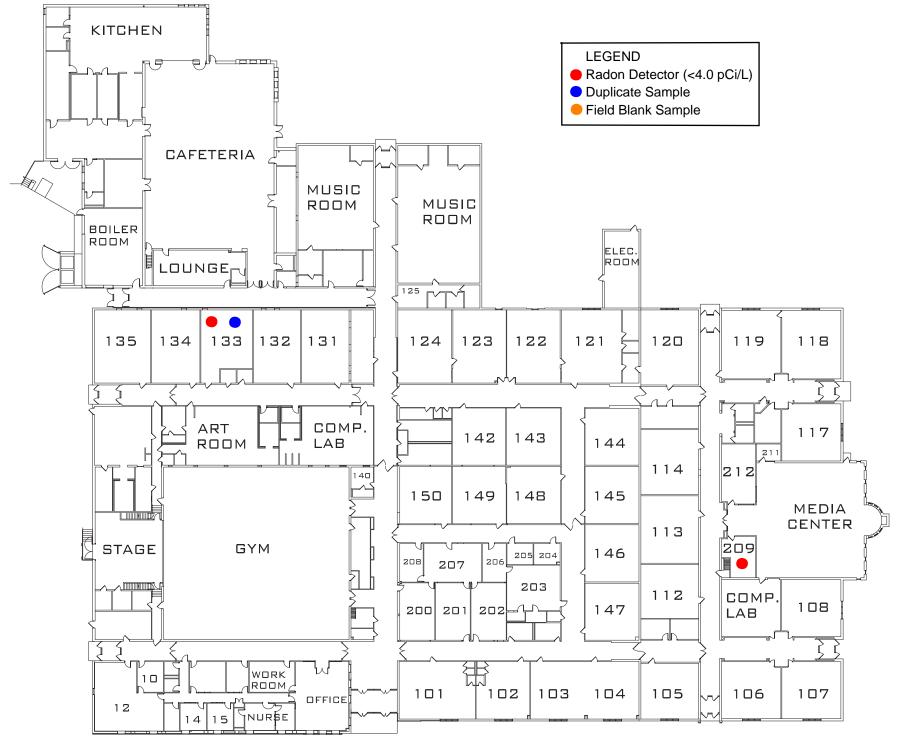
Device Type (circle)	Radtrak ²	Pro Chek	CRM
Project Number	601911211		
District:	STMICHER-	Address:	50000
Building:	STMICHAEL ALBERT	MBLICSCHOOL	s S800 Jamison ST. MiCHAEZ SS37
Project Manager:	D. HOLCOMIS MI	GH SCHOOL	1,00
Date Disbursed:	2/25/20	Time:	3:45 AM
Disbursing Measurement Professional Name:	K. Peterson	Signature:	EUR
Date Retrieved:	2/20/20	Time Retrieved:	8:45AM
Retrieving Measurement Professional Name:	K. Pebasor	Signature: K	EMP
Date sent to Analytical Lab:	2/18/20	Time: Date Lab	11:00 AM
Tracking Number:	-	Received: Received by:	

** LABORATORY ANALYSIS REPORT **

Radon test result report for: ST MICHAEL ALBERTVILLE PUBLIC SCHOO ST MICHAEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Kit #	Room Id	Started	Ended	pCi/L	Analyzed
9362649	209	2020-02-25 @ 8:00 am	2020-02-28 @ 9:00 am	1.3 ± 0.4	2020-03-03
9363090	D133 - 1	2020-02-25 @ 8:00 am	2020-02-28 @ 9:00 am	1.2 ± 0.4	2020-03-03
9362650	D133-2	2020-02-25 @ 8:00 am	2020-02-28 @ 9:00 am	1.6 ± 0.4	2020-03-03

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Chain-of-Custody Cover Page



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Brooklyn Park, MN 55445
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Device Type (circle)	Radtrak ²	Pro Chek	CRM
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District:	STMICHAEL- ALBERTUILLE	Day Address:	101 CENTILA 1
Building:	ST MICHAEL ELB	MSLICXHOXS State, City, Zip MONTAPY S	TMICHAEL, MN SS 376
Project Manager:	D. HOLLOMB	,	-/
Date Disbursed:	2/25/20	Time:	b: 00 AM
Disbursing Measurement Professional Name:	K. Peterson	Signature:	EUP
Date Retrieved:	2/20/20	Time Retrieved:	8:50AM
Retrieving Measurement Professional Name:	K. Peberson) Signature: <u>K</u>	EMP
Date sent to Analytical Lab:	7/18/20		1:00 AM
Tracking Number:		Date Lab Received: Received by:	

Appendix C

Signed Non-Interference Agreement

Voluntary Compliance Form

RADON TESTING DECLARATION OF VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE

As the responsible party for the test location, I hereby acknowledge that to the best of my knowledge:

- 1) I agree to keep and/or have kept the building(s) closed (except for normal entry and exit) for a minimum of 12 hours prior to the start of the test.
- 2) I agree to keep and/or have kept windows shut during the entire test period as well as all exterior doors except for normal entry and exit.
- 3) I agree to keep and/or have kept the heating and cooling system set to operate normally with the thermostat(s) set between 65 and 80° F.

 I will and/or have not open

4) I will and/or have not operated fans unless they are the primary and normal heating sources.
5) I will and/or have not excessively operated any clothes dryers, kitchen exhaust fans, and bathroom fans.6) I will and/or have not tamper(ed) with, remove(d) or change(d) the location of the test device(s).
o) I will and/or have not tamper(ed) with, remove(d) or change(d) the location of the test device(s).
TEST SITE(S) INFORMATION
Responsible Party's Name (printed): 1844 L. Zerwa 9
Responsible Party's Name (printed):
Responsible Party's Signature:
Date: 1-3-19
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IN THE EVENT OF NONSIGNATURE
IN THE EVENT OF HONSIGNATURE
In the event that either the responsible party or occupant will not sign this form, provide an explanation of the reason for lack of signature:

Appendix D

Weather Report for Testing Days



You're signed in as a CUSTOMIZED WEATHER HISTORY FOR SAINT MICHAEL, MINNESOTA subscriber to our Customized Weather

History; if you're on a shared computer, please logout when you're done.

You can search for weather history in two ways:

Location *

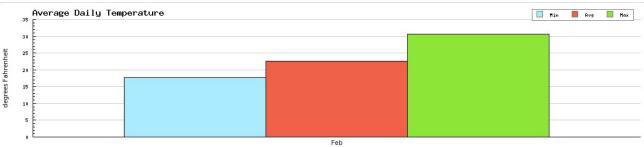
- Range of Dates search allows you to search for a consecutive range of dates and is good if you want to know day by day history for a certain period of time, like "January 1 to January 15, 2008".
- Same Dates Over a Range of Years is good when you have a specific time of year-perhaps your wedding day, or a summer vacation, or harvest time-and you want to search for the weather over multiple years for just those dates. For example, "August 1 to 5 every year from 1970 to 1980."

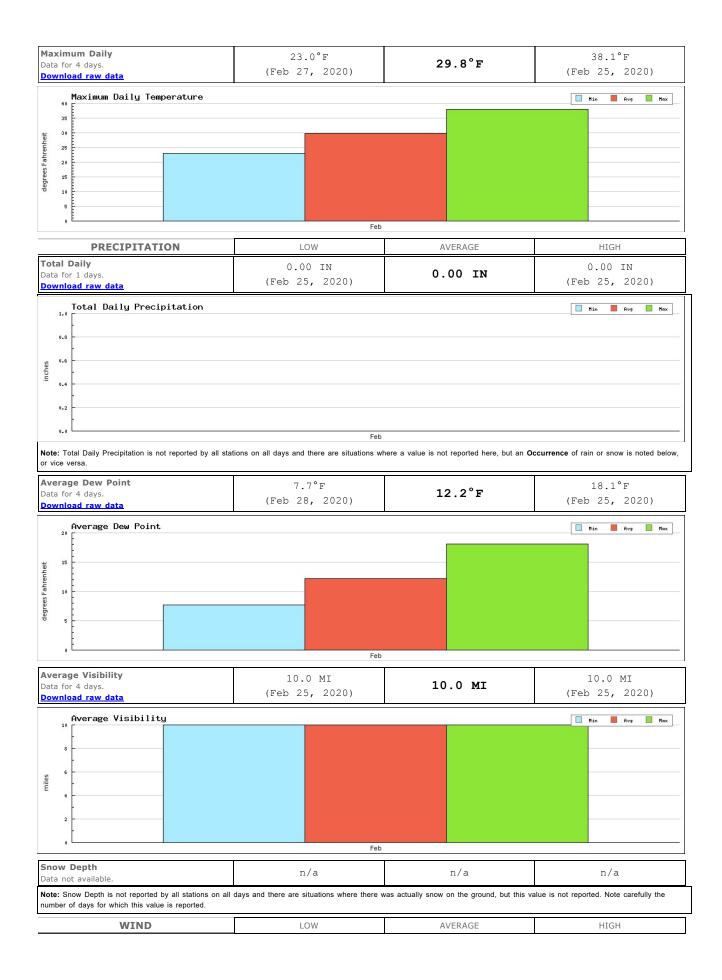
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To search a consecutive range of dates, select a start and end date.
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Same Dates Over a Range of Years

WEATHER FROM FEBRUARY 25, 2020 TO FEBRUARY 28, 2020

TEMPERATURE	LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
Minimum Daily Data for 4 days. Download raw data	10.4°F (Feb 27, 2020)	15.0°F	23.9°F (Feb 25, 2020)
Minimum Daily Temperature			Hin Avg Max
	Feb		
Average Daily Data for 4 days. Download raw data	17.7°F (Feb 27, 2020)	22.6°F	30.6°F (Feb 25, 2020)
Average Daily Temperature			Hin Avg Max





Average Daily Data not available.	n/a	n/	[′] a	n/a
Maximum Daily Data not available.	n/a	n/a		n/a
Maximum Daily Gust Data not available.	n/a	n/a		n/a
PRESSURE	LOW	AVER	RAGE	HIGH
Sea Level Pressure Data not available.	n/a	n/	[/] a	n/a
OCCURRENCES	DAYS		PERCENTAGE	
Fog	0 of 4		0%	
Rain	0 of 4		0%	
Snow	3 of 4			75%
Hail	0 of 4 0%		0%	
Thunder	0 of 4			0%

Note: Not all occurrence of all weather events are reported for all stations. There are situations, for example, where an Occurrence of rain will be reported, but no Total Daily Precipitation logged.

Appendix E

MDH Reporting Form



School Radon Testing Reporting Form

According to Minnesota Statute 123B.571 subd. 3, a school district that has tested its school buildings for the presence of radon shall report the results of its tests to the Department of Health. Please use this form to submit information about the most recent round or cycle of testing conducted for each building.

Instructions

- 1. Complete one form for each building tested. In this case, a building is defined as an occupied facility with a unique address. This includes administrative buildings.
- 2. Include this form, raw data (e.g. laboratory report) and a building map.
- 3. Submit this form when all work is completed for a round of testing. This includes reporting to the school board, and follow-up testing and post-mitigation testing, if applicable.
- 4. Email information to health.indoorair@state.mn.us.

Contact Information

Name: Terry Zerwas		
Mailing Address: 11343 50th Street NE, Albertville, MN 55301		
Phone: 612-221-6601	Email: terryz@mystma.org	

Initial Radon Testing Information

School Building Name: St. Michael-Albertville High School		
School District & District Number: St. Michael-Albertville ISD #885		
Building Address: 5800 Jamison Ave St. Michael, MN 55376		
Test Kit Manufacturer: Air chek Device Name: Pro chek		
Date of Kit Retrieval (DD/MM/YY): 1/17/20	Length of Test (days): 3	
How many rooms were tested? 203		
Does the test period include weekends? Yes No		
Does the test period include school breaks or holidays? Yes Vo		

SCHOOL RADON TESTING REPORTING FORM

Were all frequently-occupied ground contact rooms tested? ¹ Yes No				
If no, did you attempt to test all frequently occupied ground contact rooms, meaning test kits were placed in all these rooms? Yes No				
How many rooms had results ≥ 4 pCi/L?: 0	How many rooms had results ≥ 4 pCi/L?: ()			
Were the results reported at a school board meeting? Yes No				
Follow-up Testing, Mitigation, & Post-Mitigation Testing				
If one or more rooms tested ≥ 4 pCi/L, please ans	swer the questions belo	w:		
How many rooms had follow-up testing?:				
Number of rooms with follow-up results	≥ 4 pCi/L:	< 4 pCi/L:		
Of the rooms that had test results ≥ 4 pCi/L, how many rooms were:				
mitigated by HVAC balancing or operational changes? :				
mitigated by installation of active soil depressur	rization?:			
addressed through other corrective measures? ² :				
What was the cost of the installation and/or HVAC service work, to mitigate radon? \$				
What is the known or anticipated annual operating cost of mitigation (estimate)? \$				
After radon mitigation, how many rooms were retested?:				
Post mitigation results (# of rooms) ≥ 4 pCi/L: < 4 pCi/L:				

¹ This includes classrooms, offices, break rooms, laboratories, cafeterias, libraries, auditoriums, gymnasiums, etc. It includes rooms on grade and rooms above unoccupied spaces that are in contact with the ground, such as rooms above storage rooms, crawl spaces, tunnels, and boiler rooms. If only a sample or portion of rooms were tested, then respond with 'no'.

² 'Other corrective measures' could include moving staff out of a room and making a room unoccupied or trying to seal radon entry points.



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Test Kit Manufacturer: Air chek Device Name: Pro chek		
Date of Kit Retrieval (DD/MM/YY): 1/17/20 Length of Test (days): 3		
How many rooms were tested? 118		
Does the test period include weekends? Yes No		
Does the test period include school breaks or holidays? Yes No		

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