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Leo Rodriguez
Risk Management
Portland Public Schools

Via email: lrodriguez@pps.net

Regarding: Electronic Radon Monitor Results
Arleta Elementary School
5109 SE 66th Street
Portland, Oregon
PBS Project 24012957

Mr. Rodriguez:

In January 2025, PBS performed short-term radon monitoring at Arleta Elementary at the request of Portland Public Schools. Results of short-term testing identified elevated radon in the 1953 Annex Stage. In response, PBS performed follow-up testing with electronic Continuous Radon Monitors (CRMs) in February 2025 to determine hour-by-hour radon concentrations and provide additional information on mitigation strategies.

METHODOLOGY

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recommends, and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) requires, that school buildings be tested for radon, and that any radon concentrations be maintained below 4.0 picocuries per liter (pCi/L) of air. PBS used Sun Nuclear 1028 CRMs to monitor in select areas and identify the dynamics of radon concentration over time.

Testing was conducted during the winter heating season and during the school week when building uses and operations were normal. Occupied hours were considered to be 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM and unoccupied hours were 6:00 PM to 6:00 AM.

RESULTS

The following table lists the results of radon concentrations at all tested locations.

Table 1: CRM Data Summary

Location	Test Dates	Overall Average Radon Level*	Average Radon Level During Occupied Hours*	Average Radon Level During Unoccupied Hours*
1953 Annex Stage	2/18-2/21	4.4	2.8	5.8

* - units are pCi/L

Overall, the concentration of radon was above the regulatory limit of 4.0 pCi/L, similar to the finding observed during initial short-term testing in January 2025. PBS found that concentrations tended to be lower during occupied hours, which is typically observed as building HVAC systems turn on and introduce fresh air during the day. Radon concentrations then increase during unoccupied hours when systems are dormant.

PBS recommends the District either perform a long-term test covering the entire school year in this area, or move forward with conducting remediation. These results indicate that immediate mitigation of radon in these areas is not as high of a priority as in other areas, because concentrations were found to be below the regulatory limit during occupied hours.

See the attached CRM printout for additional information on each location.

LIMITATIONS OF SCOPE

This study was limited to the tests and locations as previously indicated. The site as a whole may have other environmental concerns that will not be characterized by this study. PBS is not able to represent conditions on the site or adjoining sites beyond those detected or observed by PBS.

Please feel free to contact me at 503.515.7489 or james.mastanduno@pbsusa.com with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,



James Mastanduno
Project Manager

Attachment: CRM Summary Report

Radon Test Report

Test Location:

Arleta Elementary School
5109 SE 66th St
Portland, OREGON
Educational

Test For:

Type: Screening

Test Performed By:

James Mastanduno, PBS
YOUR ADDRESS1, YOUR ADDRESS2
YOUR CITY, YOUR STATE YOUR ZIP
503 916 3204



Radon
Test.
Report.
Prevent.

Test Result: Fail

Overall Average:

4.4 pCi/l

EPA Average:

4.5 pCi/l

Test Device Details:

SunRADON CRM:	1028XP
Serial Number:	235811015
Last Calibration:	10/07/2024
Next Calibration:	10/07/2025
Cal-Factors:	2.56
Motion Error:	Yes

Test Site Condition:

Year Built:	1953
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Test Summary:

CRM Location:	Start:	Stop:	Interval:	Duration:
Cafeteria Stage: Room 30A	02/18/2025 04:56 PM	02/21/2025 03:56 PM	1 hr	71 hr

Test Details:

*First 4 hrs of data excluded	Min	Max	Average	Units
Radon Concentration	0.0	12.5	4.5	pCi/l

Comments:**Inspector Signature****Test Location:**

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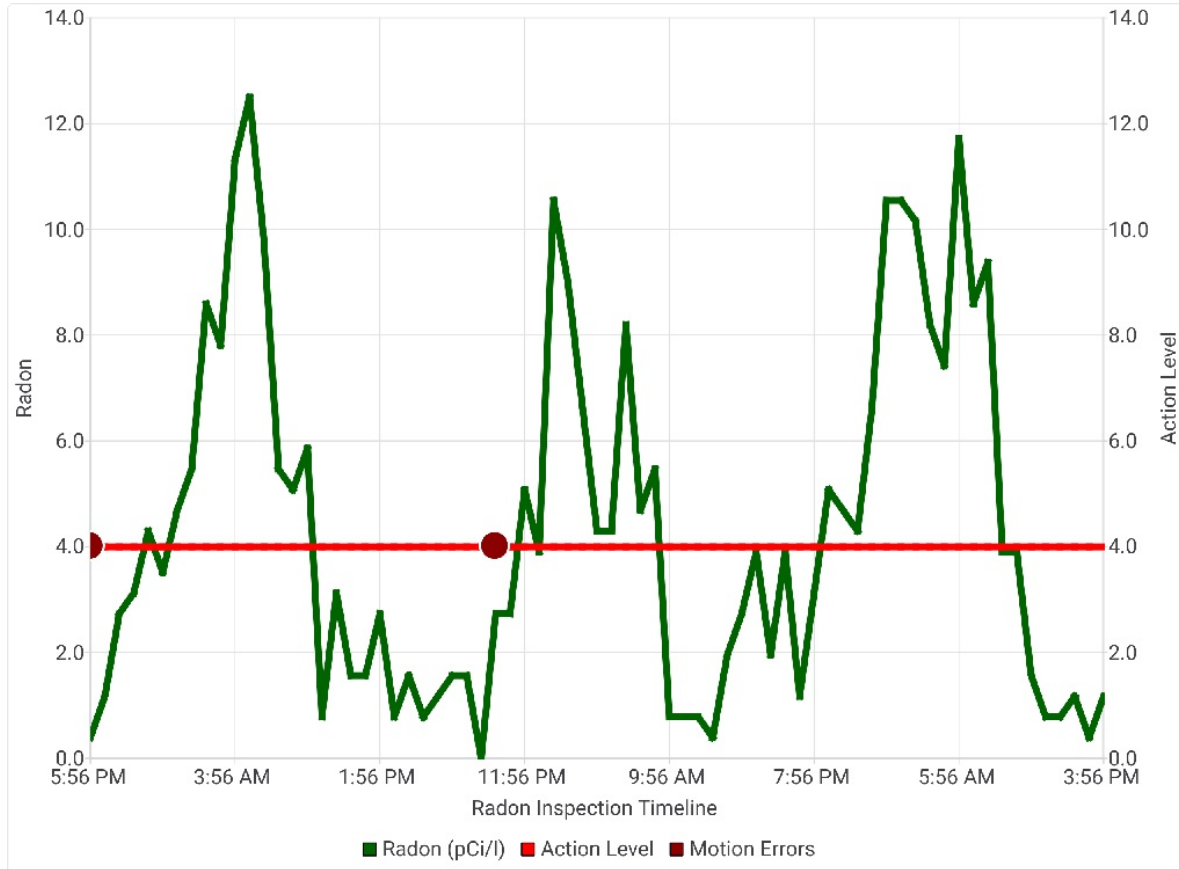


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OneRADON™ Version 2.4.53

Radon Inspection Chart

Location: Cafeteria Stage: Room 30A



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Test Checklist

- ☒ The location of the detector was selected so the detector was not to be disturbed during testing.
- ☒ The monitor was not placed in an area of high humidity such as: Kitchen, laundry room, cellar, spa room, garage, crawl space or sump area.
- ☒ The detector was not located near drafts caused by HVAC vents, windows and doors.
- ☒ The detector was not placed near areas of excessive heat, such as a fireplace or in direct sunlight.
- ☒ Portable window fans were removed or sealed in place prior to testing.
- ☒ The detector was placed within the breathing zone of at least 20 inches to 6 feet above the floor and at least 1 foot below the ceiling if suspended.
- ☒ The detector was not placed within 1 foot of outside walls of the home or within 3 feet of any windows or doors to the exterior of the home.

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Date/Time	Radon(pCi/l)	Flags
02/18/25 05:56 PM	0.4	M
02/18/25 06:56 PM	1.2	-
02/18/25 07:56 PM	2.7	-
02/18/25 08:56 PM	3.1	-
02/18/25 09:56 PM	4.3	-
02/18/25 10:56 PM	3.5	-
02/18/25 11:56 PM	4.7	-
02/19/25 12:56 AM	5.5	-
02/19/25 01:56 AM	8.6	-
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Radon Test Information

Radon Risk Information

Radon causes lung cancer by means of the decay of its daughter products after breathing in air contaminated with higher levels of Radon. The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that 15% of lung cancers worldwide are caused by exposure to elevated indoor levels of Radon. Overall, radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer responsible for about 21,000 lung cancer deaths every year in the US alone. Radon gas is the number one cause of lung cancer among non-smokers. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the U.S. Surgeon General, and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) strongly recommend that ALL homebuyers have an indoor radon test performed prior to purchase or taking occupancy and recommend having the radon levels professionally mitigated if elevated radon concentrations are found.

Understanding Radon Test Results

Recommended Action Levels vary by country and typically range from 3 pCi/l (100 Bq/m³) to 8 pCi/l (300 Bq/m³). Recommendations below are based on test results by a Continuous Radon Monitor (CRM) Test of at least 48h duration and are based on recommendations by the EPA.

Measured Average Radon Level:

- At or above 4.0 pCi/l (148 Bq/m³): Corrective measures to reduce exposure to radon gas is strongly recommended (ANSI MAH2014)
- Between 2-4 pCi/l (74-148 Bq/m³): Consider mitigation or periodic retest as indoor Radon levels vary by season and weather conditions
- Below 2 pCi/l (74 Bq/m³): Consider bi-annual retest or whenever significant changes to the home structure or mechanical systems occurred

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