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Joe Crelier
Director of Risk Management
Portland Public Schools

Via email: jcrelier@pps.net

Regarding: Short Term Radon Testing
Vernon Elementary School
2044 NE Killingsworth Street
Portland, Oregon 97211

Mr. Crelier:

From January 13 to 16 and February 24-27, 2025, PBS Engineering and Environmental Inc. (PBS) performed short-term radon testing at Vernon Elementary School in Portland, Oregon. PBS understands that the District completed initial radon testing in the building in 2016/2017 and has requested this sampling because the facility is due for the next round of testing. This report has been updated from an earlier version to include samples collected in February.

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 Radonova, Inc., brand single-use, short-term radon test kits to measure radon levels in frequently occupied rooms that are in contact with the ground or above unoccupied basements or crawlspaces. These rooms include classrooms, offices, break rooms, conference rooms, gyms, and cafeterias. Bathrooms, hallways, stairwells, storage rooms, and closets are not tested. Testing is conducted during the winter heating season and during the school week when building uses and operations are normal.

PBS endeavored to use sample location names based on existing room numbers or common-sense descriptions, but in buildings where no room number or other designation was available, PBS assigned names or numbers to the rooms. In some circumstances, small numbers of test kits go missing during the testing period and those locations are not tested. PBS will evaluate whether or not the missing area should be retested based on the results of surrounding areas.

RESULTS

Laboratory results found concentrations below the EPA action level in most tested locations in the building. The following table lists all samples in which radon levels were found to be above the EPA action level.

Test Kits with Radon 4.0 pCi/L or above

Test Kit Number	Sample Location	Radon Level (pCi/L)
RK137481	Basement Staff Room	5.0 ± 0.5

Test Kit Number	Sample Location	Radon Level (pCi/L)
RK110000	Stage	5.6 ± 0.9
RK110751	Multipurpose Room	6.7 ± 0.9
RK110733	Multipurpose Room	7.0 ± 1.0
RK110056	Room 116	4.4 ± 1.0

PBS found results were also close to the action level in several locations. See the attached laboratory analysis report for more details and the attached informal sample location map approximate locations of where samples were collected.

In addition to the EPA recommendation that radon concentrations not exceed 4.0 pCi/L, OHA recommends that the following steps be conducted based on the results of a room's initial short-term test:

- **If the result is less than 2.0 pCi/L,** school districts are required to test again every 10 years, per Oregon Revised Statute 332.166-167.
- **If the result is between 2.0 pCi/L and 4.0 pCi/L,** consider fixing (i.e., lowering) the radon in that room.
- **If the result is from 4.0 pCi/L to 8.0 pCi/L,** perform a follow-up measurement of that room using a long-term test. This test should be conducted over as much of a nine-month school year as possible, when the room is likely to be occupied. If that result is equal to or greater than 4.0 pCi/L, the radon in the room should be fixed (i.e., lowered).
- **If the initial short-term test result is equal to or greater than 8.0 pCi/L,** conduct a second short-term test and average its result with the initial short-term test result. If the average of the two is equal to or greater than 4.0 pCi/L, radon in the room should be fixed (i.e., lowered).

  Note: A great difference in the results of the short-term tests may indicate a flaw in the testing process. Investigate and consider retesting. For situations in which one of the test results is equal to or greater than 4.0 pCi/L, if the higher result is two or more times the lower result, repeat the test.

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. The findings and conclusions of this work are not scientific certainties, but probabilities based on professional judgment concerning the significance of the data gathered during the course of this investigation. 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: Informal Sample Location Map
Radonova Laboratory Analysis Report

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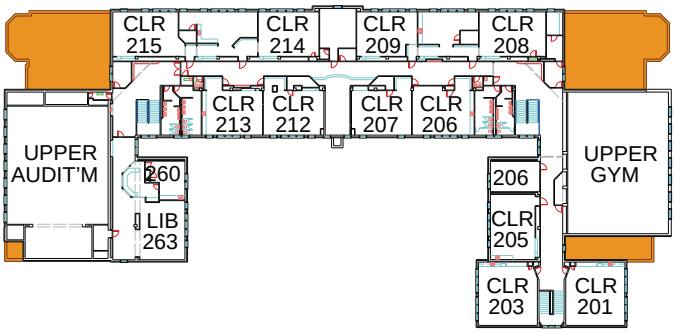
Facility Plan



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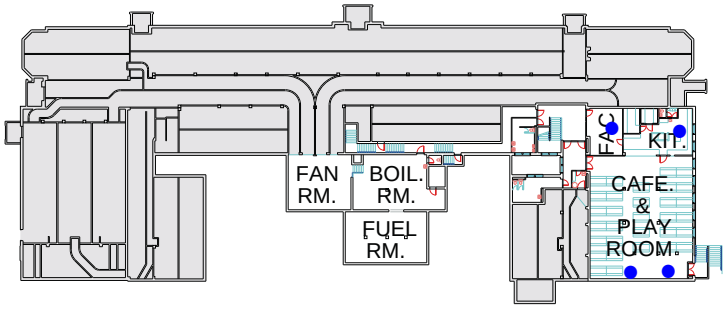

BASEMENT FLOOR PLAN

Short-Term Radon Testing Locations

PBS Engineering and Environmental, Inc.

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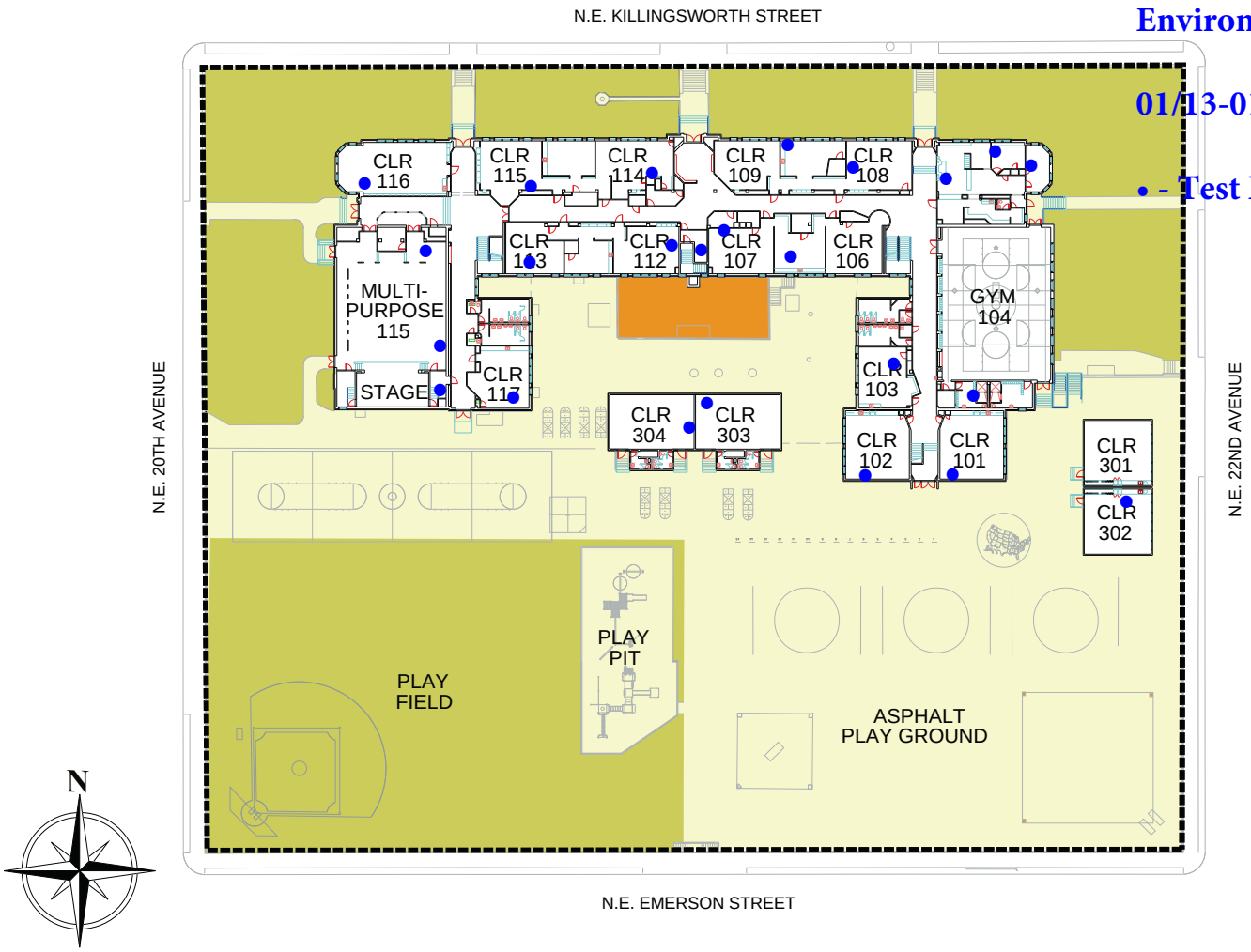
• - Test Locations



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RK110064 [QuickScreen]	*01/13/2025 04:03 PM – 01/16/2025 04:44 PM*	*Basement café, Standard*			< 1.1 pCi/L
RK108972 [QuickScreen]	*01/13/2025 04:03 PM – 01/16/2025 04:44 PM*	*Basement café, Standard*			1.8 ± 1.0 pCi/L
RK109993 [QuickScreen]	*01/13/2025 04:07 PM – 01/16/2025 04:45 PM*	*Basement kitchen, Standard*			3.1 ± 0.9 pCi/L
RK109977 [QuickScreen]	*01/13/2025 04:10 PM – 01/16/2025 04:15 PM*	*Floor 1 CLR 302 (portable), Standard*			< 1.5 pCi/L
RK109976 [QuickScreen]	*01/13/2025 04:13 PM – 01/16/2025 04:38 PM*	*Floor 1 gym office, Standard*			2.9 ± 0.7 pCi/L
RK110062 [QuickScreen]	*01/13/2025 04:15 PM –*	*Floor 1 CLR 101, Standard*			**DNR**

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RK110774 [QuickScreen]	*01/13/2025 04:17 PM – 01/16/2025 04:41 PM*	*Floor 1 CLR 102, Standard*			2.0 ± 0.8 pCi/L
RK110018 [QuickScreen]	*01/13/2025 04:19 PM – 01/16/2025 04:41 PM*	*Floor 1 CLR 103, Standard*			2.7 ± 0.8 pCi/L
RK110046 [QuickScreen]	*01/13/2025 04:21 PM – 01/16/2025 04:17 PM*	*Floor 1 CLR 303 (port), Standard*			< 1.0 pCi/L
RK110063 [QuickScreen]	*01/13/2025 04:23 PM – 01/16/2025 04:18 PM*	*Floor 1 CLR 304 (port), Standard*			< 1.1 pCi/L
RK110000 [QuickScreen]	*01/13/2025 04:26 PM – 01/16/2025 04:21 PM*	*Floor 1 east stage, Standard*			**5.1 ± 0.8 pCi/L**
RK110751 [QuickScreen]	*01/13/2025 04:27 PM – 01/16/2025 04:22 PM*	*Floor 1 multi-purpose, Standard*			**6.1 ± 0.8 pCi/L**
RK110733 [QuickScreen]	*01/13/2025 04:27 PM – 01/16/2025 04:22 PM*	*Floor 1 multi-purpose, Standard*			**6.4 ± 0.9 pCi/L**
RK110070 [QuickScreen]	*01/13/2025 04:29 PM – 01/16/2025 04:23 PM*	*Floor 1 CLR 117, Standard*			3.0 ± 0.8 pCi/L
RK110002 [QuickScreen]	*01/13/2025 04:29 PM – 01/16/2025 04:23 PM*	*Floor 1 CLR 117 DUP, Duplicate*			3.0 ± 0.9 pCi/L

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RK110056 [QuickScreen]	*01/13/2025 04:32 PM – 01/16/2025 04:26 PM*	*Floor 1 CLR 116, Standard*			**4.0 ± 0.9 pCi/L**
RK137544 [QuickScreen]	*01/13/2025 04:34 PM – 01/16/2025 04:27 PM*	*Floor 1 CLR 113, Standard*			2.1 ± 0.5 pCi/L
RK137552 [QuickScreen]	*01/13/2025 04:36 PM – 01/16/2025 04:27 PM*	*Floor 1 CLR 112, Standard*			2.5 ± 0.5 pCi/L
RK136983 [QuickScreen]	*01/13/2025 04:36 PM – 01/16/2025 04:27 PM*	*Floor 1 CLR 112 DUP, Duplicate*			2.2 ± 0.5 pCi/L
RK137516 [QuickScreen]	*01/13/2025 04:37 PM – 01/16/2025 04:30 PM*	*Floor 1 CLR 115, Standard*			2.3 ± 0.4 pCi/L
RK136968 [QuickScreen]	*01/13/2025 04:38 PM –*	*Floor 1 CLR 114, Standard*			**DNR**
RK110009 [QuickScreen]	*01/13/2025 04:41 PM – 01/16/2025 04:32 PM*	*Floor 1 custodian office, Standard*			2.5 ± 0.7 pCi/L
RK136962 [QuickScreen]	*01/13/2025 04:43 PM – 01/16/2025 04:33 PM*	*Floor 1 CLR 107, Standard*			2.6 ± 0.6 pCi/L
RK137506 [QuickScreen]	*01/13/2025 04:44 PM – 01/16/2025 04:36 PM*	*Floor 1 CLR 106, Standard*			2.4 ± 0.5 pCi/L

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RK137015 [QuickScreen]	*01/13/2025 04:47 PM – 01/16/2025 04:35 PM*	*Floor 1 CLR 108, Standard*			2.6 ± 0.5 pCi/L
RK137551 [QuickScreen]	*01/13/2025 04:48 PM – 01/16/2025 04:35 PM*	*Floor 1 CLR 109, Standard*			2.8 ± 0.5 pCi/L
RK136991 [QuickScreen]	*01/13/2025 04:51 PM – 01/16/2025 04:11 PM*	*Floor 1 CLR 105A (nurse), Standard*			1.7 ± 0.4 pCi/L
RK136987 [QuickScreen]	*01/13/2025 04:53 PM – 01/16/2025 04:12 PM*	*Floor 1 CLR 105B, Standard*			1.3 ± 0.5 pCi/L
RK109991 [QuickScreen]	*01/13/2025 04:54 PM – 01/16/2025 04:10 PM*	*Floor 1 main office, Standard*			2.9 ± 0.7 pCi/L
RK137502 [QuickScreen]	*01/13/2025 04:54 PM – 01/16/2025 04:10 PM*	*Floor 1 main office DUP, Duplicate*			2.1 ± 0.4 pCi/L

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Measured radon concentrations

For each detector, the measured value of the radon concentration is provided. For each value an uncertainty associated with the measurement to a 95% confidence level is also provided. For example a measurement result of 4.0 ± 0.5 pCi/L means that the radon concentration is most likely contained in the range 3.5 - 4.5 pCi/L. If the start or end date of the measurement has not been provided, the radon concentration cannot be calculated. In such cases, the total exposure in pCi*days/L will be reported. The reported measured values are related to the detectors as received by Radonova Laboratories. Detector deployment is not performed by Radonova Laboratories. Measurement information such as monitoring period (dates) and placement location is provided to Radonova Laboratories by the end user. The presented result applies only to the sample tested as received by the laboratory.

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