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Environmental Consulting

June 22, 2020

Mr. Kevin Strong
Business Manager
Sweet Home School District Office
1920 Long Street
Sweet Home, Oregon 97386

RE: Long-Term Radon Sampling at Crawfordsville Elementary School (DRAFT)

Kelsay Environmental performed a long-term radon survey at Crawfordsville Elementary School located at 38420 Glass Ave., Crawfordsville, Oregon. Sampling began on November 21, 2019 as a screening for potential Radon concerns in compliance with Oregon Revised Statute (ORS) 332.116-167. *Long-term sampling* is defined by a minimum of 90 days which helps account for normal fluctuations in building conditions over time.

Under ORS 332.166-167, radon testing in Oregon Schools must be performed by January 1st, 2021. The sampling protocol was derived from a document produced by the Oregon Health Authority called "Testing for Elevated Radon in Oregon Schools, A Protocol and Plan". The screening was performed to determine if radon levels in the building were above the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) action level (AL) of 4.0 pCi/L (picocuries per liter). If levels exceed the AL, a remediation process must be enacted to mitigate exposure levels. This survey would be the basis of that remediation plan.

Testing locations included every occupied room on the first floor of the structure. According to ORS 332.166-167, it specifies that "at a minimum, any frequently-occupied room in contact with the ground or located above a basement or crawlspace" should be tested.

Sampling Procedures

Kelsay Environmental conducted sampling for radon gas in all occupied rooms that were bordered by ground or soil. Crawfordsville Elementary consists of a concrete foundation with one floor. Samples were collected using Alpha Track AT-100 diffusion-based track radon monitors from Accustar Labs. A total of 8 rooms were tested (see attached table for locations). In addition, one duplicate, one spike and a blank were submitted to the lab to ensure quality control. A total of 13 detector kits were used.

Radon detectors were placed in each occupied space, particularly within the height of the normal breathing zone (between 2 and 6 feet in height) on November 21, 2019. The conditions of the building were such that the HVAC system was operating under normal occupancy conditions and the building was occupied as usual on a day-to-day basis. Samples were retrieved on March 26, 2020, providing for 128 total days of sampling, and then submitted to the Accustar Laboratory for analysis, a NELAP accredited lab, using electrochemical etching to process its alpha track foils

which are subsequently counted with computer-aided image analysis equipment. Samples to be spiked for quality control are sent to the Bowser-Morner Radon Reference Laboratory. Samples are exposed to specific concentrations of radon in a radon reference chamber and are then submitted to the Accustar Labs for analysis. The results are compared to the known spike concentration to ensure quality control.

Results and Discussion

Radon gas is generally always present in varying quantities, inside and outside of buildings. According to the EPA, radon gas averages 1.3 pCi/L inside buildings across the country, with 0.4 pCi/L generally considered background level. The background level is also the analytical level of detection for AccuStar Labs, levels below which cannot be accurately measured.

Laboratory results indicate that the sample in Classroom 6 is 4.1 pCi/L. This is slightly above the 4.0 pCi/L Action Level. All other samples were below the Action Level.

Spiked samples were within acceptable parameters for quality assurance based on the Relative Percentage Error (RPE). 6.1 pCi/L is the analytical result for the spikes from Bowser-Morner.

$$((\text{Measured Value} - \text{Reference Value})/\text{Reference Value}) \times 100\%$$

Duplicate and blank samples were as well within acceptable parameters based on the Relative Percent Difference:

$$((\text{Initial Result} - \text{Duplicate Result})/\text{Average of Both Results}) \times 100\%$$

**TABLE 1
 SPIKE/DUPLICATE/BLANK SAMPLE RESULTS
 CRAWFORDSVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Sample No.	Sample Variety	Location	Results (pCi/L)	Relative Percentage Error/Difference	Acceptance
4327091	Spike	NA	6.4	4.91%	Yes
4326974/ 4326896	Duplicate/Original	Classroom 7	1.8 - 1.4	25%	Yes
4327090	Blank				TBD

*Blanks should be close to 0.00 pCi/L or near the laboratory analytical level of detection
 *A trend in RPE values over +/-30 pCi/L should be investigated
 *RPD values of >27% should be questioned for results over 4.0 pCi/L
 *RPD values of >49% should be questioned for results between 2.0-3.9 pCi/L

Recommendations

Radon levels in Classroom 6 measured 4.1 pCi/L. The EPA recommends that follow-up testing of rooms greater than 4.0 or greater be conducted before any remediation decisions are made.

Mitigation for radon can most easily be controlled through adjustments of the heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning (HVAC) system that serves each room. Increasing the air exchange rate can help provide fresh air that effectively dilutes high radon levels to safe levels. If follow-up samples fail to indicate levels below 4.0 pCi/L, remediation is required.

Sincerely,



Lisa Janik
Industrial Hygienist

Attachments: Long-Term Radon Sampling Table
Lab Results/Chain of Custody
Exposure in Bowser-Morner Radon Chamber

Radon Sampling Table
Crawfordsville Elementary School
38420 Glass Ave.
Crawfordsville, Oregon

DEVICE NUMBER	START DATE	STOP DATE	Total Days	LOCATION	RADON pCi/L
4326985	11/21/2019	3/27/2020	128	Main Office	1.6
4326886	11/21/2019	3/27/2020	128	Office Room	1.6
4326887	11/21/2019	3/27/2020	128	Classroom 5	2.9
4326888	11/21/2019	3/27/2020	128	Break Room	2.1
4326889	11/21/2019	3/27/2020	128	Classroom 6	4.1
4326896	11/21/2019	3/27/2020	128	Classroom 7	1.4
4326974	11/21/2019	3/27/2020	128	Classroom 7 Duplicate	1.8
4326895	11/21/2019	3/27/2020	128	Gym	2.0
4326893	11/21/2019	3/27/2020	128	Gym	2.1
4326894	11/21/2019	3/27/2020	128	Gym	2.4
4326891	11/21/2019	3/27/2020	128	Gym Fun Room (corner)	2.2
4327091	11/21/2019	3/27/2020	128	Spike	6.4
4327090				Blank	TBD

Bold - Indicates Exceeds Action Level
EPA Action Level: 4.0 pCi/L
"<": Below the level of detection

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Portland, Oregon 97214

NELAC NY 11769
NRPP 103216 AL
NRSB ARL0017

EPA Method #402-R-92-004
Alpha Track
NRPP Device Code 8205
NRSB Device Code 12001

Laboratory Report for:

Property Tested:

Kelsay Environmental
833 Southeast Main Street 410
Portland OR 97214

Crawfordsville Elementary
38420 Glass Avenue
Crawfordsville OR 97336

Log Number	Device Number	Test Exposure Duration:		Area Tested	Result pCi/L
2673886	4326985	11/21/2019	03/27/2020	Main Office	1.6
2673887	4326886	11/21/2019	03/27/2020	Office Room	1.6
2673888	4326887	11/21/2019	03/27/2020	Classroom 5	2.9
2673889	4326888	11/21/2019	03/27/2020	Break Room	2.1
2673890	4326889	11/21/2019	03/27/2020	Class 6	4.1
2673891	4326896	11/21/2019	03/27/2020	Class 7	1.4
2673892	4326974	11/21/2019	03/27/2020	Class 7 Duplicate	1.8
2673893	4326895	11/21/2019	03/27/2020	Gym	2.0
2673894	4326893	11/21/2019	03/27/2020	Gym	2.1
2673895	4326894	11/21/2019	03/27/2020	Gym	2.4
2673896	4326891	11/21/2019	03/27/2020	Gym Fun Room Corner	2.2

Comment: Confidential: Release results to client only. Kelsay Environmental was emailed a copy of this report.

Test Performed By: Placed: Lisa Janik Retrieved: Lisa Janik

Distributed by: Kelsay Environmental

Date Received: 04/07/2020 Date Logged: 04/22/2020 Date Analyzed: 05/06/2020 Date Reported: 05/19/2020

Report Reviewed By: 

Report Approved By: 

Disclaimer:

Shawn Price, Director of Laboratory Operations, AccuStar Labs

The uncertainty of this radon measurement is ~+/- 15 %. 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.

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38420 Glass Avenue
Crawfordsville OR 97336

Log Number	Device Number	Test Exposure Duration:	Area Tested	Result pCi/L
2673897	4327091	11/21/2019 03/27/2020	Spike	6.4

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Send Written Report To: (print clearly)

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Portland, OR 97214

Contact: _____ Tel: 503-995-2557

E-Mail Address: LJSmith.Kes@gmail.com
B.Kelsay.Kes@gmail.com

Start your test before the expiration date shown on your device or your test results will be invalid.

Project Number: _____

Site Name
 Address

City State Zip

Technician Name:

Technician Signature:

(if required)

Tech Certification #: _____
 (if required)

Crawfordsville Elementary
384 do Glass Ave
Crawfordsville, OR 47336
Lisa Smith

Lab Use Only	Device Number	Building #	Unit #	Floor	Name of Room	Start Date <small>Monthly/Day/Year</small>	Stop Date <small>Monthly/Day/Year</small>	Lab Use
	4326895		1		Main Office	11/21	3/20	
	4326886		2		Office Room			
	4326887		3		Classroom 5			
	4326888		4		Break Room			
	4326889		5		Class 6 <i>★</i>			
	4326896		6		Class 7			
	4326974		7		Class Duplicate			
	4326895		8		Gym			
	4326893		9		Gym			
	4326894		10		Gym			

★ 4.1

Place up to 10 devices together with the matching datasheet in a plastic "zip lock" bag. Please see the back of this datasheet for test instructions.

EXPOSURE IN BOWSER-MORNER RADON CHAMBER

CLIENT Kelsay Environmental

Job Number 194065

NOMINAL Conditions: Radon Conc 25.9 pCi/L Rel. Hum 50.1 % Temp. 70.2 F
777.2 pCi/L

Date Start: 2/9/20 Date Stop: 3/10/20

Date Start: _____ Date Stop: _____

Time Start: 0817 Time Stop: 0817

Time Start: _____ Time Stop: _____

Device No.'s: (24) Alpha Tracks -

Device No.'s: _____

4326967, 4326968, 4327065, 4326966,

4327143, 4326953, 4327142, 4326955,

4327063, 4327061, 4327064, 4327141,

4327092, 4327093, 4327094, 4327091,

4326970, 4327095, 4326954, 4327050,

ms right 4327060, 4327062, 4326969, 4327144

128 Day Conversion: $30 \times 25.9 = 6.0$
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