



January 30, 2019

David Callaway
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Via email: david_callaway@ddsd40.org

Regarding: Follow-Up Radon Testing
West Powellhurst Elementary School
2921 SE 116th Avenue
Portland, Oregon
PBS Project 23179.065, Phase 0001

Dear Mr. Callaway:

From January 14 to 18, 2019, PBS Engineering and Environmental Inc. (PBS) performed follow-up short-term radon testing in the Sun storage room, SBS office, and Counselor's office at West Powellhurst Elementary School. These rooms are referenced in the laboratory report as Rooms 4, 5, and 6, respectively. Initial short-term radon testing, completed in December 2018, indicated radon concentration above 4.0 picocuries per liter (pCi/L) of air in the Sun storage room and the Counselor's office. The follow-up testing was completed after adjustments were made to the ventilation system serving these rooms.

Results of the follow-up short-term radon testing indicate that radon concentrations in each of these areas are below 4.0 pCi/L of air.

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 pCi/L of air. PBS used Air Chek, 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.

See the attached laboratory analysis report for more details.

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 503.935.5484 or dale.voeller@pbsusa.com with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

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Attachment: Air Chek, Inc., Laboratory Analysis Report

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**** LABORATORY ANALYSIS REPORT ****

Radon test result report for:
WEST POWELLHURST 2
MAIN

Kit #	Room Id	Started	Ended	pCi/L	Analyzed
9123200	ROOM 4	2019-01-14 @ 6:00 pm	2019-01-18 @ 11:00 am	3.3 ± 0.4	2019-01-21
9123199	ROOM 5	2019-01-14 @ 6:00 pm	2019-01-18 @ 11:00 am	2.7 ± 0.4	2019-01-21
9123179	ROOM 6	2019-01-14 @ 6:00 pm	2019-01-18 @ 11:00 am	2.6 ± 0.4	2019-01-21

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