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To: Superintendents of Connecticut Public Schools

Cc: Radon Measurement Professionals
Local Health Directors

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Subject: Frequency of Radon Re-Evaluations in Connecticut Public Schools

The Connecticut Department of Public Health (DPH) Radon Program oversees radon measurement activities in all public schools and provides technical guidance and assistance to private industry, school officials, and local health departments.

This letter serves to clarify the implications of the Environmental Protection Agency's Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools Program checklists that the Department of Administrative Services has provided to schools. The checklists are used by schools to document results of the annual "uniform inspection and evaluation program of the indoor air quality within each school building" that is required per a recent amendment to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-220(d)(2).

One of the checklists, the *Walkthrough Inspection* checklist, contains a line item asking the evaluator if they can determine the date of the last radon test. Based on best practice, it remains the Radon Program's guidance that radon testing (re-evaluations) be conducted every three years, wherein ten percent of rooms tested during the school's initial evaluation are tested, as well as any rooms that are treated by a radon mitigation system. Re-evaluations shall be conducted by qualified radon measurement professionals who hold national certification through the National Radon Proficiency Program (AARST-NRPP) or the National Radon Safety Board (NRSB) and must have successfully completed the CT DPH course, *Radon Measurement in CT Schools*. A list of these professionals can be found on the DPH website at: www.ct.gov/radon.



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The *School Radon Re-evaluation Form* (attached) shall be filled out by the qualified radon measurement professional and signed by a school designee and then submitted to the DPH Radon Program within ten (10) business days of receipt of the written report.

For questions, please email DPH.RadonReports@ct.gov or call (860) 509-7300.

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