

June 3, 2022

Brent Paul, Director of Facility Operations Lake Oswego School District 2455 Country Club Road Lake Oswego, Oregon 97034

Via email: paulb@loswego.k12.or.us

Regarding: Radon Testing

Harmony Academy Charter School

2507 Christie Drive

Lake Oswego, Oregon 97034

PBS Project 21600.051

Dear Mr. Paul:

From March 8 to March 11, 2022, PBS Engineering and Environmental Inc. (PBS) performed short-term radon testing at Harmony Academy Charter School located at 2507 Christie Drive in Lake Oswego, Oregon.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Oregon Health Authority (OHA) recommend that 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 brand activated charcoal adsorption detector 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 crawl spaces. The test kits were shipped under chain-of-custody to Alpha Energy Laboratories (National Radon Proficiency Program ID: 101132 AL) for analysis.

# Laboratory results indicated that all short-term radon tests at Harmony Academy Charter School were below 4.0 pCi/L.

See the attached laboratory analysis report for sample locations and additional 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).

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• 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 503.417.7607 or bob.kleckner@pbsusa.com with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Bob Kleckner Sr. Project Manager

Attachment: Radonova Laboratory Analysis Radon Monitoring Report

Floor Plan

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## RADON MONITORING REPORT

### **Description of the measurement**

The measurement was performed with an Activated Charcoal Adsorption detector (QuickScreen) and was analyzed by Alpha Energy Laboratories (NRPP ID: 101132 AL).

The detector(s) arrived to Alpha Energy Laboratories, Inc. **03/15/2022**. They were measured **03/15/2022**.

No person has signed the record card and verified that the instructions have been followed.

### **Property data and address**

MEASURE SITE ADDRESS

Lake Oswego SD

2507 Christie Dr

Lake Oswego

BUILDING ID

Harmony Academy Charter School

### **Test results**

DETECTOR	MEASUREMENT PERIOD	DESCRIPTION / LOCATION	FLOOR	RADON RESULT
RK109612 [QuickScreen]	03/08/2022 03:34 PM – 03/11/2022 07:55 AM	Community room, bookshelf	First	0.9 pCi/L
RK109637 [QuickScreen]	03/08/2022 03:34 PM – 03/11/2022 07:55 AM	Community room, bookshelf / DUP	First	< 0.5 pCi/L
RK109659 [QuickScreen]	03/08/2022 03:35 PM – 03/11/2022 07:53 AM	Stage, top of bookshelf	First	0.6 pCi/L
RK109633 [QuickScreen]	03/08/2022 03:36 PM - 03/11/2022 08:04 AM	Office 1, top of bookshelf next to globe	First	< 0.7 pCi/L
RK109655 [QuickScreen]	03/08/2022 03:39 PM - 03/11/2022 08:00 AM	Office 3, on desk	First	< 0.5 pCi/L
RK109650 [QuickScreen]	03/08/2022 03:40 PM - 03/11/2022 08:02 AM	Office 2, on bookshelf	First	< 0.5 pCi/L
RK109653 [QuickScreen]	03/08/2022 03:42 PM - 03/11/2022 08:03 AM	Back classroom, on shelf/cubbies on door wall	First	< 0.7 pCi/L

### Comment to the results

### Tryggve Rönnqvist (Electronically signed)

Signature Radonova Laboratories Laboratory Measurement Specialist

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RK109568 [QuickScreen]	03/08/2022 03:43 PM – 03/11/2022 07:54 AM	Office 4, on desk by door	First	< 0.6 pCi/L
RK109774 [QuickScreen]	03/08/2022 03:45 PM – 03/11/2022 08:04 AM	Office 5, on desk	First	< 0.6 pCi/L
RK109773 [QuickScreen]	03/08/2022 03:46 PM – 03/11/2022 07:52 AM	Staff room, top of white refridgerator	First	0.6 pCi/L
RK110405 [QuickScreen]	03/08/2022 03:47 PM – 03/11/2022 08:01 AM	Front classroom, top of bookshelf	First	< 0.6 pCi/L
RK109656 [QuickScreen]	03/08/2022 08:10 AM - 03/11/2022 08:10 AM	Field blank, BLANK	First	< 0.5 pCi/L

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### Measurement method: Activated Charcoal Adsorption

For this method using the QuickScreen detector, the airtight container with activated charcoal is opened in the area to be sampled and radon in the air adsorbs onto the charcoal granules. At the end of the sampling period, the container is sealed and may be sent to a laboratory for analysis. The gamma decay from the radon adsorbed to the charcoal is counted on a scintillation detector and a calculation based on calibration information is used to calculate the radon concentration at the sample site.

#### 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  $4.0 \pm 0.5$  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.

### Codes on non-reportable detectors

**DNR** Not Reported – Detector Not Returned

**ERR** Not Reported – See comment

### Radon measurements in Multifamily Buildings, Schools and Large Buildings

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recommends remediation if the results of one long-term test or the average of two short-term tests conducted in an occupied room are 4.0 pCi/L or higher. The average yearly residential indoor radon level in the US is estimated to be around 1.3 pCi/L. Long-term tests are conducted for more than 90 days. Short-term tests are conducted between 2 and 90 days and should be performed under closed building conditions.

If an initial short-term test result is less than 4 pCi/L, a follow-up measurement is probably not needed.

If an initial short-term test result is between 4 pCi/L and 8 pCi/L, a long-term or a short-term follow-up measurement is recommended.

If an initial short-term test result is greater than 8 pCi/L, a short term follow-up measurement is recommended in order to get a fast result.

#### More information about radon measurements and mitigation can be found in the AARST and EPA publications:

- ANSI/AARST Protocol for Conducting Measurements of Radon and Radon-Decay Products in Schools and Large Buildings.
- ANSI/AARST Protocol for Conducting Radon and Radon Decay Product Measurements in Multifamily Buildings.
- ANSI/AARST Radon Mitigation Standards for Schools and Large Buildings.
- ANSI/AARST Radon Mitigation Standards for Multifamily Buildings.
- EPA Radon Measurements in Schools, EPA 402-R-92-014, July 1993.

For more information about the interpretation of your test results or about other radon related issues we suggest contacting your state radon office.

#### Signature on the report

With the signature on the report, the Measurement specialist at Radonova Laboratories certifies that the quality control procedures follows the guidance in accordance with EPA 402-R-95-012. Measurement information displayed in italics on report has been provided by the customer.

### Certification no:

101132-AL, 107830-RT, NY ELAP ID: 11430

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RK-# RADON TEST AND KIT NUMBER



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