

# INITIAL RADON AIR SAMPLING OF HENLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR KLAMATH COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2845 GREENSPRINGS DRIVE, KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON

## INTRODUCTION

Coleman Creek Consulting, Inc. (CCC) was retained by Klamath County School District (KCSD) to perform radon air sampling as required by State Statute ORS 332.166-167. KCSD is required to perform complete radon air testing of District owned and occupied facility buildings by January 1, 2021. The purpose of the initial radon air sampling was to collect radon air samples from all regularly occupied rooms within school buildings, with the exception of storage, restrooms, kitchen, locker rooms, and compare analytical results with the EPA recommended "Action Level" concentration for radon. Short-term radon air sampling was selected for this project.

## **RADON INFORMATION AND HEALTH EFFECTS**

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that is produced by natural deposits of uranium in soil, and is found world-wide. Uranium naturally decays into Radium, and Radium can produce Radon gas. Radon gas can travel up through soil and enter buildings in contact with soil. Radon gas entering a building may become concentrated in the lowest part of the building in areas with little fresh air mixing. If radon is inhaled into lungs, particle decay processes can release radiation, potentially damaging lung tissue, and over time leading to lung cancer. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has estimated that Radon is the primary cause of lung cancer among non-smokers. EPA recommends reducing the concentration of Radon in indoor environments to below the Action Level of 4.0 pCi/L (pico-curies per Liter of air).

## INITIAL RADON AIR SAMPLING

David W. Fawcett of CCC trained KCSD employees, including school custodians in radon sampling procedures December 4, 2020. Carloyn Hall, Henley Elementary School (HES) Custodian placed radon air test kits in the HES building at the beginning of the day, December 7, 2020. A total of 44 locations were sampled according to guidelines established in the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) "Testing for Elevated Radon in Oregon Schools, A Protocol and Plan", dated 2016. Ms. Hall returned to HES December 10, 2020, at the beginning of the day, and collected all radon test kits placed for sampling. One of the test kits (Serial #9418405) was not found upon collection. See Radon Air Sample Record Sheets (pages 4-5) for locations of all areas sampled. All samples collected were packaged by Mr. Fawcett, and sent overnight to Air Chek, Inc., in Mills River, North Carolina for analysis.



## LABORATORY ANALYSIS RESULTS

The radon air test kit samples collected from HES building was reported ranging from <0.3 to 0.7 pCi/L (picocuries per liter of air). A complete listing of laboratory results and locations is found in the Air Chek, Inc. Laboratory Analysis Report in Appendix A.

## **QUALITY ASSURANCE**

To ensure that test results are reliable and accurate, quality assurance samples, including duplicate test kits (placed in same room), blank test kits (not sampled at all), and spike sampling (exposing test kits to a measured amount of radon prior to laboratory submission) were all employed during Radon sampling. The number of duplicate, blank, and spike test kits utilized during sampling followed OHA testing protocol guidelines.

## **DUPLICATE TEST KITS**

A total of four duplicate test kits were placed during initial test kit sampling. See duplicate designation on the Radon Air Sample Record Sheets. The four duplicate test kit sets were all reported with the following paired concentrations <0.3/<0.3 pCi/L, <0.3/missing pCi/L, <0.3/0.5 pCi/L, and <0.3/0.7 pCi/L. When compared with matched pair or "duplicate" test kits, one was within the expected range of 0-25% Relative Percent Difference, one duplicate set had a missing pair, and the last two were reported <2.0 pCi/L, indicating the results were too low to apply the Relative Percent Difference test.

## **BLANK TEST KITS**

Two blank test kits were submitted to Air Chek with the other HES Radon test kits. Both blank test kits were reported with <0.3 pCi/L. All blank tests were reported none detected for Radon.

## SPIKE TEST KIT ANALYSIS

One test kit was submitted to Bowser-Morner for Radon Spike processing. The test kit was exposed to 25.7 pCi/L for three days from December 4 through December 7, 2020. See Appendix B for the Bowser-Morner Radon Exposure test information. The "Spiked" test kit was submitted to Air Chek for analysis along with the other TES Radon test kits. The Spike sample was reported with 17.3 pCi/L. The relative percentage error was calculated to be -33%, in the out of control range (greater than - 30%). The Spike lab Bowser-Moerner was contacted, and did not report any unusual occurrence during Spike activities. The analytical lab (Air Chek) was contacted, and no unusual occurrences were noted during test kit analysis. Spike test kits were shipped twice during cold temperatures, and that may have had an effect on the Spike sample results. In addition, the complete KCSD Spike sample results exhibit a rather uniform grouping, with results ranging from 13.0 to 17.3 pCi/L, all below the Spiked concentration of 25.7 pCi/L. The Spike sample is identified as Serial #9418418 on the Laboratory Analysis Report in Appendix A.

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## **RADON RESULTS AND FUTURE ACTIONS**

The 2016 OHA Testing of Elevated Radon in Oregon Schools Protocol and Plan describes future steps to take based on initial Radon sample results. The following is a description of recommended actions based on Radon concentrations reported.

- 1. If <2.0 pCi/L Radon is reported, ORS 332.166-167 requires Radon re-test every 10 years.
- 2. If 2.0 pCi/L to 4.0 pCi/L Radon is reported, consider lowering the Radon concentration in the room.
- 3. If 4.0 pCi/L to 8.0 pCi/L Radon is reported, perform follow-up Radon measurement in the affected room(s) using a long-term test. Conduct over the school year as much as possible. If that result is equal to or greater than 4.0 pCi/L, Radon concentration in the room should be lowered.
- 4. If equal to or greater than 8.0 pCi/L Radon is reported, conduct a second short-term test and average the result with the initial Radon result. If the average result of the two short-term tests is equal to or greater than equal to or greater than 4.0 pCi/L, Radon concentration in the room should be lowered.

## DISCUSSION OF INTIAL RADON SAMPLING RESULTS

The initial Radon short-term sampling in Henley Elementary School building was reported with Radon concentrations ranging from <0.3 to 0.8 pCi/L. All Radon test kit samples were reported < 2.0 pCi/L, indicating that a re-test should be performed in 10 years.

CCC appreciates the opportunity to provide initial radon air testing and consulting to Klamath County School District.

Sincerely,

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David W. Fawcett Director of Consulting Operations



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# **RADON AIR SAMPLE RECORD SHEET**

| SCHOOL:  | Henley Elementary School |
|----------|--------------------------|
| ADDRESS: | 8227 Hwy. 39             |
|          | Klamath Falls, Oregon    |

DATE: SAMPLER: 12-07-20/12-10-20 Carolyn Hall

|          |          |           |                     | START | STOP |
|----------|----------|-----------|---------------------|-------|------|
| SERIAL # | BUILDING | Duplicate | LOCATION            | TIME  | TIME |
| 9418384  | Main     |           | 1 – Room 102        | 0640  | 0605 |
| 9418385  | Main     |           | 2 – Room O115       | 0644  | 0607 |
| 9418386  | Main     |           | 3 – Room O103       | 0646  | 0609 |
| 9418387  | Main     |           | 4 – Room O104       | 0649  | 0609 |
| 9418388  | Main     |           | 5 – Room O105       | 0651  | 0614 |
| 9418389  | Main     |           | 6 – Room O108       | 0655  | 0615 |
| 9418390  | Main     |           | 7 – Room O114       | 0656  | 0616 |
| 9418391  | Main     |           | 8 – Room O113       | 0658  | 0617 |
| 9418392  | Main     |           | 9 – Room O116       | 0701  | 0619 |
| 9418393  | Main     |           | 10 – Room O106      | 0704  | 0623 |
| 9418394  | Main     | Yes       | 10 – Room O106      | 0708  | 0623 |
| 9418395  | Main     |           | 11 – Room W100      | 0708  | 0624 |
| 9418396  | Main     |           | 12 – Room W118      | 0719  | 0625 |
| 9418397  | Main     |           | 13 – Room W101      | 0720  | 0627 |
| 9418398  | Main     |           | 14 – Room W102      | 0723  | 0629 |
| 9418399  | Main     |           | 15 – Room W103      | 0725  | 0631 |
| 9418400  | Main     |           | 16 – Room W104      | 0729  | 0631 |
| 9418401  | Main     |           | 17 – Room W105      | 0730  | 0631 |
| 9418402  | Main     |           | 18 – Room J100      | 0732  | 0634 |
| 9418403  | Main     |           | 19 – Room J101      | 0735  | 0640 |
| 9418404  | Main     |           | 20 – Room J102      | 0736  | 0640 |
| 9418405  | Main     | Yes       | 20 – Room J102      | 0736  | Gone |
| 9418407  | Main     |           | 21 – Room J103      | 0740  | 0640 |
| 9418408  | Main     |           | 22 – Juniper Common | 0741  | 1100 |

Comments: Sp

Spike Sample = Blank Sample = 9418406



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SCHOOL: Henley Elementary School ADDRESS: 8227 Hwy. 39 Klamath Falls, Oregon

DATE: SAMPLER: 12-07-20/12-10-20 Carolyn Hall

|          |          |           |                       | START | STOP |
|----------|----------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|------|
| SERIAL # | BUILDING | Duplicate | LOCATION              | TIME  | TIME |
| 9418409  | Main     |           | 23 – Room J104        | 0743  | 0645 |
| 9418410  | Main     |           | 24 – Room J105        | 0744  | 0645 |
| 9418411  | Main     |           | 25 – Room J106        | 0746  | 0645 |
| 9418412  | Main     |           | 26 – Room W107        | 0748  | 0648 |
| 9418413  | Main     |           | 27 – Room W108        | 0750  | 0648 |
| 9418414  | Main     |           | 28 – Room O106        | 0755  | 0650 |
| 9418415  | Main     |           | 29 – Room O107        | 0857  | 0650 |
| 9418416  | Main     |           | 30 – Room A106        | 0800  | 0650 |
| 9418417  | Main     | Yes       | 30 – Room A106        | 0800  | 0650 |
| 9418419  | Main     |           | 31 – Room A105        | 0802  | 0658 |
| 9418420  | Main     |           | 32 – Room A104        | 0805  | 0658 |
| 9418421  | Main     |           | 33 – Room A103        | 0806  | 0659 |
| 9418422  | Main     |           | 34 – Aspen Common     | 0807  | 1100 |
| 9418423  | Main     |           | 35 – Room A100        | 08009 | 0659 |
| 9418424  | Main     |           | 36 – Room A101        | 0811  | 0659 |
| 9418425  | Main     |           | 37 – Room A102        | 0812  | 0659 |
| 9418426  | Main     |           | 38 – Room P102        | 0816  | 0708 |
| 9418427  | Main     |           | 39 – Gym              | 0820  | 0708 |
| 9418428  | Main     |           | 40 – Gym              | 0840  | 0709 |
| 9418429  | Main     | Yes       | 40 – Gym              | 0840  | 0709 |
| 9418431  | Main     |           | 41 – Gym              | 0846  | 0710 |
| 9418432  | Main     |           | 42 – Room             | 0855  | 0710 |
| 9418433  | Main     |           | 43 – Room             | 0855  | 0710 |
| 9418434  | Main     |           | 44 – Custodial Office | 0856  | 0710 |

Comments: Spike Sample = 9418418 Blank Sample = 9418430

# **APPENDIX** A

# AIR CHEK LABORATORY ANALYSIS REPORT

# **\*\* LABORATORY ANALYSIS REPORT \*\***

#### Radon test result report for: HENLEY ES 20570600

| Kit #   | Room Id  | Started              | Ended                 | pCi/L          | Analyzed   |
|---------|----------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------|------------|
| 9418384 | 102      | 2020-12-07 @ 7:00 am | 2020-12-10 @ 6:00 am  | < 0.3          | 2020-12-15 |
| 9418385 | O115     | 2020-12-07 @ 7:00 am | 2020-12-10 @ 6:00 am  | $0.5 \pm 0.4$  | 2020-12-15 |
| 9418386 | O103     | 2020-12-07 @ 7:00 am | 2020-12-10 @ 6:00 am  | < 0.3          | 2020-12-15 |
| 9418387 | O104     | 2020-12-07 @ 7:00 am | 2020-12-10 @ 6:00 am  | < 0.3          | 2020-12-15 |
| 9418388 | O105     | 2020-12-07 @ 7:00 am | 2020-12-10 @ 6:00 am  | < 0.3          | 2020-12-15 |
| 9418389 | O108     | 2020-12-07 @ 7:00 am | 2020-12-10 @ 6:00 am  | < 0.3          | 2020-12-15 |
| 9418390 | O114     | 2020-12-07 @ 7:00 am | 2020-12-10 @ 6:00 am  | < 0.3          | 2020-12-15 |
| 9418391 | O113     | 2020-12-07 @ 7:00 am | 2020-12-10 @ 6:00 am  | $0.6 \pm 0.4$  | 2020-12-15 |
| 9418392 | O116     | 2020-12-07 @ 7:00 am | 2020-12-10 @ 6:00 am  | $0.7 \pm 0.4$  | 2020-12-15 |
| 9418393 | O106     | 2020-12-07 @ 7:00 am | 2020-12-10 @ 6:00 am  | < 0.3          | 2020-12-15 |
| 9418394 | O106     | 2020-12-07 @ 7:00 am | 2020-12-10 @ 6:00 am  | < 0.3          | 2020-12-15 |
| 9418395 | W100     | 2020-12-07 @ 7:00 am | 2020-12-10 @ 6:00 am  | < 0.3          | 2020-12-15 |
| 9418396 | W118     | 2020-12-07 @ 7:00 am | 2020-12-10 @ 6:00 am  | < 0.3          | 2020-12-15 |
| 9418397 | W101     | 2020-12-07 @ 7:00 am | 2020-12-10 @ 6:00 am  | < 0.3          | 2020-12-15 |
| 9418398 | W102     | 2020-12-07 @ 7:00 am | 2020-12-10 @ 6:00 am  | < 0.3          | 2020-12-15 |
| 9418399 | W103     | 2020-12-07 @ 7:00 am | 2020-12-10 @ 7:00 am  | < 0.3          | 2020-12-15 |
| 9418400 | W104     | 2020-12-07 @ 7:00 am | 2020-12-10 @ 7:00 am  | < 0.3          | 2020-12-15 |
| 9418401 | W105     | 2020-12-07 @ 8:00 am | 2020-12-10 @ 7:00 am  | < 0.3          | 2020-12-15 |
| 9418402 | J100     | 2020-12-07 @ 8:00 am | 2020-12-10 @ 7:00 am  | $0.5 \pm 0.4$  | 2020-12-15 |
| 9418403 | J101     | 2020-12-07 @ 8:00 am | 2020-12-10 @ 7:00 am  | < 0.3          | 2020-12-15 |
| 9418404 | J102     | 2020-12-07 @ 8:00 am | 2020-12-10 @ 7:00 am  | < 0.3          | 2020-12-15 |
| 9418406 | J102     | 2020-12-07 @ 8:00 am | 2020-12-10 @ 7:00 am  | < 0.3          | 2020-12-15 |
| 9418407 | J103     | 2020-12-07 @ 8:00 am | 2020-12-10 @ 7:00 am  | $0.7 \pm 0.4$  | 2020-12-15 |
| 9418408 | J-COMMON | 2020-12-07 @ 8:00 am | 2020-12-10 @ 11:00 am | < 0.3          | 2020-12-15 |
| 9418409 | J104     | 2020-12-07 @ 8:00 am | 2020-12-10 @ 7:00 am  | $0.7 \pm 0.4$  | 2020-12-15 |
| 9418410 | J105     | 2020-12-07 @ 8:00 am | 2020-12-10 @ 7:00 am  | $0.6 \pm 0.5$  | 2020-12-15 |
| 9418411 | J106     | 2020-12-07 @ 8:00 am | 2020-12-10 @ 7:00 am  | < 0.3          | 2020-12-15 |
| 9418412 | W107     | 2020-12-07 @ 8:00 am | 2020-12-10 @ 7:00 am  | < 0.3          | 2020-12-15 |
| 9418413 | W108     | 2020-12-07 @ 8:00 am | 2020-12-10 @ 7:00 am  | < 0.3          | 2020-12-15 |
| 9418414 | O106     | 2020-12-07 @ 8:00 am | 2020-12-10 @ 7:00 am  | < 0.3          | 2020-12-15 |
| 9418415 | O107     | 2020-12-07 @ 8:00 am | 2020-12-10 @ 7:00 am  | < 0.3          | 2020-12-15 |
| 9418416 | A106     | 2020-12-07 @ 8:00 am | 2020-12-10 @ 7:00 am  | < 0.3          | 2020-12-15 |
| 9418417 | A106     | 2020-12-07 @ 8:00 am | 2020-12-10 @ 7:00 am  | $0.5 \pm 0.4$  | 2020-12-15 |
| 9418418 | A106     | 2020-12-07 @ 8:00 am | 2020-12-10 @ 7:00 am  | $17.3 \pm 1.1$ | 2020-12-15 |
| 9418419 | A105     | 2020-12-07 @ 8:00 am | 2020-12-10 @ 7:00 am  | $0.7 \pm 0.4$  | 2020-12-15 |
| 9418420 | A104     | 2020-12-07 @ 8:00 am | 2020-12-10 @ 7:00 am  | < 0.3          | 2020-12-15 |
| 9418421 | A103     | 2020-12-07 @ 8:00 am | 2020-12-10 @ 7:00 am  | < 0.3          | 2020-12-15 |

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| Kit #   | Room Id   | Started              | Ended                 | pCi/L         | Analyzed   |
|---------|-----------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------|------------|
| 9418422 | A-COMMON  | 2020-12-07 @ 8:00 am | 2020-12-10 @ 11:00 am | < 0.3         | 2020-12-15 |
| 9418423 | A100      | 2020-12-07 @ 8:00 am | 2020-12-10 @ 7:00 am  | < 0.3         | 2020-12-15 |
| 9418424 | A101      | 2020-12-07 @ 8:00 am | 2020-12-10 @ 7:00 am  | < 0.3         | 2020-12-15 |
| 9418425 | A102      | 2020-12-07 @ 8:00 am | 2020-12-10 @ 7:00 am  | < 0.3         | 2020-12-15 |
| 9418426 | P102      | 2020-12-07 @ 8:00 am | 2020-12-10 @ 7:00 am  | $0.6 \pm 0.4$ | 2020-12-15 |
| 9418427 | GYM       | 2020-12-07 @ 8:00 am | 2020-12-10 @ 7:00 am  | < 0.3         | 2020-12-15 |
| 9418428 | GYM       | 2020-12-07 @ 9:00 am | 2020-12-10 @ 7:00 am  | < 0.3         | 2020-12-15 |
| 9418429 | GYM       | 2020-12-07 @ 9:00 am | 2020-12-10 @ 7:00 am  | $0.7 \pm 0.4$ | 2020-12-15 |
| 9418430 | GYM       | 2020-12-07 @ 9:00 am | 2020-12-10 @ 7:00 am  | < 0.3         | 2020-12-15 |
| 9418431 | GYM       | 2020-12-07 @ 9:00 am | 2020-12-10 @ 7:00 am  | < 0.3         | 2020-12-15 |
| 9418432 | CAFETERIA | 2020-12-07 @ 9:00 am | 2020-12-10 @ 7:00 am  | < 0.3         | 2020-12-15 |
| 9418433 | CAFETERIA | 2020-12-07 @ 9:00 am | 2020-12-10 @ 7:00 am  | $0.5 \pm 0.4$ | 2020-12-15 |
| 9418434 | CUSTODIAN | 2020-12-07 @ 9:00 am | 2020-12-10 @ 7:00 am  | < 0.3         | 2020-12-15 |

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# **APPENDIX B**

# **BOWSER-MORNER RADON SPIKE EXPOSURE**

| EXPOSURE IN BOWSER-N  | IORNER RADON CHAMBER                             |
|---|--|
| CLIENT Coleman Creek Cons   | hlting, Inc. Job Number 198582                   |
| NOMINAL Conditions: Radon Conc_25.7   | pCi/L Rel. Hum <u>59.9</u> % Temp. <u>79.3</u> H |
| Date Start: 12/4/20 Date Stop: 12/7/29  | Date Start: Date Stop:                           |
| Time Start: $0923$ Time Stop: $0923$<br>(Group 1)   | Time Start: Time Stop:                           |
| Device No.'s: (12) Char Bags-<br>9417935, 9417970, 9418007,<br>9412910, 9412021, 9418007, | Device No.'s:                                    |
| 9418060,9418096,9418226,<br>9418250,9418286,9418321                                       | · · ·  |
| R.S Loft  |  |
| Date Start: Date Stop: 12/1/20  | Date Start: Date Stop:                           |
| Time Start: <u>0927</u> Time Stop: <u>0927</u>  | Time Start: Time Stop:                           |
| (Group 2)<br>Device No.'s: (13) Char Boas-<br>9418370,9418418,9418465,9418500,            | Device No.'s:                                    |
| 9418566,9418601,9418660,9418660,9418660,9418695,9418771,9418747,                          |  |
| 9418806 9418846 9418875   |  |
| R5 Right  |  |
| Date Start: Date Stop:  | Date Start: Date Stop:                           |
| Time Start: Time Stop:  | Time Start: Time Stop:                           |
| Device No.'s:   | Device No.'s:                                    |
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Note: All times are in 24-hour (military) notation, Eastern Standard Time (EST) Background = 7 μR/h Elevation = 820 ft **APPENDIX C** 

# **RADON SAMPLING LOCATION DIAGRAM**

