



## **Position Statement On Recharging Other Company's Electrets**

It has come to the AARST Board's attention that certain companies are recharging other companies' electrets. It is the opinion of this Board that there are significant concerns with this practice and that, at this time, this type of activity appears to constitute unauthorized interference, modification, and/or tampering with a NEHA-NRPP listed manufactured device.

Consistent with the AARST mission statement, the following are what the AARST Board considers to be the principles regarding the issue of unauthorized interference, modification and/or tampering with the composition, components and/or operation of any radon measurement and control devices and /or technologies:

- 1) When standards exist for a particular interfering behavior, ethical principles require that they shall be followed.
- 2) When standards do not exist, then such interference shall be regarded as having created a new device/technology for which independent comprehensive evaluation and separate certification/listing shall be required.
- 3) AARST, through its Technical and Science Committee (TASC), may provide a scientific basis on which NEHA-NRPP can make determinations about the validity and effectiveness of devices and technologies.
- 4) It is the duty of originators of devices and technologies to label and, where possible, construct or create devices and technologies in such a way as to discourage interference.
- 5) In any case, ethical business practice demands that interfering entities shall take responsibility and disclose their actions to affected parties.

It is the further opinion of this Board, that all companies engaged in the unauthorized practice of recharging other companies' electrets cease doing so until they have acted in compliance with the above stated principles.

Approved by the AARST Board of Directors  
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