

HUD and and Radon

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General Requirements
of HUD's
Environmental Review
Regulations (applies to
all programs)

24 CFR Part 50.3: It is HUD policy that all property proposed for use in HUD programs be free of hazardous materials, contamination, **toxic chemicals and gasses, and radioactive substances**, where a hazard could affect the health and safety of occupants

HUD Program areas have specific radon requirements

HUD'S Office of Housing

Multifamily and Healthcare Federal Housing Administration (FHA)-insured mortgage applications require radon testing/radon resistant construction for new construction/substantial rehab or when refinancing existing buildings starting in 2013

Multifamily FHA 2020 Policy updates require testing existing properties in all EPA radon risk zones and require 100% ground floor testing

Single Family FHA-required form "For Your Protection, Get an Inspection" includes statement on radon since 2006.

Public Housing Program Requirements and Guidance

HUD's Office of Public and Indian Housing (PIH) oversees the program that provides federal support to public housing authorities (PHAs), which are locally owned and managed.

PHAs (local governments) are responsible for conducting their own environmental reviews when these are required based on the level of activity.

In 2013, PIH published a program notice that strongly encouraged PHAs to test and, as needed, mitigate their units for radon:

<https://www.hud.gov/sites/documents/PIH2013-06.PDF>

PIH and the Office of Multifamily Housing have also worked together to create and update radon testing requirements for Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) conversions of public housing.

Public Housing Program Requirements and Guidance

- **Radon Outreach and Education**
 - HUD's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes (OLHCHH) teamed with PIH to develop radon education and guidance.
 - Three webinars, factsheets, written guidance and videos are included in this effort.
<https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/radon/>
- **HUD Funding for Radon Testing and Mitigation in Public Housing**
 - Radon Testing and Demonstration Awards
 - Public Housing Hazard Grants

HUD's Climate Action Plan

Section 3.5 Minimize Residential Radon Exposure

Office	Action	Implementation Method
OLHCHH, CPD, PIH, Housing	Deliver radon training series and guidance materials to HUD customers covering topics including radon basics, regulatory requirements, and testing and mitigation best practices	Technical Assistance
OEE, OLHCHH	Develop a simple departmental radon policy clarifying current regulatory minimums	Guidance
CPD, PIH	Develop program-specific radon policies for grantees and PHAs	Guidance
OEE, OLHCHH, PIH, Housing	Refine departmentwide radon testing and mitigation standards by rule	Rulemaking

<https://www.hud.gov/climate>