

# Federal Policy Update

# EPA's FY 26 Budget

The President's FY 2026 Budget proposed to eliminate **State Indoor Radon Grants (SIRG)** indicating that "responsibility for funding local indoor radon reduction programs is best placed with states and localities." The House and Senate appropriations bills propose to fund it.

The President's FY 2026 Budget also proposed to eliminate the **Indoor Air: Radon Program**, claiming that its work will be accomplished within the Indoor Air and Radiation Program Area but cutting it 40%. The House bill proposes cutting it 49%. The Senate bill almost level-funds the Radiation Program Area.

Neither the House nor Senate appropriations bill mention Radon.

# It's Never Too Late to Contact Congress

Please reach out to your Senators' and House member's offices or visit them to ask that they ensure that the EPA Indoor Air: Radon Program and SIRG programs are fully funded.



# Latest from EPA

## Air and Radiation

- Retirements
  - Jon Edwards, Director, Office of Radiation and Indoor Air ORIA
    - Sharon White (acting)
  - Dave Rowson, Director, Indoor Environments Division IED
    - Bill Long (acting)
    - Katrin Kral now Acting Branch Supervisor, Homes Branch, IED
  - Peggy Bagnoli, Nick Hersh
- Newly Transferred Staff from Energy Star, elsewhere
- Counsel's Office – retirements slowed Framework finalization
- Benefit / Cost Analysis – full paper published soon

# HUD

## Multifamily Lending

- Mortgagee Letter to reduce policy to GSEs' – on hold

Funding for Radon in Public Housing

- Separate line not supported for FY 26 by Pres, House, Senate
- FY 26 Senate bill provides \$65 million for a grant program to help mitigate residential health hazards in public housing

## Environmental Public Health Tracking –

- Admin leave then returned
- Seeking comments on revised data dictionary for radon indicator
- Ready to open up for radon lab / data submissions

# Meeting the Challenges: Possibilities

- Step up state / local protections for tenants
- Identify Administration leadership
  - Business Case
  - Connecting radon to Make America Healthy Again agenda
- Authorization bill or other cross-agency initiative
- Need funds for lobbying

*Thank You!*

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