



## Radon in Schools

Getting Started – What do I need to know?



## Managing Radon in your Schools: Utilizing the Key Drivers

- **Communicate** – Risk communication about potential radon problems
- **Organize** – Gain administrative and partnership support
- **Assess** – Determine the need to test for radon in schools
- **Plan** – How/who will be performing radon testing in the schools
- **Act** – perform radon testing **and** mitigate areas with high levels
- **Evaluate** – Assess potential occupant exposures and risk reduction options from test results



## Communicate

- Risk Communication
  - establish talking points
  - Inform Staff and parents
- Communicate your plan to all interested parties

## Organize

- Identify Key Stakeholders
  - Administrators
  - Building Engineers
  - Radon Professional
  - State Radon Program
- Build your radon team

## Assessing: Review Your States School and State Regulations

**EXAMPLE:** MN Health and Safety Statute 123B.57 Subd. 2.Contents of program.

A district must adopt a health and safety program. ...

(a) A hazardous substance plan must contain provisions for the removal or encapsulation of asbestos...

(b) A fire and life safety plan ...

(c) A facilities and equipment violation plan ..

(d) A health, safety, and environmental management plan...

**(e) A plan to test for and mitigate radon produced hazards.**

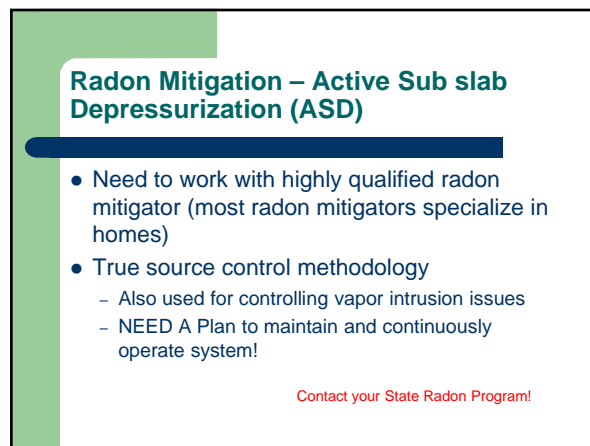
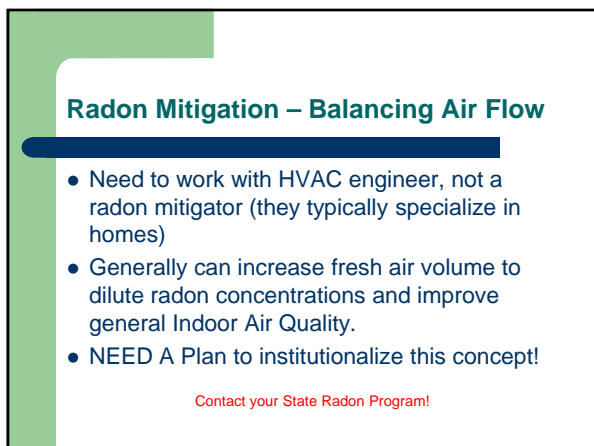
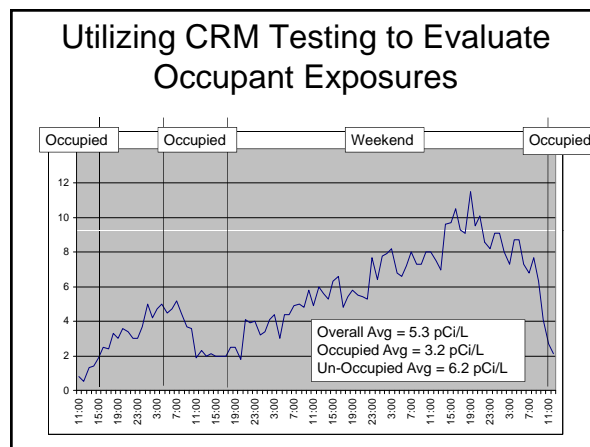
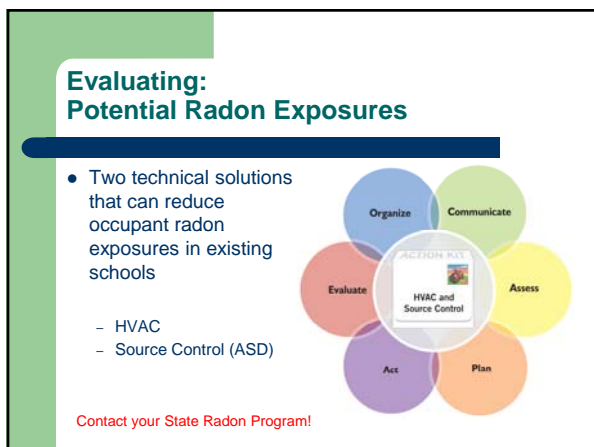
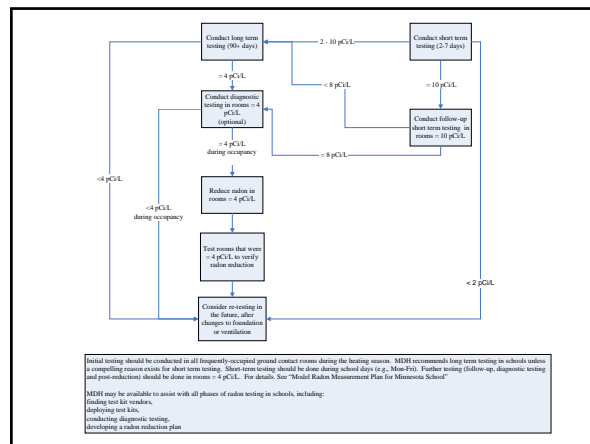
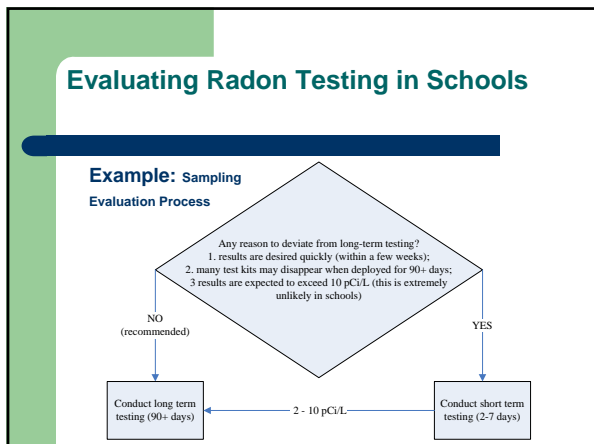
(f) A plan to monitor and improve indoor air quality.

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## Evaluate Radon Testing Options

- Talk to superintendent first (Need Administrative Support)
- See EPA radon testing in schools guide
  - <http://www.epa.gov/radon/pubs/>
- Test in winter (Closed Heating/Cooling conditions)
- Short term testing
  - Weekdays
- Long term testing
  - Better, but retrieval issue
- Develop sampling plan
  - When, where and how to deploy and retrieve radon samples
- Inform parents, staff (risk communication)

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