



Radon

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Finance and Administration

Responsible IUPUI Campus Office:
Environmental Health and Safety

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The IUPUI administration formally approves official campus administrative policies through an established process, publishes those policies in a consistent format, and maintains official campus policies in a central, readily accessible policy website. Responsible administrators (as defined below) and their offices, that are engaged in developing and maintaining campus-wide administrative policies must comply with the procedures in this policy for drafting, approving, revising, distributing, maintaining, and withdrawing campus-wide policies. Academic policies are available on the [Faculty Council website](#).

This policy is in accordance with University Policy [UA-08, Establishing University Policies](#).

Scope

Policy Statement

The 4 pCi/l radon concentration recommended by the U.S. EPA will be used as a goal for all occupied areas. If radon levels in occupied areas are 4 pCi/l to 20 pCi/l range, action should be taken to reduce levels to 4 pCi/l or below. This action should be initiated within several years (up to 3 years), sooner if levels are at the upper end of this range.

If long-term radon concentrations are above 20 pCi/l, remedial action should be taken within several months to reduce concentrations to a more acceptable level.

Reason for Policy

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas, which according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S. Several organizations, including the World Health Organization (WHO), and the National Council on Radiation Protection and Measurement (NCRP), have recommended various levels that they regard as safe. The U.S. EPA is the agency most involved with indoor air pollution concerns and they recommend that levels not exceed 4 picocuries per liter (pCi/l) for an extended period of time.

Exceptions/Exclusions

Not provided.

Procedures

The Department of Environmental Health and Safety will monitor occupied building space as deemed necessary to determine radon levels in buildings in accordance with current U.S. EPA guidelines. If results of these tests indicate the long-term radon level exceeds 4 pCi/l, investigations will be conducted to identify reasons for the elevated radon level and means of reducing the level, at a reasonable expense, to the goal of 4 pCi/l.

If the radon level cannot be reduced to the 4 pCi/l level, Environmental Health and Safety will inform the Environmental Safety Committee of the results of the investigation.

Definitions

Not provided.

Sanctions

Not provided.

Contact Information

<i>Subject</i>	<i>Contact</i>	<i>Phone</i>	<i>Email</i>

(This section may be modified to include responsibilities if necessary.)

Forms

Not provided.

Web Addresses

Not provided.

Related Information

Not provided.

Document Change Log

Include information about previous policy versions or whether this policy replaces an existing policy.

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Communications

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Students	
Staff	
Faculty	
Jag News	
Faculty Council	
Staff Council	
IUPUI Facebook	
IUPUI Twitter	
Housing	