

November 12, 2019

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Via email: gbaker@fernridge.k12.or.us

Regarding: Veneta Elementary School – Short-Term Radon Testing 88131 Territorial Hwy Veneta, OR 97487 PBS Project 52525.000

Dear Mr. Baker:

From October 7, to October 10, 2019 PBS Engineering and Environmental Inc. (PBS) performed short-term radon testing for Veneta Elementary School located at 88131 Territorial Highway in Elmira, Oregon.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Oregon Health Authority (OHA) recommend that buildings be tested for radon, and that any radon concentrations be maintained below 4.0 picocuries per liter (pCi/L) of air. PBS used Air Chek, Inc., single-use, short-term radon test kits to measure radon levels in frequently occupied rooms that are in contact with the ground or above unoccupied basements or crawlspaces. **No samples taken by PBS were found to be above the EPA action level of 4.0 pCi/L.** 

In addition to the single-use, short-term radon test kits deployed in frequently occupied rooms, one (1) sample blank and six (6) spike samples were analyzed by Air Chek, Inc. in Mills River, North Carolina for quality control (QC) purposes.

Kit Number	Start Date	End Date	Room	Floor	Result
9290329	10/07/2019	10/10/2019	1	1 <sup>st</sup>	<0.3
9290324	10/07/2019	10/10/2019	10	1 <sup>st</sup>	2.2
9290328	10/07/2019	10/10/2019	11	1 <sup>st</sup>	0.6
9290333	10/07/2019	10/10/2019	12	1 <sup>st</sup>	1.2
9290335	10/07/2019	10/10/2019	13	1 <sup>st</sup>	1.6
9290337	10/07/2019	10/10/2019	14	1 <sup>st</sup>	2.6
9290338	10/07/2019	10/10/2019	15	1 <sup>st</sup>	3.1
9290340	10/07/2019	10/10/2019	16	1 <sup>st</sup>	3.0
9290341	10/07/2019	10/10/2019	17	1 <sup>st</sup>	1.1
9290339	10/07/2019	10/10/2019	18	1 <sup>st</sup>	2.4
9290336	10/07/2019	10/10/2019	19	1 <sup>st</sup>	2.7
9290330	10/07/2019	10/10/2019	2	1 <sup>st</sup>	< 0.3
9290331	10/07/2019	10/10/2019	20	1 <sup>st</sup>	1.5

The following table presents the results of all tests conducted during this study. Results are listed in pCi/L.

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Kit Number	Start Date	End Date	Room	Floor	Result
9290334	10/07/2019	10/10/2019	21	1 <sup>st</sup>	2.1
9290316	10/07/2019	10/10/2019	22	1 <sup>st</sup>	1.5
9290315	10/07/2019	10/10/2019	23	1 <sup>st</sup>	1.1
9290318	10/07/2019	10/10/2019	24	1 <sup>st</sup>	0.9
9290312	10/07/2019	10/10/2019	25	1 <sup>st</sup>	0.9
9290319	10/07/2019	10/10/2019	3	1 <sup>st</sup>	<0.3
9290332	10/07/2019	10/10/2019	3	1 <sup>st</sup>	<0.3
9290325	10/07/2019	10/10/2019	4	1 <sup>st</sup>	0.5
9290323	10/07/2019	10/10/2019	5	1 <sup>st</sup>	1.8
9290326	10/07/2019	10/10/2019	6	1 <sup>st</sup>	2.2
9290322	10/07/2019	10/10/2019	7	1 <sup>st</sup>	1.4
9290321	10/07/2019	10/10/2019	8	1 <sup>st</sup>	1.3
9290327	10/07/2019	10/10/2019	9	1 <sup>st</sup>	3.8
9290310	10/07/2019	10/10/2019	Cafeteria E. Wall	1 <sup>st</sup>	1.5
9290314	10/07/2019	10/10/2019	Cafeteria W. Wall	1 <sup>st</sup>	1.2
9290317	10/07/2019	10/10/2019	Gym E. Wall	1 <sup>st</sup>	1.3
9290320	10/07/2019	10/10/2019	Gym W. Wall	1 <sup>st</sup>	0.6
9290311	10/07/2019	10/10/2019	Gym W. Wall	1 <sup>st</sup>	0.7
9290307	10/07/2019	10/10/2019	Health Room	1 <sup>st</sup>	0.9
9290313	10/07/2019	10/10/2019	Library	1 <sup>st</sup>	1.2
9290308	10/07/2019	10/10/2019	Principal	1 <sup>st</sup>	0.6
7271050	10/07/2019	10/10/2019	Reception	1 <sup>st</sup>	0.7
9290309	10/07/2019	10/10/2019	Staff Room	1 <sup>st</sup>	0.8
7271049	10/07/2019	10/10/2019	Work Room	1 <sup>st</sup>	2.1

See the attached laboratory analysis report for more details.

In addition to the EPA recommendation that radon concentrations not exceed 4.0 pCi/L, OHA recommends that the following steps be conducted based on the results of a room's initial short-term test:

- If the result is less than 2.0 pCi/L, school districts are required to test again every 10 years, per Oregon Revised Statute 332.166-167.
- If the result is between 2.0 pCi/L and 4.0 pCi/L, consider fixing (i.e., lowering) the radon in that room.
- If the result is from 4.0 pCi/L to 8.0 pCi/L, perform a follow-up measurement of that room using a long-term test. This test should be conducted over as much of a nine-month school year as possible, when the room is likely to be occupied. If that result is equal to or greater than 4.0 pCi/L, the radon in the room should be fixed (i.e., lowered).
- If the initial short-term test result is equal to or greater than 8.0 pCi/L, conduct a second short-term test and average its result with the initial short-term test result. If the average of the two is equal to or greater than 4.0 pCi/L, radon in the room should be fixed (i.e., lowered).

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Note: A great difference in the results of the short-term tests may indicate a flaw in the testing process. Investigate and consider retesting. For situations in which one of the test results is equal to or greater than 4.0 pCi/L, if the higher result is two or more times the lower result, repeat the test.

### LIMITATIONS OF SCOPE

This study was limited to the tests and locations as previously indicated. The site as a whole may have other environmental concerns that will not be characterized by this study. The findings and conclusions of this work are not scientific certainties, but probabilities based on professional judgment concerning the significance of the data gathered during the course of this investigation. PBS is not able to represent conditions on the site or adjoining sites beyond those detected or observed by PBS.

Please feel free to contact me at 541.868.0955 or jeff.heeren@pbsusa.com with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Jeff Heeren Senior Project Manager

Attachment: AirChek, Inc., Laboratory Analysis Report AirChek, Inc., Laboratory Analysis Report – QC Samples

## Radon test result report for: VENETA ELEMENTARY ELEMENTARY

Kit #	Room Id	Started	Ended	pCi/L	Analyzed
9290329	1	2019-10-07 @ 10:00 am	2019-10-10 @ 1:00 pm	< 0.3	2019-10-1
9290324	10	2019-10-07 @ 9:00 am	2019-10-10 @ 1:00 pm	$2.2 \pm 0.3$	2019-10-1
9290328	11	2019-10-07 @ 9:00 am	2019-10-10 @ 1:00 pm	$0.6 \pm 0.3$	2019-10-1
9290333	12	2019-10-07 @ 10:00 am	2019-10-10 @ 1:00 pm	$1.2 \pm 0.3$	2019-10-1
9290335	13	2019-10-07 @ 10:00 am	2019-10-10 @ 1:00 pm	$1.6 \pm 0.3$	2019-10-1
9290337	14	2019-10-07 @ 10:00 am	2019-10-10 @ 1:00 pm	$2.6 \pm 0.3$	2019-10-1
9290338	15	2019-10-07 @ 10:00 am	2019-10-10 @ 1:00 pm	$3.1 \pm 0.3$	2019-10-1
9290340	16	2019-10-07 @ 10:00 am	2019-10-10 @ 1:00 pm	$3.0 \pm 0.3$	2019-10-1
9290341	17	2019-10-07 @ 10:00 am	1 2019-10-10 @ 1:00 pm	$1.1 \pm 0.3$	2019-10-1
9290339	18	2019-10-07 @ 10:00 am	2019-10-10 @ 1:00 pm	$2.4 \pm 0.3$	2019-10-1
9290336	19	2019-10-07 @ 10:00 an	1 2019-10-10 @ 1:00 pm	$2.7 \pm 0.3$	2019-10-1
9290330	2	2019-10-07 @ 10:00 am	1 2019-10-10 @ 1:00 pm	< 0.3	2019-10-1
9290331	20	2019-10-07 @ 10:00 am	2019-10-10 @ 1:00 pm	$1.5 \pm 0.3$	2019-10-1
9290334	21	2019-10-07 @ 10:00 am	1 2019-10-10 @ 1:00 pm	$2.1 \pm 0.3$	2019-10-1
9290316	22	2019-10-07 @ 9:00 am	2019-10-10 @ 1:00 pm	$1.5 \pm 0.3$	2019-10-1
9290315	23	2019-10-07 @ 9:00 am	2019-10-10 @ 1:00 pm	$1.1 \pm 0.3$	2019-10-1
9290318	24	2019-10-07 @ 9:00 am	2019-10-10 @ 1:00 pm	$0.9 \pm 0.3$	2019-10-1
9290312	25	2019-10-07 @ 9:00 am	2019-10-10 @ 1:00 pm	$0.9 \pm 0.3$	2019-10-1
9290319	3	2019-10-07 @ 9:00 am	2019-10-10 @ 1:00 pm	< 0.3	2019-10-1
9290332	3	2019-10-07 @ 10:00 am	2019-10-10 @ 1:00 pm	< 0.3	2019-10-1
9290325	4	2019-10-07 @ 10:00 am	1 2019-10-10 @ 1:00 pm	$0.5 \pm 0.3$	2019-10-1
9290323	5	2019-10-07 @ 9:00 am	2019-10-10 @ 1:00 pm	$1.8 \pm 0.3$	2019-10-1
9290326	6	2019-10-07 @ 9:00 am	2019-10-10 @ 1:00 pm	$2.2 \pm 0.3$	2019-10-1
9290322	7	2019-10-07 @ 9:00 am	2019-10-10 @ 1:00 pm	$1.4 \pm 0.3$	2019-10-1
9290321	8	2019-10-07 @ 9:00 am	2019-10-10 @ 1:00 pm	$1.3 \pm 0.3$	2019-10-1
9290327	9	2019-10-07 @ 9:00 am	2019-10-10 @ 1:00 pm	$3.8 \pm 0.3$	2019-10-1
9290310	CAFETERIA EAST WALL	2019-10-07 @ 9:00 am	2019-10-10 @ 1:00 pm	$1.5 \pm 0.3$	2019-10-1
9290314	CAFETERIA WEST WALL	2019-10-07 @ 9:00 am	2019-10-10 @ 1:00 pm	$1.2 \pm 0.3$	2019-10-1
9290317	GYM EAST WALL	2019-10-07 @ 9:00 am	2019-10-10 @ 1:00 pm	$1.3 \pm 0.3$	2019-10-1
9290320	GYM WEST WALL	2019-10-07 @ 9:00 am	2019-10-10 @ 1:00 pm	$0.6 \pm 0.3$	2019-10-1
9290311	GYM WEST WALL	2019-10-07 @ 9:00 am	2019-10-10 @ 1:00 pm	$0.7 \pm 0.3$	2019-10-1
9290307	HEALTH ROOM	2019-10-07 @ 9:00 am	2019-10-10 @ 1:00 pm	$0.9 \pm 0.3$	2019-10-1
9290313	LIBRARY	2019-10-07 @ 9:00 am	2019-10-10 @ 1:00 pm	$1.2 \pm 0.3$	2019-10-1
9290308	PRINCIPAL	2019-10-07 @ 9:00 am	2019-10-10 @ 1:00 pm	$0.6 \pm 0.3$	2019-10-1
7271050	RECEPTION	2019-10-07 @ 9:00 am	2019-10-10 @ 1:00 pm	$0.7 \pm 0.3$	2019-10-1
9290309	STAFF ROOM	2019-10-07 @ 9:00 am	2019-10-10 @ 1:00 pm	$0.8 \pm 0.3$	2019-10-1
7271049	WORK ROOM	2019-10-07 @ 9:00 am	2019-10-10 @ 1:00 pm	$2.1 \pm 0.3$	2019-10-1

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# **\*\* LABORATORY ANALYSIS REPORT \*\***

## Radon test result report for: VENETA ELEMENTARY ELEMENTARY

Kit #	Room Id	Started	Ended	pCi/L	Analyzed
7271055	В	2019-10-07 @ 7:00 am	2019-10-10 @ 4:00 pm	< 0.3	2019-10-11
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## Radon test result report for: ELMIRA HIGH SCHOOL ELMIRA HIGH SCHOOL

Kit #	Room Id	Started	Ended	pCi/L	Analyzed
7271054	В	2019-10-07 @ 7:00 am	2019-10-10 @ 4:00 pm	< 0.3	2019-10-11
7271057	В	2019-10-07 @ 7:00 am	2019-10-10 @ 4:00 pm	< 0.3	2019-10-11
9290303	SP	2019-10-06 @ 7:00 am	2019-10-09 @ 7:00 am	$31.1 \pm 1.9$	2019-10-11
9290301	SP	2019-10-06 @ 7:00 am	2019-10-09 @ 7:00 am	$25.9 \pm 1.6$	2019-10-11
9290306	SP	2019-10-06 @ 7:00 am	2019-10-09 @ 7:00 am	$28.2 \pm 1.7$	2019-10-11
9290304	SP	2019-10-06 @ 7:00 am	2019-10-09 @ 7:00 am	$29.2 \pm 1.8$	2019-10-11
9290302	SP	2019-10-06 @ 7:00 am	2019-10-09 @ 7:00 am	$27.2 \pm 1.6$	2019-10-11
9290305	SP	2019-10-06 @ 7:00 am	2019-10-09 @ 7:00 am	$27.7 \pm 1.7$	2019-10-11

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