

Kentucky Radon Fact Sheet

KENTUCKY RADON PROGRAM

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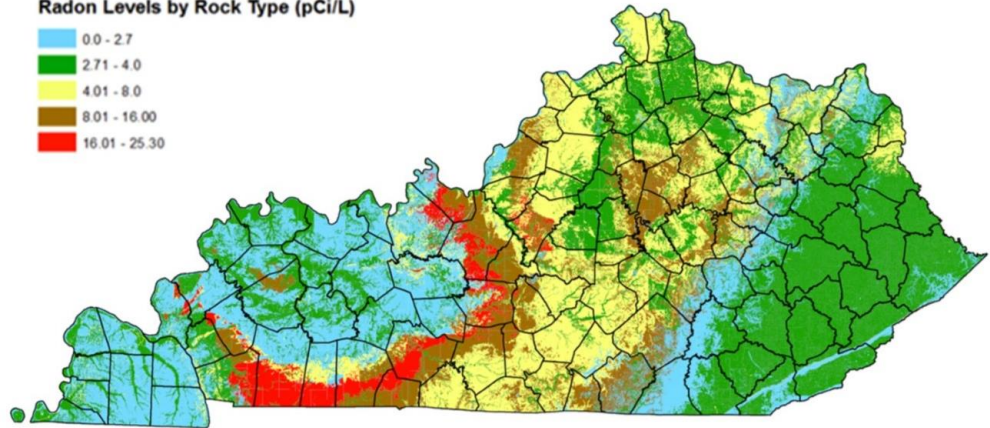
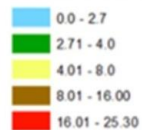
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<http://www.kycancer.org/canceractionplan/canceractionplan.pdf>

Radon Exposure in Kentucky, 1986-2015

Radon Levels by Rock Type (pCi/L)



The Kentucky Radon Program is within the Kentucky Department of Public Health (KDPH), Public Health Protection and Safety Division. The program is funded by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) State Indoor Radon Grant (SIRG). The KDPH must provide cash and/or in kind match of 40% or greater on the funds received for the EPA SIRG. The program conducts outreach and education activities to health professionals, builders, realtors, contractors, public health officials and other entities and provides sub-grants to local entities to conduct similar activities and other special projects. The radon program work closely alongside other health related programs, including the Environmental Public Health Tracking Network, the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System and the Kentucky Cancer Consortium.

Radon Awareness, Education, Testing and Mitigation

- A radon coalition operates in Kentucky and gives support to a strategic plan for radon reduction. The plan focuses on Education to Medical Professionals, the Kentucky Cancer Consortium Cancer Action Plan, Radon Policy & Education in Schools, Continuing Education, and Radon Code Adoption for Builders
- Radon education courses for radon industry, realtors, builders, and health officials is scheduled annually
- Thirteen Health Departments & Districts covering 45 counties are actively supporting radon education through test kit distribution, education projects, and advertising media
- Radon coalition effort through the Kentucky Cancer Consortium has priority focus on Healthcare Professionals and reaching local residents with education by improving the means by which educational material is obtained

Pending/Enacted Legislation

House Bill 420 bill sponsored by Representative Adam Bowling was introduced in the 2019 legislative session. The bill was to amend KRS 211.9101, 211.9103, 211.9105, 211.9107, 211.9109, 211.9111, 211.9113, 211.9115, 211.9119, 211.9121, 211.9125, 211.9129, 211.9131, and 211.9135 to update requirements for radon certifications; repeal KRS 211.9117, 211.9123, and 211.9127.

Summary: Amendments to existing Kentucky statutes (KRS 211.9101 thru 211.9135) were put forth. A transition will occur. It will not be “licensure” for radon contractors but will be a “registration” of contractors with a State Office. There is no formal licensure process. The American National Standards Institute (ANSI) will be what is recognized as the applicable standards in Kentucky.

Key areas that will be changed as a result of amendments once they become effective are: 1) Biennial registration would replace annual registration; 2) The cost would be to the government agency for management of contractor registration instead of receiving a \$250 certification fee as it was originally planned; 3) There would be a difference in the disclosure of the residential information associated with radon contractor work and data collection. The detail of the radon data connected with radon contractor work would not disclose any homeowner identifier information beyond a zip code.

The amended statutes did pass in the session and were signed into law by Governor Matt Bevin.