Mississippi Radon Fact Sheet

MISSISSIPPI RADON AWARENESS PROGRAM

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Mississippi Cancer Control Plan
https://msdh.ms.gov/msdhsite/_static/resources/1596.pdf

Radon is a cancer-causing, radioactive gas, which comes from the natural (radioactive) breakdown of uranium in soil, rock and water and gets into the air we breathe. When radon is trapped indoors or in building materials, it can reach unacceptable levels. The generally accepted cut-off, established by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 1986, is 4pCi/L. Also, there are no state regulations for indoor radon testing or measurements that are performed in the state of Mississippi.

The highlighted counties have a predicted average indoor Radon screening level between 2 and 4pCi/L that is con- sidered to be a moderate potential risk.

The Mississippi Radon Program was designed to contribute to the reduction of premature cancer deaths due to indoor Radon exposure by monitoring schools and libraries and by educating the general public about the health risks associ- ated with Radon exposure and mitigation of those risks. The month of January is Radon Action Month. During this month, Mississippi Radon Program distributes "free" radon home test kits. The program is funded by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) State Indoor Radon Grant (SIRG). The MSDPH must provide cash and/or in kind match of 40% or greater on the funds received for the EPA SIRG.

Mississippi Enacted Legislation

Mississippi Code §§ 89-1-501—523: Requires written disclosure of the condition of real property consisting of up to four dwelling units, when property is transferred with the aid of real estate brokers or salespersons. Property Condition Disclosure Statement adopted under the law requires the disclosure of problems which may exist on the property, including hazardous or toxic waste, asbestos, lead-based paint, formaldehyde insulation, radon gas, and mold. (Disclosure Statement available at: http://www.mrec.ms.gov/docs/mrec_forms_property_condition_disclosure_statement.pdf.)

State Cancer Control Plan: (2006-2011)

The Mississippi Department of Health's "2006-2011 Mississippi Cancer Control Plan" does not specifically mention radon. It addresses more basic means of cancer control and prevention.