

The following constitutes agreement between the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the American Federation of Government Employees, National VA Council (NVAC) Concerning Circular 00-91- , Radon Testing at Department of Veterans Affairs facilities.

1. Local management will provide a copy of the information as referenced in III. I, Documentation, in the circular to the local union. The test results will be provided within one week of receipt of the laboratory analysis for the completed facility. All remaining information will normally be provided within 60 days.

2. In Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Radon Study Design, VII; Providing Screening Results to EPA; add the following as the second sentence:

This information will be provided to the NVAC within 2 weeks of receipt of their request.

3. Local Management shall meet its labor-management responsibilities prior to the implementation of this circular.

4. In Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Radon Study Design, IV, Employee/Public Relations, change "should" to "will" and replace the second sentence with the following:

Distributing fact sheets, notices in station newsletters, posting and placing placards with the detectors are examples of ways such information can be provided.

5. Any alternative testing technologies will be those acceptable to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Local unions will be notified when alternative testing techniques are to be used.

6. Local Management will inform the local union at the inception of the testing period where radon detecting devices are placed. The local union is encouraged to meet with management and ask questions in regard to the technical aspects of the testing process.

7. The President of the NVAC will be provided with a copy of information regarding high risk areas compiled by EPA, as provided to the VA, pursuant to Public Law 100-551, Section 309(b).

8. Future policies addressing planning, design, renovation, abatement and construction of remediation measures will be the subject of future negotiations as appropriate.

9. Add "properly" in VIII, Employee Training, between "to" and "accomplish."

10. At the local level, VA will request documentation regarding calibration from the supplier. The union will be provided access to this information upon request.

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11. The VA accepts the safety levels for residences until further guidance is available from EPA.

12. When an occupied space is tested and a significantly high reading is achieved, an adjacent area, if not already tested, shall be tested.

13. The VA will request copies of all radon studies in non-VA owned and VA request.

14. The measured radon level at the employee's worksite shall be provided to the employee upon request. The employee may record this radon level and have it placed in their medical record.

  
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For Management

  
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For the NVAC

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