

Program:	Federal Lead Remediation Program	MHN #	2024-LEAD-002
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This MaineHousing Notice is being issued to notify CAA’s that HUD now requires radon mitigation when a project is funded with HUD Lead Hazard Reduction Grant. an updated version of the LEAD Guide, Fed Lead Invoice, Contamination & Toxic Substance Worksheet, and new Fed Lead Radon Plan reference document has been posted to the partner portal.

1. Changes to HUD Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Policy

This MaineHousing Notice is being issued to notify CAA’s that HUD is requiring radon mitigation be completed in projects funded with HUD Lead Hazard Reduction Grant funds when the property’s radon level is at or above 4 pCi/L. Please refer to *MaineHousing’s HUD Lead Paint Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Supplemental Environmental Review Radon Plan* for more information.

For all properties enrolled in MaineHousing’s Lead Program MaineHousing has elected to utilize the Scientific Data Review methodology.

Scientific Data Review – using the Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control Prevention National Environmental Public Health Tracking Map (<https://ephtracking.cdc.gov/DataExplorer/>). This map (see bel provides radon test data from national radon testing laboratories and states that can be viewed by state or county.

County	Radon Level
Androscoggin	4.8
Aroostook	6.4
Cumberland	7.8
Franklin	3.7
Hancock	5.8
Kennebec	4.6
Knox	3.5
Lincoln	5.0
Oxford	7.1
Penobscot	2.2
Piscataquis	5.8
Sagadahoc	3.6
Somerset	2.7
Waldo	3.7
Washington	6.2
York	7.4

Mitigation Requirements

All projects, that are not exempt, are required to conduct radon mitigation. For radon mitigation, HUD requires the Environmental Review Record include a Mitigation Plan.

The CAAs will complete the following steps:

- 1) Establish a Mitigation Plan, using the form provided by MaineHousing, that:
 - Identifies the radon level;

- Considers the risk to occupants' health;
 - Describes the radon reduction system that will be installed;
 - Establishes an ongoing maintenance plan to ensure the system is operating as intended;
 - Establishes a reasonable timeframe for implementation; and
 - Requires post-installation testing, to be conducted by a licensed radon professional, and includes a quote for the cost of testing.
- 2) Provide a copy of the written Mitigation Plan to MaineHousing for approval.
 - 3) Carryout the Mitigation Plan with completion at least 60 days prior to the commencement of any lead abatement work.
 - 4) Submit to MaineHousing a certificate of completion. A certificate of completion must be submitted and appended to the *Contamination, Toxic Chemicals and Gases, and Radioactive Substance Inspection Report* form once radon testing and/or mitigation are completed.
 - 5) Provide the property owner with instructions regarding the ongoing maintenance plan for the radon system.
 - 6) Advise the property owner that MaineHousing will monitor the radon system through the lead abatement property owner monitoring process.

2. Updated Reference Guides and Forms

The following reference materials have been updated and posted to the partner portal.

1. New reference document *Fed Lead Radon Plan 2024* to be utilized for radon testing/mitigation instructions
2. Guide updates state CAA's should go to *Fed Lead Radon Plan 2024* for instructions
3. Fed Lead invoice form has been updated to include lines for Radon Testing and Radon Mitigation
4. Environmental Review *Contamination & Toxic Substance Worksheet* has been updated to include Radon

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