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SUBJECT: Environmental Reviews: HUD Radon Policy

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ATTENTION: Grantees Receiving CDBG and CDBG-related program funding including CDBG Economic Development (CDBG-ED), Neighborhood Revitalization (CDBG-NR), Coronavirus (CDBG-CV), and Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) program funding.

This Policy Bulletin aims to inform grantees of the updated environmental review process used by the Rural Economic Development Division (REDD).

As of April 11, 2024, radon must be assessed in CDBG Environmental Reviews as part of the Contamination & Toxic Substances category on the Statutory Worksheet. Considering radon levels will only apply to projects requiring a Categorical Exempt Subject To (CEST) or Environmental Assessment (EA) level of review and involving structures that are occupied or intended to be occupied by people for at least four hours a day. This will apply to several of the 2023 regular round funded CDBG projects and a few projects funded in previous years that do not yet have complete Environmental Review Records.

HUD has been clear that radon testing is not always required but is the preferred best practice for all homes/buildings and is the only way to determine the radon level within a building. REDD will provide details on the types of radon testing available and other ways to document compliance with HUD's radon policy. Below are a few initial notes:

- Projects involving rehabilitation or expansion of existing buildings/facilities:
  - If science-based data shows that your project is in an area with documented high levels of radon, radon testing will be needed unless the building has an existing radon mitigation system in place.
  - If testing determines indoor radon levels at or above 4.0 pCi/L, radon mitigation is required.

- Projects involving new construction of buildings:
  - If a project is in an area with documented high levels of radon, radon testing must be done after construction; ERR must be updated after construction to document compliance with HUD's radon policy

REDD will contact you directly if you are administering an open project with an environmental review underway that requires documentation of compliance with HUD's radon policy.

If you are applying for funds for projects involving new construction or rehabilitation of an applicable building, you may need to consider adding funds to the project budget for professional radon testing.

Please refer to the following links on HUD Exchange for further guidance related to this matter: [Radon - HUD Exchange](#), and HUD Notice CPD 23-103 at [https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/CPD\\_Notice\\_on\\_Addressing\\_Radon\\_in\\_the\\_Environmental\\_Review\\_Process.pdf](https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/CPD/documents/CPD_Notice_on_Addressing_Radon_in_the_Environmental_Review_Process.pdf)

Should you have any questions concerning this bulletin, please contact your assigned Grant Management Representative or the CDBG Compliance Specialist.

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