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TO: Housing Residents

FROM: Patrick J. McDermott, CHP
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RE: Radon Screening

DATE: November 2007



As part of an ongoing screening process, Rutgers Environmental Health & Safety (REHS) is testing your apartment/dorm to evaluate radon concentrations. Radon is a naturally occurring, colorless, odorless radioactive gas.

Most housing complexes owned by Rutgers University fall into what the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) classifies as Tier I areas (areas with the potential for having high radon concentrations). Therefore, REHS will continue to monitor radon levels over the course of a multi-year screening regimen. This effort by Rutgers is pro-active, as there are no requirements for Universities or Colleges to test student housing for radon.

A small radon testing device has been/will be placed in your residence during the week of November 12, 2007. This device looks like a small cylinder with holes on one side. The radon testing device will be removed and evaluated in February of 2008 (approximately 90 days). It may hang from the ceiling or a shelf, or may be placed on a shelf in an area that will not interfere with your daily activities. Please do not remove it, cover it, change its location or tamper with it in any way. If it falls, gets damaged, or if you need a replacement for any reason please contact Deborah Hrabinski at 732-445-2550 or dhrabinski@rehs.rutgers.edu.

For more information on radon, you may visit the EPA's web site at <http://www.epa.gov/iaq/radon/>.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 732-445-2550 or mcdermot@rehs.rutgers.edu.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.