

Dear Walker Township Resident;

We have been advised by the PA Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP), Radon Division that our township has at least one previously recorded radon test result greater than 100 pCi/L or 25 times the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency guideline of 4 pCi/L. This is how the PA DEP selects certain areas for increased public awareness and test kit distribution.

We hope that you are aware that Pennsylvania has some of the most severe radon problems in the country. Radon is a very serious health concern causing many lung cancer deaths in the Commonwealth each year. Most of these lung cancer deaths are preventable. To prevent most lung cancers, people could stop smoking and test and fix their homes, schools, and workplaces for radon. Radon testing is easy and relatively inexpensive; in fact, through a program with the American Lung Association test kits can be obtained for free while supplies last.

As the fall approaches, our homes are getting into the "heating season." This is an ideal time for residents to perform radon testing. During this time of the year as a normal result of the cooler temperatures homes and other buildings are under closed-building conditions, which is a requirement for radon testing.

To receive your free radon test kit through the ALA go to: www.lungradonkits.org. Begin by selecting Pennsylvania and entering your zip code. Test kits are available only while supplies last. Each kit includes instructions, return postage, laboratory analysis and reporting of results.

After you receive your test kit and subsequent test results you can then contact the PA DEP, Radon Division in Harrisburg at 800-237-2366 or 717-783-3594 to have any questions answered.