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Transportation Building



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0.1 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In December 2018 Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools Long Term Radon Testing contracted Radon Care Inc. to complete indoor radon measurement testing on the following district schools/administrative buildings: Camille J LeRouge, Ecole Secondaire Notre Dame, Holy Family, Holy Trinity, Maintenance Shop, Maryview, Montfort Centre, Mother Teresa, Our Lady of the Rosary, St. Dominic, St. Elizabeth Seton, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Joseph, St. Margeurite Bourgeois, St. Martin De Porres, St. Matthew, St. Teresa of Avila, St. Thomas Aquinas and Transportation.

The purpose of testing was to ensure compliance with Health Canada recommendations regarding radon exposure. The results of the testing indicated that the majority of rooms surveyed were well below Health Canada, as well as, World Health Organization guidelines for mitigation. One office within Ecole Secondaire Notre Dame High School measured results well above Health Canada's guideline of 200 Bq/m³ at 316 Bq/m³. Additional rooms adjacent or in close proximity to room 1109 measured above 100 Bq/m³ but below Health Canada's action level of 200 Bq/m³.

560 test dosimeters plus duplicates, field and trip blanks were used in the survey. Spikes were analysed by Accustar Labs, the partnered laboratory. 8 dosimeters, representing just over 1% of total deployed units went missing during measurement and were unrecoverable. 12 dosimeters, representing just over 1% of total deployed units went missing during measurement though retrieved, had indications of tampering and these locations are indicated in analysis and accompanying radon measurement result tables and maps. Tampering evidence is explained where detected in the analysis section. Results reported in the specific locations where there was evidence of tampering are not considered fully reliable and these locations should be considered priority testing locations in any subsequent surveys.

For quality control duplicates devices were hung in close proximity, in accordance with Health Canada testing guidelines and their Relative Percent Difference (RPD) in measurements were calculated between all duplicate device pairs. As indicated in **Table 4.2**, all duplicate device pairs are considered "In Control" meaning only small and acceptable level of variation between the devices measurements were found. Overall this indicates an accurate and in compliance survey result and lends strong credence to the overall testing quality of the survey. Additionally as a quality control metric, blank devices, meaning devices that remained sealed up until the time all dosimetric devices were sent to the lab, were deployed (field blank) or carried with field technicians during transport to and from test locations (trip blank). As indicated in **Table 4.1**, all blank results were below the lower limit of detection (LLD) of alpha track radon measuring the devices used in this study, which is similar to the QC duplicate results, consistent with an in-compliance and reliable survey.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 General Remarks

Buildings included under the scope of this project and reviewed within this report are located in Red Deer, Innisfail, Olds, Rocky Mountain House and Sylvan Lake Alberta. The buildings include single and two-story construction, many with post construction portables.

The following buildings are included within this report;

- Camille J Lerouge, 5530 42A Ave N, Red Deer, Alberta T4N 3A8
- Ecole Secondaire Notre Dame High School, 50 Lees St, Red Deer, Alberta, T4R 2P6
- Holy Family, 69 Douglas Ave, Red Deer, Alberta, T4R 2L3
- Holy Trinity, 6610 57 St, Olds, Alberta, T4H 0E1
- Maintenance Shop, 4316 55 St, Red Deer, Alberta, T4N 2H1
- Maryview School, 3829 29 St, Red Deer, Alberta, T4N 0Y6
- Montfort Centre, 5210 61 St, Red Deer, Alberta, T4N 6N8
- Mother Teresa, 79 Old Boomer Road, Sylvan Lake, T4S 1Z4
- Our Lady of the Rosary School, 4520 Ryders Ridge Blvd, Sylvan Lake, Alberta, T4S 0E1
- St. Dominic, 5502 50 St, Rocky Mountain House, Alberta, T4T 1W6
- St. Elizabeth Seton, 35 Addinell Ave, Red Deer, Alberta, T4R 1V5
- St. Francis of Assisi Middle School, 321 Lindsay Ave, Red Deer, Alberta, T4R 3M1
- St. Joseph High School, 110 2700 67 Street, Red Deer, Alberta, T4P 1C2
- St. Margeurite Bourgeois School, 4453 51 Ave, Innisfail, Alberta T4G 1A7
- St. Martin de Porres School, 3911 57a Ave, Red Deer, Alberta, T4N 4T1
- St. Matthew, 5738 58th St, Rocky Mountain House, Alberta, T4T 1S2
- St. Teresa of Avila, 190 Glendale Boulevard, Red Deer, Alberta, T4P 2P7
- St. Thomas Aquinas, 3821 39 St, Red Deer, Alberta, T4N 0Y6
- Transportation, 209 Clearskye Way, Red Deer, Alberta, T4E 0A1

1.2 Background

Radon gas is a naturally occurring radioactive byproduct of uranium decay which poses a significant health hazard to humans when allowed to concentrate to elevated levels in man made structures. Radon gas is present everywhere including outdoors, however, at the concentrations typically found outdoors, radon is not considered hazardous. The most widely acceptable risk models for radon gas exposure suggest risk is based on cumulative life time exposure, yet some suggest radon exposure may be of particular significance to children due to different breathing rates and lung sizes and shapes [1],[2].

Numerous pathways exist around buildings which can facilitate the entry of radon gas allowing it to concentrate indoors to hazardous levels, these include cracks in the foundation, floor to wall joints, windows, utilities, sump pits, basement drains, and at times, granite stonework and water.

1.3 Health Effects of Radon Gas

Radon is a decay product of uranium which emits alpha radiation. As radon decay particles are inhaled, alpha particles may be released inside the lungs which can damage DNA inside of sensitive lung tissue cells. Exposure to elevated levels of radon gas over a prolonged period and accumulation of irreparable DNA damage greatly increases the likelihood of lung cancer.

1.4 Current Guidelines

Health Canada recommends action be taken to lower radon levels for buildings measuring above 200 Bq/m³ within two years and one year for buildings measuring over 600 Bq/m³. World Health Organization has similarly recommended all countries develop action level between 100 Bq/m³ and 300 Bq/m³. Accepted risk models suggest that it is desirable to reduce radon levels to as low as is achievable to reduce potential health risk.

2.0 TESTING METHODOLOGY

Health Canada released updates recommendations regarding the measurement of public buildings for radon gas in the 2016 publication, *Guide for Radon Measurements in Public Buildings: Workplaces, Schools, Daycares, Hospitals, Care Facilities, Correctional Centres*. These guidelines, along with industry best practices from the Canadian National Radon Proficiency Program (C-NRPP), and RadonCare strict internal company testing protocols were used to guide the conductance of this study.

Architectural plans were provided by Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools for each of the buildings included within this report. Rooms that individuals may occupy more than four hours a day were identified by Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools and selected for inclusion in this survey. Although published guidelines are not in total agreement over the necessity of testing portables which are generally not in full contact with the soil, at RadonCare's recommendation these were included in the survey.

Measurements were completed using Accustar Long Term Alpha Track AT-100 dosimeters. These devices were deployed in test locations for a minimum of 91 days as recommended by Health Canada to obtain accurate measurements of radon concentrations within the sampled areas. Sampling was completed by C-NRPP measurement certified RadonCare employees.

All tests were deployed between December 21-27 2018, with the exception of the dosimeters of the large field house at St. Joseph High School which were deployed January 7th 2019 and which were retrieved between April 13 and 14th 2019. Devices were retrieved between April 13 and 14th 2019, for a total time of exposure between 97 and 114 days for all test devices.

Following measurement completion, dosimeters were priority shipped to Accustar Laboratories, a C-NRPP recognized laboratory, for analysis.

Radon concentrations were calculated by Accustar based on individual test device exposure times, as reported to the laboratory by RadonCare.

Results were then analyzed by RadonCare's proprietary rcMLBS software and charted for review. Resulting measurements for this report were reported in units of Becquerels per cubic meter of sampled air (Bq/m³). The highest measurement across the survey was 313 Bq/m³. Measurement reports were interpreted and reviewed by both Andrew Arshinoff, a C-NRPP certified measurement and mitigation professional, and Bradley Arshinoff, Msc., Quality Assurance/Quality Control Manager.

LEGEND

- Rooms not measured
- <100 Bq/m³
- 100 - 199 Bq/m³
- >200 Bq/m³
- ? Unrecoverable/dampened

Scale: Not to Scale

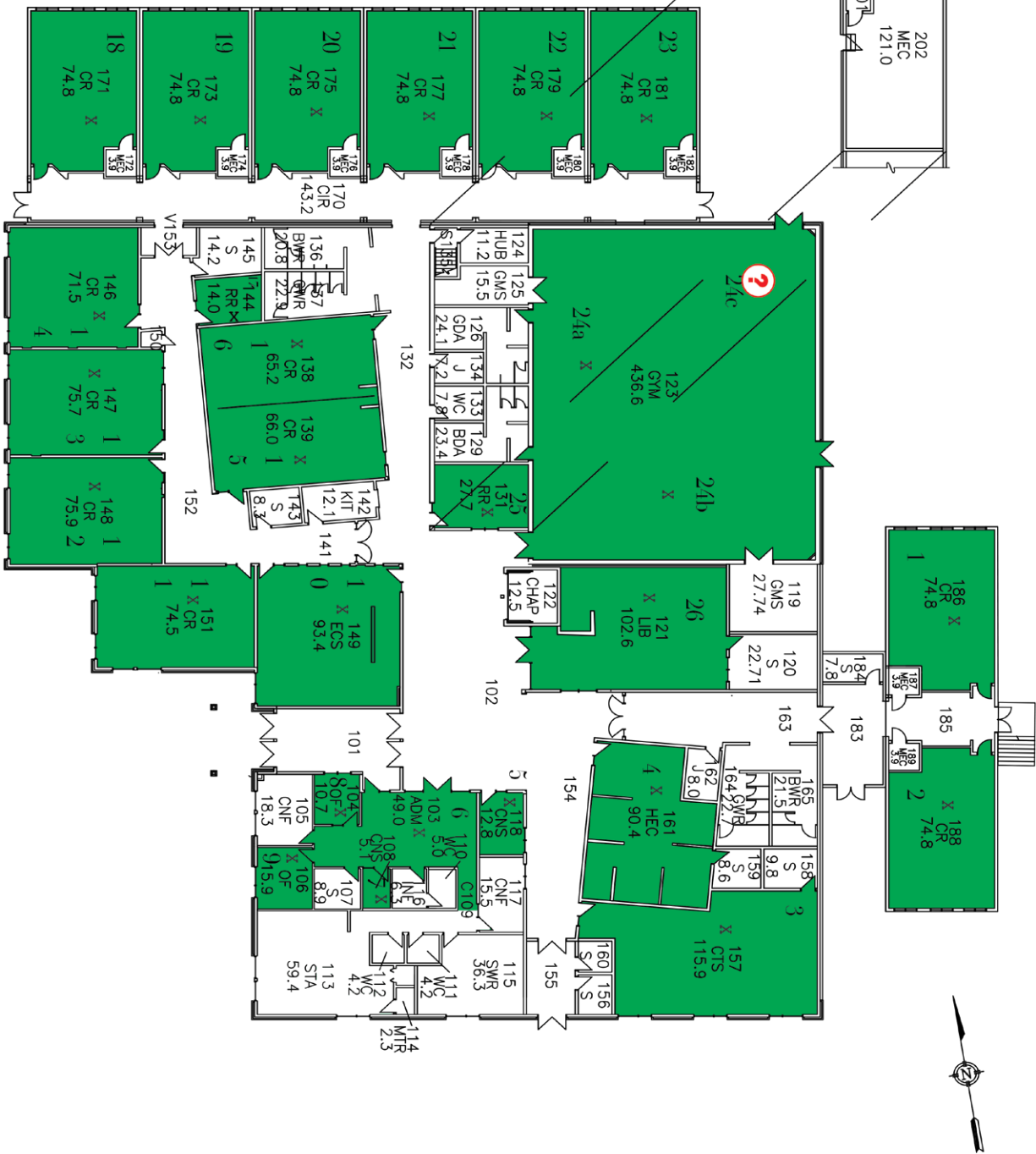


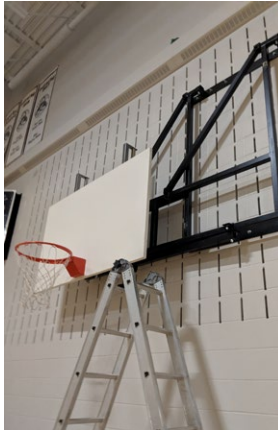
Table 3.4 Holy Trinity

| Map | Room Number | Room Type | Device ID | Result (Bq/m ³) | Notes |
|-----|-------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 | 186 | ClassRoom (Portable) | 3912544 | < 15 | |
| 10 | 149 | ECS | 3912550 | 26 | |
| 11 | 151 | ClassRoom | 3912678 | 37 | |
| 12 | 148 | ClassRoom | 3912675 | 26 | |
| 13 | 147 | ClassRoom | 3912676 | 26 | |
| 14 | 146 | ClassRoom | 3912677 | 26 | |
| 15 | 139 | ClassRoom | 3912538 | 26 | |
| 16 | 138 | ClassRoom | 3912679 | 22 | |
| 17 | 144 | RR | 3912539 | 26 | |
| 18 | 171 | ClassRoom (Portable) | 3912536 | < 15 | |
| 19 | 173 | ClassRoom (Portable) | 3912574 | < 15 | |
| 2 | 188 | ClassRoom (Portable) | 3912533 | < 15 | |
| 20 | 175 | ClassRoom (Portable) | 3912572 | < 15 | |
| 21 | 177 | ClassRoom (Portable) | 3912570 | 15 | |
| 22 | 179 | ClassRoom (Portable) | 3912571 | < 15 | |
| 23 | 181 | ClassRoom (Portable) | 3912565 | < 15 | |
| 24A | 123 | Gym | 3912566 | 41 | SW Basketball net |
| 24B | 123 | Gym | 3912568 | 41 | NW Basketball net |
| 24C | 123 | Gym | 3912569 | 0 | Missing - NE Basketball Net |
| 25 | 131 | RR | 3912537, 3912567 | 28* | |
| 26 | 121 | Library | 3912535 | 33 | |
| 3 | 157 | HEC | 3912549 | 37 | |
| 4 | 161 | ClassRoom (Portable) | 3912534 | 41 | |
| 5 | 118 | CNS | 3912548 | 30 | |
| 6 | 103 | Administrative | 3912545, 3912547 | 44.5* | |
| 7 | 108 | CNS | 3912546 | 48 | |
| 8 | 104 | OF | 3912551 | 37 | |
| 9 | 106 | OF | 3912552 | 48 | |

*Indicates average of two duplicate dosimeters.

Notes:

Dosimeter 24-C-123-3912569 unrecoverable, missing from NE corner basketball net.



Dosimeter unrecoverable

Results:

Long term radon sampling of selected rooms in Holy Trinity were well below both Health Canada and World Health Organization action level guidelines.

Sampling completed from December 21 2018 to April 13 2019 indicate measured levels are below guidelines and no corrective action is necessary at this time.

RadonCare recommends re-sampling if extensive construction or significant HVAC system changes are completed and after a period not exceeding 5 years from the completion of this survey.

4.0 QUALITY ASSURANCE/QUALITY CONTROL

4.1 General Remarks

RadonCare adheres to strict quality control standards. Testing data is collected by C-NRPP Measurement certified technicians and entered into our proprietary RCLMBS software. Data and analysis is reviewed by an additional C-NRPP certified team member.

Quality control measures in this project include field blank, trip blank, and duplicate dosimeters.

Analysis of all dosimeters completed by Accustar Labs, both a C-NRPP Radon Analytical Lab - CAL201657 and NELAP accredited laboratory.

4.2 QA/QC Notes

Laboratory notes indicated device 3912670 was unable to be analyzed. Foil was damaged during etch.

4.3 Unrecoverable Dosimeters

- 3912087 - **St. Matthew**
- 3912139 - **Our Lady of the Rosary**
- 3912168 - **St. Margeurite Bourgeoys**
- 3912169 - **St. Margeurite Bourgeoys**
- 3912170 - **St. Margeurite Bourgeoys**
- 3912569 - **Holy Trinity**
- 3912523 - **St. Elizabeth Seton**
- 3912524 - **St. Elizabeth Seton**

4.4 Tampered Dosimeters

- 3912108 - **St. Matthew**: Background paper and bulletin paper on board obscuring test
- 3912140 - **Our Lady of the Rosary**: located immediately outside room in hallway on projection cart.
- 3912301 - **Ecole Secondaire Notre Dame**: retrieved from segmented dividing wall buried within alcove.
- 3912303 - **Ecole Secondaire Notre Dame**: retrieved from segmented dividing wall buried within alcove.
- 3912341 - **Ecole Secondaire Notre Dame**: retrieved from outside cage.
- 3912374 - **Holy Family**: dosimeter extremely dusty.
- 3912639 - **St. Thomas Aquinas**: dosimeter covered in fine sawdust.
- 3912268 - **Maryview**: located taped to placard on east end.
- 3912525: **St. Elizabeth Seton**: Moved to lower position in room.
- 3912580 - **St. Francis of Assisi**: Not attached to fire light cage.
- 3912584 - **Camille J Lerouge**: Covered in paper on billboard.

- 3912556 - **Camille J Lerouge**: moved but recovered.
- 3912443 - **St. Teresa of Avila**: moved on wall
- 3912413 - **St. Joseph**: Located on top of light cage.

Table 4.1 Blank Dosimeters QA/QC

Blank dosimeters were sealed during the test period and only opened after all test devices were collected from survey locations, such that they were in an active state during shipment to analysis laboratory. Blanks were tracked by RadonCare RCLMBS software but were not identified to analysis laboratory to guarantee an unprejudiced result. All blank dosimeters, both deployed (field blank) and not deployed (trip blanks) were determined to be below the lower limit of detection of the devices, meaning no alpha radiation damage was found by the analysis laboratory. These results are consistent with a in-compliance and reliable overall survey.

| Building | Map Number | Room Number | Room Type | Type | Device ID | Result Bq/m ³ |
|---|------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| Holy Trinity School | 2 | 188 | ClassRoom (Portable) | Trip Blank | 3912767 | <LLD |
| Mother Teresa Catholic School | 19 | 200 | Administrative | Field Blank | 3912553 | <LLD |
| Our Lady of the Rosary School | 4 | 190 | ClassRoom | Trip Blank | 3912731 | <LLD |
| Our Lady of the Rosary School | 10 | 155 | BSE | Field Blank | 3912140 | <LLD |
| Maryview school | 13 | 109 | ClassRoom | Field Blank | 3912261 | <LLD |
| St. Thomas Aquinas School | 26 | 1065 | Science | Field Blank | 3912654 | <LLD |
| St. Elizabeth Seton School | 14 | 125 | ClassRoom | Field Blank | 3912528 | <LLD |
| St. Matthew School | 11 | 126 | ClassRoom | Field Blank | 3912184 | <LLD |
| St. Matthew School | 27 | 151 | BSE | Field Blank | 3912103 | <LLD |
| Ecole Secondaire Notre Dame High School | 17 | 1707 | ClassRoom | Field Blank | 3912303 | <LLD |
| Ecole Secondaire Notre Dame High School | 42 | 1910 | ClassRoom (Portable) | Trip Blank | 3912719 | <LLD |
| Ecole Secondaire Notre Dame High School | 43 | 1912 | ClassRoom (Portable) | Field Blank | 3912333 | <LLD |
| St. Marguerite Bourgeoys School | 16 | 2613 | ClassRoom | Field Blank | 3912252 | <LLD |
| Holy Family School | 12 | 106 | ClassRoom | Field Blank | 3912356 | <LLD |
| Holy Family School | 16 | 159 | Classroom | Trip Blank | 3912819 | <LLD |
| Holy Trinity School | 8 | 104 | OF | Field Blank | 3912554 | <LLD |
| St. Dominic High School | 16 | 3207 | VP | Field Blank | 3912122 | <LLD |
| St. Francis of Assisi Middle School | 18 | 1221 | VP | Field Blank | 3912624 | <LLD |
| Ecole Camille J. Lerouge School | 24 | 1025 | COMP | Field Blank | 3912495 | <LLD |
| Ecole Camille J. Lerouge School | 27 | 1016 | VP | Field Blank | 3912499 | <LLD |
| St. Joseph High School | 1 | 1105 | Office | Trip Blank | 3912825 | <LLD |
| St. Joseph High School | 22 | 1417 | CNF | Field Blank | 3912400 | <LLD |
| St. Teresa of Avila School | 20 | 161 | ClassRoom | Field Blank | 3912433 | <LLD |
| Montfort Centre | 6 | 149 | OF | Field Blank | 3912460 | <LLD |
| Maintenance Shop | 3 | 100 | Administrative | Trip Blank | 3912744 | <LLD |
| Transportation | 10a | BAY5 | BAY | Trip Blank | 3912729 | <LLD |
| St. Martin De Porres School | 13 | 115 | VP | Field Blank | 3912662 | <LLD |

LLD: Lower level of detection of measuring device. The Accustar Long Term Alpha Track AT-100 dosimeters used in this study are able to detect radon concentrations at or above 15 Bq/m over the time of exposure used in this survey.

Table 4.2 QA/QC Duplicate Tests

Two test devices were deployed adjacently at select locations for the purpose of obtaining a single site survey result and to test the precision of the measuring devices. Relative Percent Error (RPE) between the measurement of the two devices was calculated between all device pairs. Allowable levels of variation based on Health Canada’s 2016 publication, *Guide for Radon Measurements in Public Buildings* [3] were used for the purpose of determining Acceptable (or “In-Control”) RPD levels. These variations are described in **Table 4.6**. All duplicates device pairs were found to have an acceptable level of variation based on these testing standards. These results are consistent with a in-compliance and reliable overall survey.

| Building | Map Number | Room Number | Room Type | Device ID | Result | RPD | Control Status |
|---|------------|-------------|----------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| Mother Teresa Catholic School | 18 | 201 | PRI | 3912217, 3912218 | 52,52 | 0 | In Control |
| Mother Teresa Catholic School | 22 | 225 | Science | 3912222, 3912223 | 44, 44 | 0 | In Control |
| Our Lady of the Rosary School | 13 | 166 | ClassRoom | 3912143, 3912144 | 59, 67 | 12.7 | In Control |
| Our Lady of the Rosary School | 16 | 106 | VP | 3912147, 3912148 | 59, 59 | 0 | In Control |
| Maryview school | 4 | 124 | ClassRoom | 3912174, 3912175 | 37, 33 | 11.43 | In Control |
| Maryview school | 11 | 117 | Administrative | 3912257, 3912258 | 52, 52 | 0 | In Control |
| St. Thomas Aquinas School | 5 | 1006 | VP | 3912274, 3912275 | 30, 22 | 30.77 | In Control |
| St. Thomas Aquinas School | 15 | 1053 | CMPT | 3912642, 3912643 | 41, 44 | 7.06 | In Control |
| St. Thomas Aquinas School | 28 | 1069 | Ancillary | 3912507, 3912508 | 56, 52 | 7.41 | In Control |
| St. Elizabeth Seton School | 11 | 139 | VP | 3912523, 3912524 | Missing, Missing | Both Test Devices Missing | N/A |
| St. Elizabeth Seton School | 22 | 162 | Library | 3912486, 3912487 | 33, 37 | 11.43 | In Control |
| Ecole Camille J. Lerouge School | 12 | 1048 | ClassRoom | 3912593, 3912594 | 30, 22 | 30.77 | In Control |
| St. Teresa of Avila School | 11 | 101 | ClassRoom | 3912422, 3912423 | 44, 41 | 7.06 | In Control |
| St. Matthew School | 4 | 118 | Administrative | 3912081, 3912531 | 33, 33 | 0 | In Control |
| St. Matthew School | 14 | 129 | ClassRoom | 3912187, 3912188 | 30, 30 | 0 | In Control |
| St. Matthew School | 23 | 135 | OF | 3912097, 3912098 | 33, 26 | 23.73 | In Control |
| St. Matthew School | 35 | 165 | ClassRoom | 3912191, 3912193 | 37, 56 | 40.86 | In Control |
| Ecole Secondaire Notre Dame High School | 10 | 1805 | CMPT | 3912293, 3912294 | 18, 22 | 20 | In Control |
| Ecole Secondaire Notre Dame High School | 16 | 1708 | ClassRoom | 3912301, 3912302 | 52, 48 | 8 | In Control |
| Ecole Secondaire Notre Dame High School | 26 | 1109 | OF | 3912313, 3912314 | 329, 303 | 8.23 | In Control |
| Ecole Secondaire Notre Dame High School | 35 | 1111 | CTS | 3912323, 3912324 | 85, 81 | 4.82 | In Control |
| St. Marguerite Bourgeys School | 1 | 2656 | ClassRoom | 3912236, 3912167 | 48, 44 | 8.7 | In Control |
| St. Marguerite Bourgeys School | 9 | 2644 | HEC | 3912243, 3912244 | 41, 37 | 10.26 | In Control |
| St. Marguerite Bourgeys School | 19 | 2601 | Administrative | 3912155, 3912156 | 37, 52 | 33.71 | In Control |
| Holy Family School | 8 | 116 | REM | 3912350, 3912351 | 26, 18 | 36.36 | In Control |
| Holy Family School | 11 | 144 | Library | 3912353, 3912354 | 18, 26 | 36.36 | In Control |
| Holy Family School | 23 | 137 | Administrative | 3912367, 3912368 | 30, 30 | 0 | In Control |
| Holy Trinity School | 6 | 103 | Administrative | 3912545, 3912547 | 48, 41 | 15.73 | In Control |
| Holy Trinity School | 25 | 131 | RR | 3912537, 3912567 | 26, 30 | 14.29 | In Control |
| St. Dominic High School | 9 | 3304 | Science | 3912113, 3912120 | 26, 30 | 14.29 | In Control |
| St. Francis of Assisi Middle School | 9 | 1202 | ClassRoom | 3912613, 3912612 | Missing, 44 | One Test Device Missing | N/A |
| St. Francis of Assisi Middle School | 15 | 1216 | CTS | 3912619, 3912620 | 37, 44 | 17.28 | In Control |
| St. Francis of Assisi Middle School | 26 | 1014 | VP | 3912577, 3912578 | 59, 56 | 5.22 | In Control |
| Ecole Camille J. Lerouge School | 17 | 1031 | ClassRoom | 3912599, 3912600 | 22, 30 | 30.77 | In Control |
| Ecole Camille J. Lerouge School | 28 | 1010 | ClassRoom | 3912500, 3912501 | 22, 26 | 16.67 | In Control |
| Ecole Camille J. Lerouge School | 40 | 1098 | Science | 3912557, 3912558 | 18, 26 | 36.36 | In Control |

Table 4.2 Cont'd

| Building | Map Number | Room Number | Room Type | Device ID | Result | RPD | Control Status |
|-----------------------------|------------|-------------|----------------|------------------|-------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| St. Joseph High School | 11 | 1706 | FAB | 3912386, 3912387 | 26, 26 | 0 | In Control |
| St. Joseph High School | 15 | 1401 | Administrative | 3912391, 3912392 | 41, 44 | 7.06 | In Control |
| St. Joseph High School | 26 | 1501 | LAB | 3912404, 3912405 | 59, 52 | 12.61 | In Control |
| St. Joseph High School | 28H | 1102 | Gym | 3912703, 3912704 | <LLD, <LLD | N/A | In Control |
| St. Teresa of Avila School | 13 | 107 | Administrative | 3912424, 3912425 | 37, 48 | 25.88 | In Control |
| St. Teresa of Avila School | 34 | 151 | Office | 3912447, 3912448 | 41, 52 | 23.66 | In Control |
| Montfort Centre | 1 | 129 | OF | 3912453, 3912454 | 15, 18 | 18.18 | In Control |
| Montfort Centre | 8 | 106 | Administrative | 3912462, 3912463 | 18, 18 | 0 | In Control |
| Maintenance Shop | 3A | 216 | Administrative | 3912658, 3912659 | 26, 22 | 16.67 | In Control |
| Transportation | 3 | 105 | Administrative | 3912685, 3912695 | <LLD, 15 | N/A | In Control |
| Transportation | 5 | 110 | OF | 3912856, 3912687 | 18, 18 | 0 | In Control |
| St. Martin De Porres School | 6 | 103 | COMP | 3912669, 3912670 | 48, Missing | One Test Device Missing | N/A |

LLD: Lower limit of detection of device

Table 4.3 **Relative Percent Error (RPE)**

| Average Test Measurement | Acceptable RPD | Warning Level | Above Acceptable |
|----------------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|
| <75 Bq/m ³ | No Limits | No Limits | No Limits |
| 75-149 Bq/m ³ | 25% | 50% | 67% |
| Over 150 Bq/m ³ | 14% | 28% | 36% |

5.0 RESULTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 General Remarks

The purpose of this project and report was to measure radon concentrations in Red Deer Catholic Regional Schools and identify any risks these concentrations may pose to human health and document compliance to recommendations as stated by Health Canada's *Guide for Radon Measurements in Public Buildings, 2016*.

Of the 18 schools and buildings which were tested for radon gas from December 2018 - April 2019, over 99% of selected rooms measured below Health Canada and World Health Organization radon action level guidelines. Two schools, Ecole Secondaire Notre Dame High School and Our Lady of the Rosary each had selected rooms which measured above 100 Bq/m³, with the highest concentration found across all sampled areas being 312 Bq/m³. Importantly for parents, not a single student occupied room in the entire survey was found to have rado levels exceeding Health Canada's action level.

Table 5.1 School Averages

Table 5.1 summarizes the average radon level across all surveyed for each school along with extremes (highest and lowest) and standard deviation.

| Location | Count | Average Bq/m ³ | Standard Deviation Bq/m ³ | Lowest Bq/m ³ | Highest Bq/m ³ |
|---|-------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Ecole Camille J. Lerouge School | 48 | < 27.04 | 7.82 | < LLD | 44.00 |
| Ecole Secondaire Notre Dame High School | 53 | < 46.53 | 48.33 | < LLD | 316.00 |
| Holy Family School | 30 | < 20.80 | 6.56 | < LLD | 37.00 |
| Holy Trinity School | 27 | < 28.02 | 11.31 | < LLD | 48.00 |
| Maintenance Shop | 4 | 32.00 | 5.43 | 24.00 | 37.00 |
| Maryview school | 21 | < 45.10 | 15.32 | < LLD | 78.00 |
| Montfort Centre | 27 | 23.20 | 6.22 | 15.00 | 41.00 |
| Mother Teresa Catholic School | 28 | 34.21 | 10.50 | 15.00 | 56.00 |
| Our Lady of the Rosary School | 27 | < 52.63 | 27.39 | < LLD | 148.00 |
| St. Dominic High School | 19 | 26.58 | 6.98 | 15.00 | 41.00 |
| St. Elizabeth Seton School | 26 | < 33.54 | 10.71 | < LLD | 59.00 |
| St. Francis of Assisi Middle School | 29 | 42.09 | 11.92 | 22.00 | 81.00 |
| St. Joseph High School | 41 | < 31.15 | 14.42 | < LLD | 59.00 |
| St. Marguerite Bourgeoys School | 28 | 40.66 | 10.92 | 22.00 | 74.00 |
| St. Martin De Porres School | 18 | < 53.41 | 20.34 | < LLD | 92.00 |
| St. Matthew School | 43 | 34.56 | 14.98 | 15.00 | 89.00 |
| St. Teresa of Avila School | 37 | < 38.09 | 12.73 | < LLD | 63.00 |
| St. Thomas Aquinas School | 35 | 38.79 | 10.13 | 22.00 | 59.00 |
| Transportation | 12 | < 15.62 | 2.37 | < LLD | 22.00 |

LLD: Lower limit of detection of device

5.2 Recommendations

Follow up radon measurement and/or mitigation is recommended for the indicated classrooms testing above 100 Bq/m³, and especially for those rooms indicated which measured above 200 Bq/m³. There is no immediate short term risk at the levels measured. Students and faculty may continue to utilize the space while follow-up measurements are performed.

Table 5.2 Survey Wide Room Average

Rooms across all 18 surveyed buildings were grouped based on the room type and average radon concentration for these groupings, as well as lower and upper limits and standard deviations are displayed. The greatest range as well as variation occurs between office locations, which also represent all but one of the rooms across the entire survey determined to have a radon level exceeding 100 Bq/m³.

| Room Type | Count | Average Bq/m ³ | Standard Deviation Bq/m ³ | Lowest Bq/m ³ | Highest Bq/m ³ |
|-------------------------------------|-------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1028 sensory, extra | 1 | 37.00 | 0.00 | 37.00 | 37.00 |
| Administrative | 19 | 39.39 | 15.00 | 14.50 | 81.00 |
| Ancillary | 15 | 41.33 | 31.49 | 15.00 | 148.00 |
| BAY | 4 | < 14.50 | 0.50 | < LLD | 15.00 |
| BSE | 5 | 41.60 | 10.13 | 26.00 | 56.00 |
| BUS | 1 | 30.00 | 0.00 | 30.00 | 30.00 |
| ClassRoom | 204 | < 37.47 | 14.39 | < LLD | 89.00 |
| ClassRoom (Portable) | 30 | < 16.13 | 5.37 | < LLD | 41.00 |
| CMF | 1 | 37.00 | 0.00 | 37.00 | 37.00 |
| CMPT | 7 | 29.07 | 8.10 | 18.00 | 42.50 |
| CNF | 2 | 48.00 | 15.00 | 33.00 | 63.00 |
| CNS | 10 | 35.90 | 12.02 | 15.00 | 56.00 |
| COMP | 3 | 27.50 | 9.50 | 18.00 | 37.00 |
| CONF | 3 | 36.00 | 16.75 | 15.00 | 56.00 |
| CTS | 15 | < 33.83 | 15.23 | < LLD | 83.00 |
| CTS/CON | 3 | 44.33 | 31.75 | 18.00 | 89.00 |
| DRA | 2 | 28.00 | 2.00 | 26.00 | 30.00 |
| Early Childhood Services | 7 | 37.43 | 16.62 | 15.00 | 59.00 |
| Early Childhood Services (Portable) | 1 | 59.00 | 0.00 | 59.00 | 59.00 |
| FAB | 1 | 26.00 | 0.00 | 26.00 | 26.00 |
| Gym | 56 | < 28.25 | 12.63 | < LLD | 74.00 |
| HEC | 6 | 32.50 | 8.64 | 15.00 | 41.00 |
| IA | 1 | 15.00 | 0.00 | 15.00 | 15.00 |
| IOP | 1 | 37.00 | 0.00 | 37.00 | 37.00 |
| KIT | 4 | 25.75 | 7.66 | 15.00 | 33.00 |
| LAB | 4 | 48.12 | 5.86 | 41.00 | 55.50 |
| Library | 15 | 31.87 | 10.29 | 18.00 | 59.00 |
| LS | 1 | 15.00 | 0.00 | 15.00 | 15.00 |

LLD: Lower limit of detection of device

Table 5.2 Cont'd

| Room Type | Count | Average Bq/m ³ | Standard Deviation Bq/m ³ | Lowest Bq/m ³ | Highest Bq/m ³ |
|----------------|-------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| M | 1 | 37.00 | 0.00 | 37.00 | 37.00 |
| MUS | 1 | 44.00 | 0.00 | 44.00 | 44.00 |
| OF | 55 | < 41.22 | 47.34 | < LLD | 316.00 |
| Office | 4 | 35.62 | 6.40 | 30.00 | 46.50 |
| PEO | 1 | 30.00 | 0.00 | 30.00 | 30.00 |
| PRI | 15 | 41.60 | 18.15 | 15.00 | 92.00 |
| REM | 1 | 22.00 | 0.00 | 22.00 | 22.00 |
| RR | 13 | 34.08 | 17.41 | 18.00 | 89.00 |
| S | 1 | 22.00 | 0.00 | 22.00 | 22.00 |
| Science | 11 | < 33.50 | 13.52 | < LLD | 59.00 |
| SDA | 1 | 59.00 | 0.00 | 59.00 | 59.00 |
| SED | 4 | 47.00 | 21.69 | 22.00 | 81.00 |
| SEM | 2 | 51.50 | 7.50 | 44.00 | 59.00 |
| STG | 1 | 44.00 | 0.00 | 44.00 | 44.00 |
| VP | 17 | 43.56 | 14.13 | 15.00 | 63.00 |

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