

# Memo



To: Parents of Souris Consolidated School  
From: John Cummings, Director of Corporate Services  
Date: 2012-09-19  
Re: Results of Radon Testing

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The Eastern School District is providing an update to parents in regard to the recently installed radon mitigation systems at Souris Consolidated School. Four radon mitigation systems were installed at the school during the summer months to reduce the radon levels in the building. The systems were designed by Pinchin LeBlanc Environmental Limited, a certified radon mitigation company, and installed by a local contractor. The work was overseen by the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal.

After the systems were installed, test samples were taken over a seven day period by Pinchin LeBlanc Environmental Limited to provide a prompt indication if the systems were effective at reducing radon levels in the building. The sampling was conducted at Souris Consolidated School from August 23 to August 30, 2012.

The short term test results indicate that the radon mitigation systems are effective at reducing radon levels. The testing indicated that all seven samples taken were below Health Canada's recommended annual average concentration of 200 Bq/m<sup>3</sup>. The seven samples ranged from 78.2 Bq/m<sup>3</sup> to 118.2 Bq/m<sup>3</sup>.

A long term test of at least three months will be conducted during the winter months to ensure radon levels remain below the guideline. The long term testing will be used to ensure the radon mitigation systems are working properly and are capable of maintaining reduced radon levels during daily and seasonal variations.

The Follow-up Short-term Radon Sampling report compiled by Pinchen LeBlanc Environmental Limited can be accessed on the Eastern School District's website at the following link:  
[http://www.edu.pe.ca/esd/pdf/school\\_inspections/radon\\_results\\_souris\\_shortterm\\_sept13\\_2012.pdf](http://www.edu.pe.ca/esd/pdf/school_inspections/radon_results_souris_shortterm_sept13_2012.pdf)

Please contact the school if you require a hard copy of the report.

The District will post the results of the three month testing on its website when the results are known and Ms. McIntosh will also provide updates in future newsletters.