

Iowa Radon Fact Sheet

IOWA RADON AWARENESS PROGRAM

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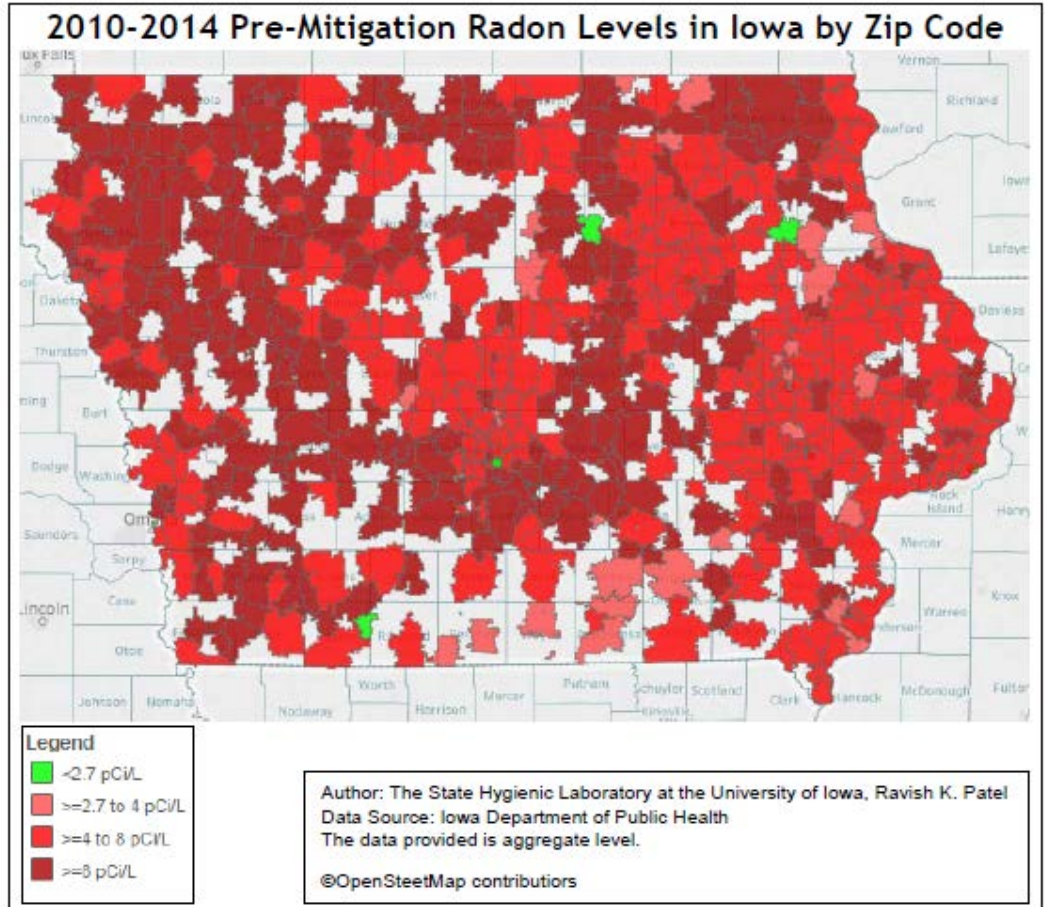
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Iowa Cancer Control Plan
ftp://ftp.cdc.gov/pub/Publication/s/Cancer/ccc/iowa_ccc_plan_2012_2017.pdf



The Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) is in its twenty-eighth year of working with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to reduce the risk of radon exposure through funding from the State Indoor Radon Grant (SIRG). The Iowa Radon Program (IRP) is located within the Bureau of Radiological Health in the Division of Acute Disease Prevention, Emergency Response, and Environmental Health (ADPER&EH). The program is staffed by one Health Physicist. The program is funded by SIRG and a state appropriation.

The IDPH radon program is actively involved in radon awareness education and outreach, development of an information brochure to explain radon risks when disclosure statements are made for real estate transactions, encouraging and tracking radon resistant new construction (RRNC) in local jurisdictions, developing partnerships with coalitions, engaging in activities that improve the effectiveness and viability of the program, and credentialing and regulating the measurement and mitigation professionals in Iowa. The IRP contracts with the American Lung Association to maintain the Health House website, <http://www.healthhouse.org/radon/ia.cfm>, staff a 24-hr. radon hotline, provide low-cost radon test kits and manages the annual high school radon awareness poster and video contest.

The IDPH is funded by the U.S. EPA State Indoor Radon Grant (SIRG). IDPH meets the in-kind match through a contract with ALA.

Iowa Cancer Control Plan

IDPH, the Iowa Cancer Consortium and state partners have developed and are implementing a state comprehensive cancer control plan. The plan encourages health-care providers to routinely ask patients about healthy lifestyle factors including in-home radon testing, local health departments to provide access to low-cost radon test kits and encourages all Iowans to test their home for radon. Priority VI of the plan addresses decreasing the environmental exposure to radon. <http://canceriowa.org/iowa-Cancer-Plan.aspx>

Iowa Enacted Legislation

Iowa 641—43.1(136B) "Radon Testing" became statute in 1988. Iowa Administrative Code 641—Chapter 43, "Minimum Requirements for Radon Testing and Analysis," was also adopted in 1988 and established requirements for the certification of radon measurement specialists and radon measurement laboratories. Code of Iowa Chapter 136B was amended in 1989, and Iowa Administrative Code 641—Chapter 44 "Minimum Requirements for Radon Mitigation" was adopted and implemented to establish requirements for the credentialing of radon mitigation specialists. These provisions obligate the IDPH to credential and regulate the radon measurement and mitigation industry in Iowa.

Iowa Administrative Code 441-109 "Child Care Centers" requires testing of licensed child care centers and Preschools within one year of opening and retested every 2 years. If radon test results are above 4.0 pCi/L mitigation must be installed. (IAC 441-109.11(7) d.)