

Department of Health

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May 8, 2014

Derek Madden St. Albans Town Education Center 169 South Main Street St. Albans, VT 05478

Dear Mr. Madden,

Thank you for partnering with the Vermont Department of Health to conduct a comprehensive screening for radon gas.

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas. All buildings contain some level of radon gas in the indoor air. Long term exposure to elevated radon gas concentrations is associated with an increased risk of lung cancer. The Health Department and the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recommend that all homes and schools be tested for radon, and that action be taken to reduce radon levels if they are detected at or above 4.0 picoCuries per liter (pCi/L).

On March 31, 2014, the Health Department deployed 118 screening test kits at your school and retrieved all of the kits 48 hours later. All screening test results were below 4.0 pCi/L. These results indicate no further action is necessary at this time. If you would like the screening test results for each room tested please contact the Health Department. The Health Department encourages you to retest your school every 5 years and after every major renovation project.

If student families or school staff members are interested in testing their own homes for radon they can get a free long-term kit by contacting the Health Department at 1-800-439-8550.

Thank you for taking this important step in creating a healthy school environment.

Sincerely,

Chris Zuidema

Public Health Industrial Hygienist Envision and Radon Program Coordinator

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## Vermont Department of Health Radon Program

## SUMMARY OF SCHOOL RADON TESTING

Name of School:

St. Albans Community Education

Center

Address:

169 South Main Street

St. Albans, VT 05478

Dates of testing periods:

March 31 – April 2, 2014

**NEHA-NRPP** tester:

Christopher Zuidema

**NEHA-NRPP** identification:

106215 RT

Total number of test kits deployed:

118

Total number of test kits retrieved:

118

Total number of rooms tested:

112

Total number of rooms where

average results were above 4.0 pCi/L: 0

Radon measurement activities were carried out in accordance with United States Environmental Protection Agency and the Vermont Department of Health Radon Program's protocols at the location described above.

Christopher Zuidema, Radon Measurement Specialist

Date