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To: Ohio Licensed Radon Testers, Radon Mitigation Specialists, and Radon Contractors

From: The Ohio Department of Health, Radon Licensing Program *ADJ 9/10/2010*

Subject: CRM Quality Assurance - Calibrations and Background Checks

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It has come to our attention that there are persons and/or companies advertising and performing calibration services on continuous radon monitors (CRMs) that are not authorized to perform such services by the manufacturer and are not certified or approved by the National Radon Safety Board (NRSB) or the National Environmental Health Association – National Radon Proficiency Program (NEHA-NRPP).

Two of the key components of Quality Assurance and Quality Control plans (QA/QC) for a CRM device is annual calibration and background checks. The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) requires all individuals who are licensed to follow the U.S. EPA’s “Indoor Radon and Radon Decay Product Measurement Device Protocols,” the CRM manufacturer’s requirements and their approved QA/QC.

- Calibration frequency - The device protocols and your approved QA/QC plans require annual calibration. This means every 12 months your CRM(s) shall be calibrated with a background check performed.
- Background checks - The device protocols requires background checks to be performed annually.
- Who conducts the calibration?
 - The manufacturer of the CRM, or;
 - Any calibration facility that has received written authorization from the CRM manufacture **and** is listed by either the NRSB or NEHA-NRPP. The facility must have authorization from the manufacturer and is listed by either NRSB or NEHA-NRPP.

Please check your records to ensure your CRM(s) has been properly calibrated. If you find you have not performed your annual calibration(s) or have used a calibration facility that is not listed by the NRSB or NEHA-NRPP and does not have the CRM manufacturer’s written authorization, you must immediately take the CRM out of service and send it to be calibrated with a background check performed by a facility that meets the requirements listed above.

If you have any questions regarding this information please contact the Radon Licensing Program at 614-644-2727.