

DUBLIN, HILLIARD AND CANAL WINCHESTER ADOPT NEW RADON REQUIREMENT

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Radon is a cancer-causing, radioactive gas. You cannot see radon. And you cannot smell it or taste it. But it may be a problem in your home. That is because when you breathe air containing radon, you increase your risk of getting lung cancer. In fact, the Surgeon General has warned that radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S. today. If you smoke and your home has high levels, your risk of lung cancer is especially high.

HIGH RADON LEVELS FOUND

Dublin, Hilliard and Canal Winchester have adopted Appendix F of the CABO (1995 Edition). Section F101 of the Appendix contains requirements for new construction in jurisdictions where radon-resistant construction is required. According to the EPA map of radon zones, central Ohio is located in Zone 1 which is among the **highest in the country.**

Simple radon resistant construction features can be installed when the

house is built. Use of all proven radon resistant techniques will normally result in a low radon environment. If only passive techniques are used, and post construction



measurements indicate that there are elevated radon concentrations, the

recommended passive techniques will make it easy and economical to reduce the radon to acceptable levels through the installation of a fan.

The U.S. EPA has developed a model standard for the control of radon in new buildings. It is intended for use by national model building code organizations and state and local units of government.

Dublin, Hilliard and Canal Winchester take the lead



Radon, like many other contaminants that originate outside, can be controlled by taking steps to stop or reduce entry into the home. EPA research projects have evaluated many commonly used radon resistant techniques that use physical barriers to prevent radon entry, sub-slab depressurization systems, and modification of

mechanical equipment to control indoor/outdoor pressure relationships.

Many builders in Dublin, Hilliard and Canal Winchester now have experience conforming to the new code. Should you have any questions, please contact Radon Systems at **614-891-6526** or **1-800-81RADON.**

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