



**MCPS RADON TESTING – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Site Name	Julius West Middle School
Date of Test Report	05/12/2022
Round of Testing	<p>Initial</p> <p>Follow-up</p> <p>Post Remediation</p> <p>2 Year Testing</p> <p>5 Year Testing</p> <p>HVAC Upgrade</p> <p>Window Replacement</p> <p>New Addition</p> <p>New Facility</p>
# Rooms Tested	4
# Rooms ≥ 4.0 pCi/L	0
Lowest Value	<0.3 pCi/L
Highest Value	1.0 pCi/L

**Project Status**

Current Project Status at this time: Testing completed; missing kits need re-sampling



May 12, 2022

Mr. Brian Croyle, PG, CHMM  
Environmental Specialist  
Montgomery County Public Schools  
Gaithersburg, MD 20879

Re: **Radon Testing Services**  
KCI Job # 122108316

Location: Julius West Middle School  
651 Great Falls Rd.  
Rockville, MD 20850

Dear Mr. Croyle:

KCI Technologies, Inc. (KCI) is pleased to submit the following report to Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) pursuant to completing a “short-term” 3 day radon test for the Julius West Middle School, located at 651 Great Falls Rd. Rockville, MD 20850 (subject site).

**Scope of Services:**

KCI conducted radon testing at the subject site to evaluate indoor radon levels relative to the USEPA's recommended action level of 4.0 picocuries per Liter (pCi/L) - the level at which EPA recommends that schools take action to reduce the level. KCI conducted the radon testing in accordance with American Association of Radon Scientists and Technologists (AARST) *Protocol for Conducting Measurements of Radon and Radon Decay Products in Schools and Large Buildings*. A National Radon Proficiency Program (NRPP) Radon Measurement Specialist (certification #111004 RT) supervised the testing. Additional information on radon management and the health effects of radon exposure is available from <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org> or [www.epa.gov/radon](http://www.epa.gov/radon).

KCI visited the site on March 21, 2022 and deployed six (6) activated charcoal (AC) radon test kits. KCI deployed radon test kits in all frequently-occupied ground contact rooms, and other areas, (if applicable) in accordance with AARST guidance.

KCI sampled the following locations during this follow-up test:

1. Rooms with missing test kits from the Radon 2022 testing period (i.e. test kit was deployed but not recovered),
2. Rooms with invalidated test kits from the Radon 2022 testing period (e.g. an open window in the room or disturbed test kit),
3. Rooms which were locked/inaccessible during the Radon 2022 testing period,
4. Rooms with elevated radon results (i.e.  $\geq 3.5$  pCi/L),
5. Rooms previously tested for radon but not tested in Radon 2022, and
6. Additional rooms that require testing (if applicable.)

A floor plan map of the building with the test locations is included as Attachment A of this report.

As a quality control measure, KCI also included duplicate samples, field blanks, lab transit blanks, and office blanks in accordance with AARST recommendations. In addition, KCI submitted test kits to Bowser-Morner, Inc. as spike samples. The spiked tests were exposed to a known radon concentration by Bowser-Morner prior to being returned to the laboratory for analysis.

KCI returned to the site on March 24, 2022 to retrieve the radon sampling test kits. KCI shipped all radon tests via overnight delivery to Airchek, Inc. for analysis by gamma-ray spectroscopy. Airchek, Inc. is a NRSB certified analytical laboratory for radon analysis (certification # ARL1402) located at 1936 Butler Bridge Road, Mills River, North Carolina.

### **Evaluation of Testing Conditions:**

These tests represent:

- Follow-up to initial testing.

These tests were conducted to:

- Evaluate radon concentration levels at the facility.

According to AARST, *Protocol for Conducting Measurements of Radon and Radon Decay Products in Schools and Large Buildings*, ideal testing conditions would be when the building is fully occupied and the heating system is active. For this test, the facility's HVAC system was operating in heating mode; therefore, KCI concludes that this test was conducted during ideal testing conditions.

KCI recorded observations of the following conditions in each room during the time of deployment and collection of the radon test kits:

- Indoor temperature,
- HVAC Operation,
- Dehumidifier operation,
- Humidifier operation,
- Ceiling fan operation, and
- Open windows or doors.

KCI also compiled weather data for the testing period and conducted observations of relevant field conditions. During the test period, weather records indicate low temperatures were in the low 40°Fs and high temperatures ranged from the low 50°Fs to the low 70°Fs. Maximum sustained winds ranged from 0-29 miles per hour. Average humidity was around 56% with 0.51 inches of precipitation (rain) was recorded during testing period.

### **Results:**

The sampling locations and analytical results are listed on Table 1 (Attachment B). The quality control sample locations and analytical results are listed on Table 2 (Attachment B). Sampling locations and associated test kit identification numbers and relevant field observations are listed on Table 3 (Attachment B). The laboratory analytical results are included in Attachment C. Laboratory results and exposure data for the spike samples are also included in Attachment C.

The results of the radon test analysis indicated the following:

Radon Concentration	Room	Result
≥4.0 pCi/L	None	N/A
<4.0 pCi/L	See Attachment B	

Quality Control Samples	
Results of Blank Canisters:	The office blanks, and lab transit blanks had test results of less than the laboratory detection limit of 0.3 pCi/L.
Adequate Laboratory Precision?	Review of the duplicate sample analysis indicates that adequate laboratory measurement precision was achieved.
Spike Sample Analysis:	The Spike Sample analysis results indicate the laboratory is operating within statistical control limits.

Our professional services have been performed in accordance with customary principles and practices in the field of industrial hygiene and engineering. If you have any questions or comments regarding this report, please feel free to contact me at (410) 891-1769.

Sincerely,



Tyler P. McCleaf  
Radon Measurement Provider  
#111004 RT  
KCI Technologies, Inc.

Attachments:   A- Floor Plan with Test Locations  
                  B- Table 1-3, Radon Test Summary Spreadsheets  
                  C- Laboratory Analytical Results

# ATTACHMENT A

## Floor Plan With Test Locations

# ATTACHMENT B

## Radon Test Summary Spreadsheet

**Table Notes:**

AC- Activated Charcoal

ACI- Air Check, Inc.

D- Duplicate

FB- Field Blank

KCI- KCI Technologies, Inc.

OB- Office Blank

PM- Project Manager

OC- Quality Control

Table 1- Radon Testing Results		
Julius West MS RT		
Test Period: 03/21/2022 - 03/24/2022		
Kit Number	Room / Area	Result
11139266	130	< 0.3
11139267	130	< 0.3
11139272	130	< 0.3
11139247	132	1.0
11139274	122B	< 0.3
11139261	142 OFFICE	NA



Table 2- Radon Testing Results			
Julius West MS RT			
Test Period: 03/21/2022 - 03/24/2022			
Kit Number	QC Type	Room / Area	Result
11139272	D	130	< 0.3
11139267	FB	130	< 0.3
11139902	OB	OFFICE BLANK	< 0.3
11139928	TB	TRAVEL BLANK	< 0.3



# ATTACHMENT C

## Laboratory Analytical Results

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March 28, 2022

**\*\* LABORATORY ANALYSIS REPORT \*\***

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Radon test result report for:  
**Julius West MS RT**

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<b>Kit #</b>	<b>Room Id</b>	<b>Started</b>	<b>Ended</b>	<b>pCi/L</b>	<b>Analyzed</b>
11139266	130	2022-03-21 @ 9:00 am	2022-03-24 @ 8:00 am	< 0.3	2022-03-28
11139267	130	2022-03-21 @ 9:00 am	2022-03-24 @ 8:00 am	< 0.3	2022-03-28
11139272	130	2022-03-21 @ 9:00 am	2022-03-24 @ 8:00 am	< 0.3	2022-03-28
11139247	132	2022-03-21 @ 9:00 am	2022-03-24 @ 8:00 am	1.0	2022-03-28
11139274	122B	2022-03-21 @ 9:00 am	2022-03-24 @ 8:00 am	< 0.3	2022-03-28
11139261	142 Office	2022-03-21 @ 9:00 am	2022-03-24 @ 8:00 am	???	2022-03-28

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# EXPOSURE IN BOWSER-MORNER RADON CHAMBER

CLIENT KCI Technologies, Inc. Job Number 204620

NOMINAL Conditions: Radon Conc 27.0 pCi/L Rel. Hum 50.1 % Temp. 70.0 F

Date Start: 3/18/22 Date Stop: 3/21/22 Date Start: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Stop: \_\_\_\_\_

Time Start: 0705 Time Stop: 0705 Time Start: \_\_\_\_\_ Time Stop: \_\_\_\_\_

Device No.'s: (5) Char Bags - Device No.'s: \_\_\_\_\_

11139367, 11139368, 11139371, \_\_\_\_\_

11139710, 11139717 \_\_\_\_\_

E3 light

Date Start: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Stop: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Start: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Stop: \_\_\_\_\_

Time Start: \_\_\_\_\_ Time Stop: \_\_\_\_\_ Time Start: \_\_\_\_\_ Time Stop: \_\_\_\_\_

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Note: All times are in 24-hour (military) notation, Eastern Standard Time (EST)  
Background = 7  $\mu$ R/h Elevation = 820 ft

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March 30, 2022

**\*\* LABORATORY ANALYSIS REPORT \*\***

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Radon test result report for:

MCPS - Spike Sample Lab Results. Measured values are satisfactory, i.e., within  $\pm 25\%$  of the chamber's reference value (25.7 pCi/L).

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<b>Kit #</b>	<b>Room Id</b>	<b>Started</b>	<b>Ended</b>	<b>pCi/L</b>	<b>Analyzed</b>
11139367	SK1	2022-03-18 @ 7:00 am	2022-03-21 @ 7:00 am	25.9 $\pm$ 2.1	2022-03-30
11139368	SK2	2022-03-18 @ 7:00 am	2022-03-21 @ 7:00 am	23.9 $\pm$ 2.0	2022-03-30
11139371	SK3	2022-03-18 @ 7:00 am	2022-03-21 @ 7:00 am	25.7 $\pm$ 2.1	2022-03-30
11139710	SK4	2022-03-18 @ 7:00 am	2022-03-21 @ 7:00 am	26.4 $\pm$ 2.1	2022-03-30
11139717	SK5	2022-03-18 @ 7:00 am	2022-03-21 @ 7:00 am	24.6 $\pm$ 2.0	2022-03-30

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## Radon Test Kit Chain of Custody

Project Name: MCPS Radon – March 2022 Schools – Retesting

Name of Schools:

1. Rosa Parks MS
2. Poolesville ES
3. Wyngate ES
4. Seven Locks ES
5. Walt Whitman HS
6. Somerset ES
7. Rock Creek Forest ES
8. Walter Johnson HS
9. Westbrook ES
10. Westland MS
11. Farmland ES
12. College Gardens ES
13. Julius West MS
14. Robert Frost MS
15. Carl Sandburg Learning Center

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	Date	Initials
Radon Test Kits Deployed	03/21/2022	BMM
Radon Test Kits Collected	03/24/2022	BMM
Radon Test Kits Shipped to Lab*	03/25/2022	BMM
Radon Test Kits Received by Lab*	03/28/2022	BMM

\*All samples sent to Air Check, Inc., 1936 Butler Bridge Rd, Mills River, NC 28759



**MCPS RADON TESTING – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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Round of Testing	Initial Follow-up Post Remediation 2 Year Testing 5 Year Testing HVAC Upgrade Window Replacement New Addition New Facility
# Rooms Tested	1
# Rooms $\geq$ 4.0 pCi/L	0
Lowest Value	<0.3 pCi/L
Highest Value	<0.3 pCi/L

**Project Status**

Current Project Status at this time: Testing completed; no further action needed





May 31, 2022

Mr. Brian Croyle, PG, CHMM  
Environmental Specialist  
Montgomery County Public Schools  
Gaithersburg, MD 20879

Re: **Radon Testing Services**  
KCI Job # 122108316

Location: Julius West Middle School  
651 Great Falls Rd.  
Rockville, MD 20850

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KCI visited the site on April 05, 2022 and deployed three (3) activated charcoal (AC) radon test kits. KCI deployed radon test kits in all frequently-occupied ground contact rooms, and other areas, (if applicable) in accordance with AARST guidance.

KCI sampled the following locations during this follow-up test:

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### **Results:**

The sampling locations and analytical results are listed on Table 1 (Attachment B). The quality control sample locations and analytical results are listed on Table 2 (Attachment B). Sampling locations and associated test kit identification numbers and relevant field observations are listed on Table 3 (Attachment B). The laboratory analytical results are included in Attachment C. Laboratory results and exposure data for the spike samples are also included in Attachment C.

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# ATTACHMENT A

## Floor Plan With Test Locations

# ATTACHMENT B

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Julius West MS RT		
Test Period: 04/05/2022 - 04/08/2022		
Kit Number	Room / Area	Result
11132026	142 OFFICE	< 0.3
11132034	142 OFFICE	< 0.3
11139741	142 OFFICE	< 0.3

Table 2- Radon Testing Results			
Julius West MS RT			
Test Period: 04/05/2022 - 04/08/2022			
Kit Number	QC Type	Room / Area	Result
11132034	D	142 Office	< 0.3
11132026	FB	142 Office	< 0.3
11139882	OB	OFFICE BLANK	< 0.3
11139881	TB	TRAVEL BLANK	< 0.3



Summary of Missed Locations		
Julius West MS RT		
Test Period: 04/05/22 - 04/08/22		
Kit Number	Room/Area	Result
	NA	

Summary of Missing, Compromised and >= 4 piC/L Tests		
Julius West MS RT		
Test Period: 04/05/22 - 04/08/22		
Kit Number	Room/Area	Result
	NA	

Table Note:  
\* Missing or Compromised Sample

# ATTACHMENT C

## Laboratory Analytical Results

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April 12, 2022

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Radon test result report for:

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<b>Kit #</b>	<b>Room Id</b>	<b>Started</b>	<b>Ended</b>	<b>pCi/L</b>	<b>Analyzed</b>
11132026	142 OFFICE	2022-04-05 @ 1:00 pm	2022-04-08 @ 11:00 am	< 0.3	2022-04-12
11132034	142 OFFICE	2022-04-05 @ 1:00 pm	2022-04-08 @ 11:00 am	< 0.3	2022-04-12

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April 12, 2022

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Radon test result report for:

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<b>Kit #</b>	<b>Room Id</b>	<b>Started</b>	<b>Ended</b>	<b>pCi/L</b>	<b>Analyzed</b>
11139741	142 OFFICE	2022-04-05 @ 1:00 pm	2022-04-08 @ 11:00 am	< 0.3	2022-04-12

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March 30, 2022

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Radon test result report for:

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### Radon Test Kit Chain of Custody

Project Name: MCPS Radon – April 2022 Schools – Retesting

Name of Schools:

1. Gaithersburg MS
2. Julius West MS
3. Sherwood HS

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	Date	Initials
Radon Test Kits Deployed	04/05/2022	BMM
Radon Test Kits Collected	04/08/2022	BMM
Radon Test Kits Shipped to Lab*	04/08/2022	BMM
Radon Test Kits Received by Lab*	04/11/2022	BMM

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