

November 20, 2024

## SUBJECT: Webinar - Radon in Tribal Housing

Dear Tribal Leader:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) will be hosting a webinar on December 12, 2024, to provide an overview of radon, including what it is, what it does, how it is measured, and how to reduce exposure. Speakers will share resources, including funding opportunities, for Tribes to test and mitigate for radon. The webinar will feature speakers from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Kansas State University Radon Program, Institute of Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP), and HUD. The webinar will be recorded and posted on <u>Codetalk</u>.

## Background

Exposure to radon is the number one cause of lung cancer among non-smokers and overall, radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer, responsible for approximately 21,000 lung cancer deaths every year. On January 11, 2024, HUD issued its <u>Departmental Policy for addressing Radon in the Environmental Review Process</u>. This policy requires consideration of radon for all HUD environmental reviews. The policy will go into effect for Tribes, Tribally Designated Housing Entities, and Department of Hawaiian Homelands in January 2026.

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December 12, 2024 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time <u>Registration Link</u>

Thank you for your continued partnership and collaboration in serving Indian Country.

Sincerely,

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