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Radon Control

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- It is a recommendation of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that the County of Wythe adopt Appendix F of the USBC to protect against the over exposure of Radon. www.vdh.virginia.gov/radiological-health/indoor-radon-program/
- Radon is decaying uranium, which is odorless and invisible and is the second leading cause of lung cancer. Testing must be performed to determine radon levels. radon.com
- Wythe County is located in a zone 1 region, meaning the highest potential for radon exposure. www.epa.gov/radon/radon-resistant-construction-basics-and-techniques
- Estimated cost of added construction, depending on building design, can be \$50 to \$500.
- As of the above date, approved by the Wythe County Board of Supervisors, all new construction in Wythe County will include radon mitigation construction.
- Mitigation must be installed in new construction when low-lying areas or enclosed areas are not vented, such as enclosed crawl spaces, basements, structures on slabs, or any structure that doesn't have adequate ventilation under the first floor.
- To find out more, visit the above websites or call the building inspection office.

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