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SUBJECT: FSU Westside Courts Pavilion - Radon Evaluation

The Westside Courts Pavilion (Westside Courts) at Florida State University (FSU) has been evaluated for radon content due to indoor air quality questions that have been raised regarding other buildings on the FSU campus. From July 10 to 12, 2023, one (1) continuous radon monitor (CRM) measurement was collected at Westside Courts. The 48-hour CRM measurement was collected by a state-certified radon contractor, in accordance with standard protocols of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the Florida Department of Health (FDOH). The result of 0.8 picoCurie/liter (pCi/L) was well below the USEPA Action Level of 4 pCi/L. The attached table presents a summary of the results.

Detectable radon levels are ubiquitous throughout the state, with most areas of Florida exhibiting low radon. Outdoor levels typically are in the 0.4 to 0.5 pCi/L range, and indoor levels regularly range from 1 to 2 pCi/L. Radon comes from decay of natural radium, and elevated indoor radon is related to local geology. Radon often is present in clays, phosphate rock, and igneous rocks, like granite, and can originate from bedrock far below land surface. Because it is a naturally occurring substance, exposure is common and unavoidable.

The data summarized herein reflect a condition that is consistent with many buildings in Florida and throughout the United States, and the radon conditions at the Westside Courts Pavilion do not represent a health concern. Further investigation regarding radon is not recommended at this time.

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RADON MEASUREMENTS - Westside Courts Pavilion, Florida State University

Location	Sampling Dates	Number of Samples	Min pCi/L	Max pCi/L	Notes
First Floor	10 Jul to 12 Jul 2023	1	0.8	0.8	No results > 4 pCi/L

pCi/L = picocuries per liter