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Dear Resident of Leesport Borough:

Your municipality has been selected this year for inclusion in our Targeted Radon Survey campaign. We do this campaign to increase public awareness and radon testing in these selected areas. The municipalities in question are selected based upon our prior radon test data and/or the geologic potential for radon occurrence. We have been using this targeted approach for over 20 years. We have found it is most advantageous to select areas where we know there is greater potential for radon problems than just doing a state-wide campaign.

The Bureau of Radiation Protection of the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) has awarded a grant to the American Lung Association in Pennsylvania (ALAPA) and is working with ALAPA to offer a limited number of **free radon test kits** to residents within these selected municipalities.

Radon is a naturally occurring, odorless, invisible radioactive gas that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimated to cause about 21,000 lung cancer deaths per year nationally. This is an issue that we believe needs to be taken very seriously, particularly in your area. Pennsylvania in general has some of the highest radon values in the country, and this particular area has radon values above the average for the Commonwealth. Any building in contact with the ground can have a radon problem. Testing is the only way to know if you and your family are at risk from radon exposure.

PADEP has conducted a number of similar targeted radon surveys in other parts of the Commonwealth. ALAPA also has experience conducting community-based programs with a goal of increasing public awareness and action with respect to this very serious potential health risk.

Testing is very easy to do. If you would like a free radon test kit from the ALAPA, simply go to www.lungradonkits.org/pa and submit your Zip Code (in the target municipality) at the bottom of the screen. While supplies last, a form will appear that you should fill out and submit. A test kit from a DEP certified laboratory will then be mailed to you within the next several weeks. All instructions and return postage are included, as is analysis by the laboratory and reporting of results to you.

We certainly hope that you would take advantage of this free offer. If you have any questions regarding placement of the test kit or your test results, please feel free to contact Denise Bleiler or Robert Lewis at 1.800.237.2366 or 717.783.3594. For information related to lung health, please call the American Lung Association at 1.800.586.4872 or 717.541.5864.

Sincerely,

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