

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Policy on Incorporating by Reference
Standard Practice for Radon Mitigation Systems in Existing Low-Rise Residential Buildings
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American Society for Testing and Materials International (ASTMI)

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Policy on Residential Radon Mitigation Standards

Effective June 30th 2006 EPA will retire its *Radon Mitigation Standards* (RMS, 402-R-93-078, Revised April 1994). Henceforward, EPA's voluntary National Radon Program¹ will utilize ASTMI's *Standard Practice for Radon Mitigation Systems in Existing Low-Rise Residential Buildings* (E2121-03; or successor editions). The Agency believes E-2121 an excellent guide for Americans on how to reduce the radon level in their home's indoor air.

This decision is consistent with the *National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act* (NTTAA) of 1995, the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) Circular A-119, and with Agency precedents. The NTTAA obligates the Federal Government to utilize voluntary consensus standards, while OMB Circular A-119 details how they are to be adopted and used. ASTMI developed E-2121 consistent with the process administered by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) as the national accreditation body for consensus standards.

The complete record of EPA's original proposal (June 2002) and decision to incorporate by reference E-2121 and retain EPA's RMS (March 2003), is available at http://www.epa.gov/radon/images/final_e2121policy.pdf. In retaining the RMS through June 2006, the Agency is further allowing the states, radon industry and other stakeholders an added transition period in which to accommodate retirement of the RMS. EPA will revise its existing radon documents to reflect this change, as appropriate. EPA will no longer print the RMS. The Agency's remaining stock of the RMS will remain available to requesters until exhausted. Single copies of E-2121 continue to be available to requesters from EPA by special arrangement with ASTMI. Order both E-2121 (and the RMS) online through the National Service Center for Environmental Publications at <http://yosemite.epa.gov/ncepihom/nsCatalog.nsf/SearchPubs?OpenForm>. If you have questions regarding this policy please contact Philip Jalbert (202-343-9431, jalbert.philip@epa.gov).

¹Activities authorized by Title III, *Indoor Radon Abatement*, TSCA (1988), and by Title IV, *Radon Gas and Indoor Air Quality Research*, SARA (1986), and other miscellaneous statutory provisions.