

Colorado Low Income Radon Mitigation Assistance Program (LIRMA)

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House Bill 16-1141

- “Concerning the protection of Colorado residents from the hazards associated with naturally occurring radioactive materials in buildings, and in connection therewith, making an appropriation”
- Signed by Governor Hickenlooper 4/21/2016
- Required the establishment of a radon education and awareness program
 - Providing information to citizens, businesses and others
 - Work collaboratively with radon contractors and citizens to resolve questions and concerns regarding safe, healthy and efficient radon mitigation systems
 - Collaborate with local governments to provide information on best practices for radon mitigation strategies
 - Effective January 1, 2017, establish a radon mitigation assistance program to provide financial assistance to low-income individuals for radon mitigation in their homes

Colorado Low Income Radon Mitigation Assistance Program (LIRMA) (6 CCR 1007-1 Part 21)

- Timeline:

- June 10, 2016 Public comment period for Part 21 rule begins.
- June 29, 2016 Stakeholder Meeting
- July 11, 2016 Public Comment period ends
- **August 17, 2016** **A request for rulemaking before the State Board of Health (BOH)**
- **October 19, 2016** **A rulemaking hearing before the BOH (pending approval by the BOH at the August request for rulemaking)**
- **Mid-December 2016** **Estimated effective date for Part 21 regulation**
- **Early 2017** **Program will begin receiving applications for contractor participation and assistance from homeowners**

Eligibility

- Homeowners must:
 - Occupy the property as their primary residence
 - Be a Colorado resident
 - Qualify as a low-income household

Statewide Income Limits For Colorado								
Family Household Size								
# of Persons in Household:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Low Income	\$41,400	\$47,300	\$53,200	\$59,100	\$63,850	\$68,600	\$73,300	\$78,050



Mitigation Contractor Process

- Radon Mitigation Contractors apply to be on the list of LIRMA contractors
 - Application Form LIRMA C1
 - Certificate of Fact of Good Standing from the Colorado Secretary of State (<http://www.sos.state.co.us/>)
 - A current Internal Revenue Service W-9 form
 - A copy of the NRPP or NRSB Certificate or Certification Card
 - A valid liability insurance certificate – Insurance certificate on Accord form must have:
 - \$1,000,000 Commercial/General Liability coverage per occurrence
 - \$1,000,000 Auto Liability coverage
 - \$1,000,000 Worker's Comprehensive coverage
- By applying, contractor agrees to adhere to all requirements in the LIRMA policy and procedures manual
- If application is approved, mitigation contractor is listed as a LIRMA eligible contractor to perform mitigation system installations under the program

Homeowner Process

- Homeowners apply for mitigation assistance
 - Application Form LIRMA H1
 - Radon test results showing radon levels are more than 4 pCi/L (picocuries per liter)
 - Proof of Ownership – copy of a Warranty Deed or Deed of Trust
 - Copy of the most recent Mortgage statement
 - Copy of the homeowners previous years Federal Income Tax Form (form 1040, 1040EZ, etc.) filed with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS)
 - Photocopy of a current Colorado Driver's License, State of Colorado issued Identification Card or Military Identification Card

Mitigation Process

- LIRMA Program reviews homeowner application
- If application is approved, homeowner is sent a list of LIRMA contractors
- Homeowner solicits bids from contractors of their choice
- Funding assistance not to exceed \$1,500 for mitigation system installation and post mitigation test
- Contractor conducts on site visit and prepares a mitigation plan
 - Mitigation plan MUST include at a minimum:
 - A guarantee that the system will reduce radon levels below 4PCi/L;
 - A minimum 5 year warranty on the fan and workmanship;
 - Compliance with contractor declared mitigation standards;
 - A Lien Waiver for the home; and
 - Home Owners Association (HOA) approval-if applicable.
- LIRMA program reviews the homeowner chosen mitigation plan
- If mitigation plan is approved, LIRMA program sends contractor a firm fixed price statement of work for signature

Mitigation Process Continued

- Contractor signs statement of work agreeing to terms of the program
- Contractor obtains any necessary permits required by the local jurisdiction
- Contractor installs mitigation system and provides homeowner with a post mitigation test kit
- Homeowner conducts post mitigation radon test
- Contractor submits post mitigation test result evidence below 4PCi/L, invoice, photo's of mitigation system (crawl space cover/slab penetration/other suction point location, labeling, manometer, fan, wiring and termination point)
- If system is compliant and meets all requirements, LIRMA program pays the contractor

Questions?

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