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## Protect Environmental Launches National Radon Risk Search Tool

## Interactive search tool provides radon risk information for communities across the United States to assist in the prevention of radon-induced lung cancer

Louisville, KY, January 11, 2023 – In conjunction with the launch of its next generation online presence, Protect Environmental announced today the launch of its <u>National Radon Risk Search™</u> tool. The interactive search tool pulls from the company's comprehensive database of radon test results, which represents more than 2.5 million results compiled from sources such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as well as Protect Environmental's own internal testing data, to provide the following radon risk information for communities across the United States: (1) highest radon level recorded in a building tested within the community; (2) average radon level of buildings tested within the community; (3) percentage of buildings tested within a community with a radon level above the <u>Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) action level of 4.0 pCi/L</u>; and, (4) percentage of residential buildings characterized for radon risk within the community. The interactive search tool is designed to empower communities with vital information to understand the impact of radon in the places where community members live, work, and learn.

Radon is a naturally occurring colorless, odorless, tasteless, radioactive gas that derives from the breakdown of Uranium. According to the EPA, exposure to the gas is responsible for the deaths of more than 21,000 persons in the United States each year, making it the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers, second overall to smoking for all lung cancer incidents. Radon migrates into buildings through preferential pathways, such as gaps, cracks, and crevices in the building foundation, where it can accumulate in unsafe levels. The only way to know if the occupants of a building are at risk is to test the building. If a problem exists, occupant exposure can be mitigated using effective, efficient, and economical construction methods.

"Knowing and understanding the risk created by exposure to radon, a radioactive, cancer-causing gas that often accumulates in unsafe levels in the places where we live, work, and learn, is essential to preventing radoninduced lung cancer," says Kyle Hoylman, CEO of Protect Environmental. "Our interactive search tool makes understanding this risk much easier, which we hope will lead to more communities taking action to prevent this deadly disease."

## **About Protect Environmental**

Protect Environmental is a national leader in the environmental consulting and construction industry, focusing on radon and chemical vapor intrusion management. With a proven track record spanning 18 years and more than 200,000 completed projects in all 50 U.S. states and 2 U.S. territories, the company delivers expert service from its trusted professionals to provide peace of mind protection to property owners seeking to build and maintain healthy, safe, and sustainable indoor environments. For more information, call 502-410-5000 or click on <a href="https://www.protectenvironmental.com">https://www.protectenvironmental.com</a>.