

TEACHER'S NOTES 9**WHAT ARE THE ETHICAL AND LEGAL ASPECTS OF RADON?**

BACKGROUND

This exercise is intended to be open-ended and allows students to explore a complex socioeconomic and environmental issue. Students should be given opportunity to speak and write about radon. Students are asked to devise new legislation regarding radon and real estate issues. The students might design this legislation in small working groups and then have a full-class debate and discussion of the pros and cons of the proposed legislation. Students can volunteer to represent the perspective of different special interest groups (e.g., consumer safety advocates, builders, realtors, regional economic developers, regulatory agencies, children's rights advocates, etc.).

MINIMUM RECOMMENDED TIME ALLOCATION

Two class periods.

STUDENT RESPONSES

There are no "correct" responses to this exercise.

EXTENDED ACTIVITIES

1. Have students research *existing* state laws in New Jersey concerning radon, but not until after they have designed their own legislation. Compare the existing laws with those that the students propose.
2. Invite a local official to discuss with the class the process by which local ordinances and/or state legislation are drafted, revised, and made into law. See Resources, Information Resources.





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Lesson Plan Evaluation Sheet
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1. Which Radon Alert lesson plan(s) did you use?

2. How useful did you find it/them (check one) ?

- Not useful
- Slightly useful
- Moderately useful
- Very useful
- Extremely useful

3. Do you plan to use them again in the future? Yes No

4. In your view, what would make the lesson plans MORE useful:

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