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**The Department of Environmental Protection has received the following comments on Proposed Rulemaking: Radiological Health and Radon Certification Fees; Pennsylvania Radon Mitigation System Tag and Fee.**

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This proposed increase in fees is not in the best interest for the consumers and residents of our state. We (radon testers) already assume a great cost just simply by offering radon testing for our customers. This will affect us all in a negative manner. The higher fees will have to be passed onto the customer/consumer, the same people that we feel passionate about educating and protecting. Higher costs to the consumer will result in less radon tests performed in the state, as the majority of radon tests and mitigation systems installed are associated with a real estate transaction. Continued increases in cost will cause buyers to reduce their costs by eliminating items that are not required such as radon testing. With less testing and less mitigation, why bother trying to run a business educating the consumer about the health effects of radon.

We think that to simply raise fees to fund the department is illogical and bad business. It seems more logical and reasonable for the department to take a closer look at their own costs and efficiency.

As mentioned before, when the result of higher costs does in fact reduce the number of radon tests, who has the department protected? The department is assigned to protect the members of our state, not neglect them.

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