INFORMATION BULLETIN

CALIFORNIA STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS REGARDING THE GOVERNMENT SPONSORED ENTERPRISE (GSE) MULTIFAMILY RADON POLICY

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The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has received inquiries regarding the multifamily radon policy adopted and became effective on July 1, 2023 by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the GSEs overseen by the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA). The GSE consolidated policy requires full compliance with all applicable state or local laws governing radon testing or mitigation, and further specifies that in the event of any conflict between state or local laws and the policy, the lender must follow the more stringent requirements.

The intent of this information bulletin is to make clear the provisions stated in the California Health and Safety Code (HSC), which is the prevailing regulatory statute that applies to the control of radon in California including but not limited to requirements for performing radon measurement, mitigation, and laboratory analysis. HSC Section 106780 requires that no person may provide radon services for the general public, or represent or advertise that he or she may provide radon services unless that person meets the following requirements:

- Successfully completes the National Radon Measurement Proficiency Program of the National Environmental Health Association or the National Radon Safety Board Certified Radon Professional Program,
- Submits to CDPH a copy of certificate demonstrating successful completion of either of the above programs,
- Persons certified to provide radon services shall successfully complete and submit to the department proof of completion of the National Radon Measurement Proficiency Program of the National Environmental Health Association or the National Radon Safety Board Certified Radon Professional Program every two years after initial certification,
- A copy of the current certificate of completion shall be submitted to the department at least 14 days prior to conducting radon services within the state.

There are exceptions to the above requirements in HSC Section 106790 that are viewable here: California Legislative Information - Health and Safety Code 106790

Additional information regarding the radon statutes and regulations in California can be found at the following CDPH website: <u>California Department of Public Health Indoor Radon Program</u>