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Date: *

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Subject: Rental Unit Environmental Conditions

To: _____, Renters

Over the last several years, a lot of testing has been performed on your home. This letter summarizes the existing environmental conditions in building _____, the _____ on the _____ Ranger Station. Please sign the bottom of this letter and return a copy to me to acknowledge that you have read and understand it.

- OR -

As you are considering moving into Building _____, the _____ at the _____ Ranger Station, we wish to inform you of the existing environmental conditions in this building. Please sign the bottom of this letter and return a copy to me to acknowledge that you have read and understand it.

RADON

This building was initially tested for radon in _____. Subsequent long-term tests show that the radon gas levels average ____ picocuries per liter (pCi/L) on the main floor and ____ pCi/L in the basement.

The recommended level for long-term exposure is less than 4 pCi/L. Since tests show the radon level is well below the recommended exposure level, no mitigation or further testing is planned.

- OR -

Since the average exposure level during the long-term test period is just below the recommended long-term exposure level of 4 picocuries per liter, a second set of long-term detectors will be installed soon to provide more accurate information.

- OR -

Since the recommended level for long-term exposure is less than 4 picocuries per liter (pCi/L), a sub slab suction system was installed in _____. Subsequent tests have shown levels of ____ pCi/L or less, which is considered acceptable. This ventilation system is permanent and must remain in continuous operation to be effective. Do not turn the radon fan switch off. Follow-up long term monitoring will be conducted periodically to insure the ventilation system remains effective.

ASBESTOS

This residence was constructed in _____. During the mid-1970's, the Environmental Protection



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Agency banned the use of many asbestos surfacing materials, and by 1989, had banned manufacture of other commercially available asbestos products. There should be no asbestos containing materials in your home.

- OR -

This residence was inspected for asbestos containing materials in _____ by an accredited Asbestos Inspector. Samples of the different building materials were taken and tested. The results of the tests show there is no asbestos containing material in this building.

- OR -

This residence was inspected for asbestos in _____ by an accredited Asbestos Inspector. The following asbestos containing materials were found, and still remain, in this building:

1. Vinyl sheet flooring in _____, _____, _____, and _____.
2. Vinyl tile flooring in _____, _____, and _____.
3. Texturing on _____, and texturing on the _____.
4. Cement asbestos board _____.
5. Vermiculite attic insulation.

The Environmental Protection Agency advises that the best thing to do with asbestos material in good condition is to leave it alone. Generally, material in good condition will not release asbestos fibers. Take every precaution to avoid damaging these materials. Do not saw, sand, scrape or drill holes in these materials.

Vinyl sheet flooring - the asbestos is contained only in the backing, not in the exposed vinyl surface. Normal cleaning does not pose a problem.

Vinyl floor tile - the asbestos is part of the vinyl product and could be released if power stripped or buffed.

Ceiling texture - this material can become loose or crumbly and release fibers if damaged. Clean only with a feather duster. Do not paint these ceilings yourself.

Cement asbestos board (transite) - the asbestos is bound in a cement product and is not likely to release fibers unless cut, drilled or sawed.

Vermiculite insulation - vermiculite can be contaminated with asbestos. As long as the insulation is not disturbed, there is no hazard. The attic should not be used to store anything and you should not go into the attic.

LEAD BASED PAINT

This residence was built in _____. The use of lead based paint in residences was banned in 1978. There should be no lead based paint in your residence.

- OR -

This residence was built in _____. Housing built before 1978 may contain lead based paint. Lead from paint, paint chips, and dust can pose health hazards if not taken care of properly. Lead exposure is especially harmful to young children and pregnant women. A pamphlet on lead poisoning prevention, "Protect Your Family From Lead in your Home" is attached to this letter. Please read it and note precautions you should take.

Since this building has not been tested for lead based paint, we do not know whether there is actually any lead based paint in it. Lead based paint that is in good condition is usually not a hazard. However, lead dust can form when the paint is scraped, sanded, or heated, so do not disturb any of the paint in your house. If you notice peeling, chipped, chalky, or cracked paint in your home, please let the District maintenance manager know immediately so the condition can be corrected.

If your building is tested for lead based paint, you will be informed of the results as soon as they are available.

- OR -

This residence was built in _____. Housing built before 1978 may contain lead based paint. Due to the age of this building, it is likely that it contains lead based paint, although no tests have been performed to confirm or disprove its presence. Lead from paint, paint chips, and dust can pose health hazards if not taken care of properly. Lead exposure is especially harmful to young children and pregnant women. A pamphlet on lead poisoning prevention, "Protect Your Family From Lead in your Home" is attached to this letter. Please read it and note precautions you should take.

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If your building is tested for lead based paint, you will be informed of the results as soon as they are available.

- OR -

This residence was built in _____. Housing built before 1978 may contain lead based paint. Your home was tested for the presence of lead based paint in _____. There was no lead based paint discovered, and we don't believe there is any lead based paint in your home.

- OR -

This residence was built in _____. Housing built before 1978 may contain lead based paint. Your home was tested for the presence of lead based paint in _____. Lead based paint was discovered _____, _____ and _____. Lead from paint, paint chips, and dust can pose health hazards if not taken care of properly. Lead exposure is especially harmful to young children and pregnant women. A pamphlet on lead poisoning prevention, "Protect Your Family From Lead in your Home" is attached to this letter. Please read it and note precautions you should take.

Lead based paint that is in good condition is usually not a hazard. However, lead dust can form when the paint is scraped, sanded, or heated, so do not disturb any of the paint in the locations described above. If you notice peeling, chipped, chalky, or cracked paint in your home, please let the District maintenance manager know immediately so the condition can be corrected.

DRINKING WATER

Drinking water for the _____ Ranger Station is provided by _____. _____ is required to regularly test for the presence of a number of contaminants in drinking water. Each year, _____ issues a Consumer Confidence Report explaining the test results and quality of the drinking water they supply. A copy of this report is available at _____.

- OR -

The public water system at the _____ Ranger Station is owned and operated by the Forest Service. We test the water regularly. Each year, we must issue a Consumer Confidence Report explaining the test results and quality of the drinking water we supply. A copy of the latest report is attached.

- OR -

The non-public water system at the _____ Ranger Station is owned and operated by the Forest Service. If you have questions about water quality, please contact the Forest Facilities Engineer.

Should you desire additional information on the test results for lead, radon, asbestos, or drinking water, files are available in the Facilities Engineering section of the Supervisor's Office. Please contact the staff there if you have any concerns about drinking water or about lead, radon, or asbestos materials in this residence.

☐ I have received the document "Protect Your Family from Lead in Your Home."
[for renters in pre-1978 housing only]

☐ I have read and understand the information in this letter.

Renters

District Ranger

cc: S.O. Facilities