

## RADON ISSUES

Congress has passed revisions to the Toxic Substances and Control Act (TSCA) that establish a goal that all homes, schools, and federal buildings be tested for radon. Among the highlights of the revised statute are the following:

- \* EPA must designate priority radon areas. These priority areas are those where EPA believes there is a reasonable likelihood that the average indoor radon level in the area is likely to exceed the national average indoor radon level.

- \* A citizen's guide shall be produced.

- \* EPA shall publish final radon control standards and techniques available to the public and the building industry.

- \* EPA, in conjunction with the Housing and Urban Development (HUD), real estate groups and financial lending institutions, citizen groups and other appropriate groups shall develop a written document containing radon-related information. The document should include health risks, recommended radon testing procedures and other general information.

- \* The EPA document shall be provided by every originating mortgage institution for whom it prepares a written application for a mortgage loan. The document shall be made available not later than five business days after the application is received or prepared.

- \* The EPA shall conduct a study for the purpose of determining the extent of radon contamination in the Nation's workplace.