

Portland Public Schools
Update on
Water Safety and Water



Actions Taken: Communication

Held community meetings at impacted schools
(5/31 Creston, 6/1 RCP)

Established website to post data, updates,
answers to Frequently Asked Questions

Providing weekly updates to families and staff

Media updates and availability

Actions Taken: Personnel and Protocols

Board:

Contracted with Stoll Berne to conduct investigation to



Actions Planned:

Currently working on scope of contract with environmental engineering firm for assessment, mitigation and infrastructure improvement plan, policy, protocols, information management system regarding water management.

Safe drinking water and safe water for food preparation in place by start of school, 2016.

Scope and prioritize longer term needs and investments in water safety infrastructure.

Actions Planned:

Contract with a Project Manager to provide interim leadership for Health and Safety Department.

Scope including, but not limited to:

Creating the necessary staffing plan, policies, protocols, and information management systems regarding all areas of environmental health and safety.

Actions Taken and Planned: Radon

State is requiring that all schools be tested by 2021

PPS tested 26 buildings in March and April, 2016;

- Buildings selected based on elevated levels of radon during testing in 2001

121 rooms exceeded the EPA's initial action level

- EPA

