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RAD PROGRAM NEWS

HUD Updates Environmental Review Requirements for RAD Conversions

Yesterday via RADBlast!, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) announced that it has recently revised the [Quick Reference Guide for Environmental Review Requirements for RAD Conversions](#).

The revised version provides improved guidance to all property types (public housing, Mod Rehab, and PRAC) converting under the Rental Assistance Demonstration ([RAD](#)) and implements the strengthened environmental requirements introduced in Revision 4 of the RAD Notice, including:

- It requires PHAs and owners to test for radon prior to converting and, if found, must mitigate any health hazards;
- It provides additional instruction for a streamlined environmental review for conversions without any rehabilitation; and
- It requires the use of the HUD Environmental Review Online System (HEROS) for Part 50 reviews. This will reduce the time HUD takes to complete environmental reviews for PBRA and FHA-insured conversions.

According to the email, these improvements continue to make RAD easier to use, while ensuring that properties converted through RAD are safe for residents and free of environmental hazards.

GENERAL NEWS

HUD Awards Nearly \$260,000 through the Foster Youth to Independence Initiative

In a [press release](#) yesterday, HUD announced that it has awarded an additional \$258,606 to seven housing authorities to assist young people aging out of foster care and who are at risk of experiencing homelessness. The funding, awarded under HUD's Foster Youth to Independence ([FYI](#)) Initiative, will offer housing vouchers to local PHAs to prevent or end homelessness among young adults under the age of 25 who are leaving, or have recently left, the foster care system. Funding is provided in the form of tenant protection vouchers (TPVs) to certain PHAs that do not participate in HUD's Family Unification Program ([FUP](#)). A complete list of awardees and the amounts they will receive can be found in the [press release](#). Last month, HUD awarded nearly \$500,000 to the FYI Initiative.



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