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Last chance for property owners to take part in radiological testing

Port Hope, Ont. (May 9, 2017) — The window of opportunity to have a Port Hope property tested for the presence of historic low-level radioactive waste – at no cost to the owner – remains open for a limited time only.

This summer, a contractor working on behalf of the Port Hope Area Initiative (PHAI), will begin the final campaign in the Property Radiological Survey by placing radon monitors in buildings at approximately 1,000 properties. However, the testing cannot take place at properties where the PHAI does not have a signed Access Consent form from the owner.

“We don’t want anyone in Port Hope to miss this significant opportunity. The project will be progressing to the clean-up stage over the next year, so it’s critical to property owners – and the community – that we identify now all the waste to be cleaned up,” said Craig Hebert, General Manager of the Historic Waste Program Management Office.

The radiological investigations are a first step toward receiving a Compliance Letter, which assures owners that their properties meet PHAI Clean-up Criteria and is particularly important if an owner plans to sell or bequeath a property at any time. The PHAI expects to issue Compliance Letters for about 90 per cent of properties once testing has been completed. Properties that do not initially meet PHAI Clean-up Criteria will be remediated – again at no cost to the owner – after which a Compliance Letter will be issued.

To date, most property owners contacted by the PHAI have consented to the testing. Approximately 4,000 properties are already involved in some aspect of the survey, which will test a total of 4,800 properties by its conclusion.

Signing up to participate in the testing is quick and easy. The PHAI has mailed a consent package to every property owner. The packages are also available by contacting the PHAI at 905.885.0291 or propertysurvey@phai.ca.

“The window of opportunity will start to close soon. Now is the time for property owners to return their signed consent forms if they haven’t already done so,” said Hebert.

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