



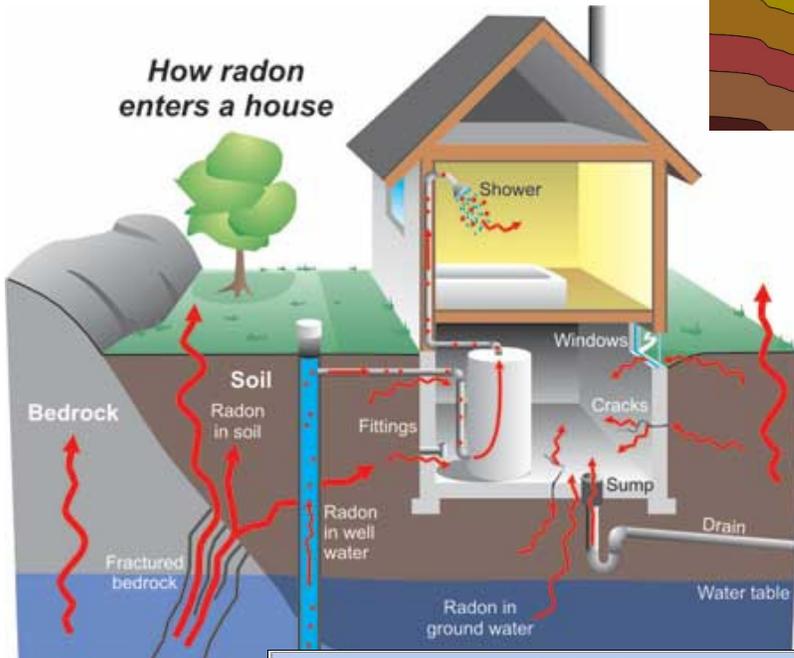
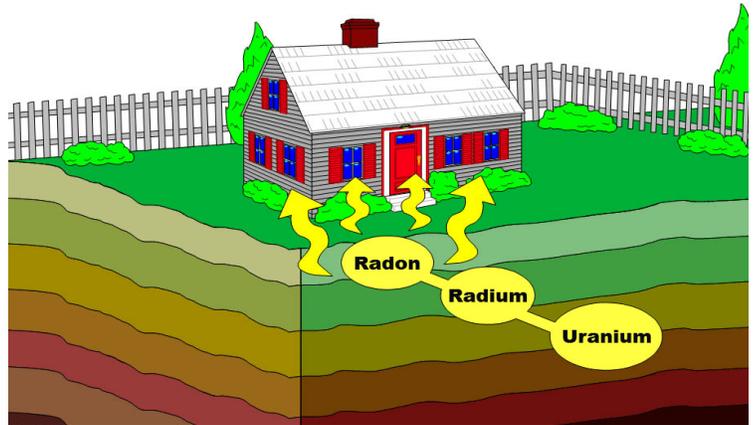
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APPENDIX F
RADON CONTROL METHODS

SECTION AF101 — SCOPE

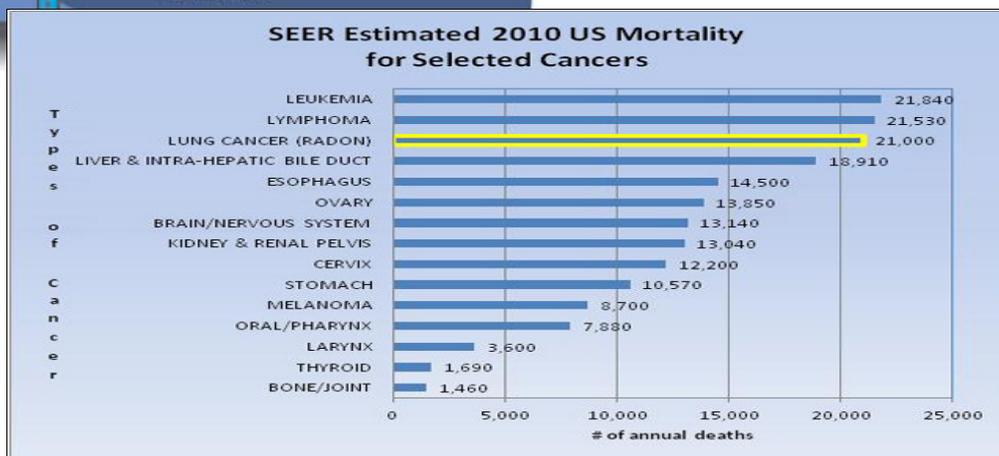
AF101.1 General. This appendix contains requirements for new construction in jurisdictions where radon-resistant construction is required.

Inclusion of this appendix by jurisdictions shall be determined through the use of locally available data or determination of Zone 1 designation in Figure AF101 and Table AF101(1).



RADON GAS

A naturally occurring, chemically inert, radioactive gas that is not detectable by human senses. As a gas, it can move readily through particles of soil and rock, and can accumulate under the slabs and foundations of homes where it can easily enter into the living space through construction cracks and openings.



Radon-related Lung Cancer Deaths Compared to Other Select Cancers

The following graphic compares EPA estimates of the annual radon-related lung cancer deaths to other selected cancers.

The other mortality numbers in this graphic were obtained from the National Cancer Institute's 2010 Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER) estimated US mortality numbers which can be found at

http://seer.cancer.gov/csr/1975_2007/results_single/sect_01_table.01.pdf

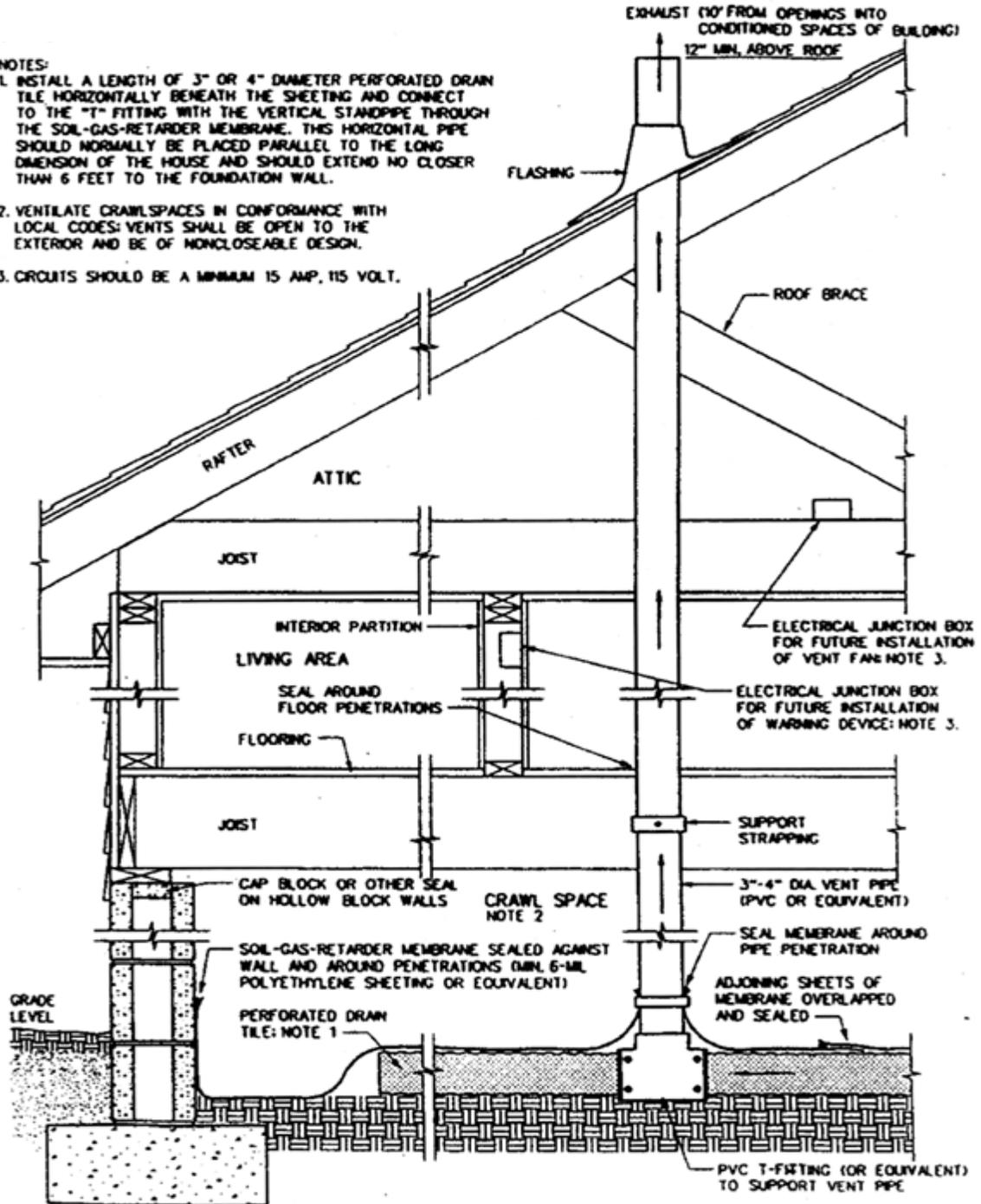
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Passive Radon Control System in Crawl Space For New Construction

NOTES:

1. INSTALL A LENGTH OF 3" OR 4" DIAMETER PERFORATED DRAIN TILE HORIZONTALLY BENEATH THE SHEETING AND CONNECT TO THE "T" FITTING WITH THE VERTICAL STANDPIPE THROUGH THE SOIL-GAS-RETARDER MEMBRANE. THIS HORIZONTAL PIPE SHOULD NORMALLY BE PLACED PARALLEL TO THE LONG DIMENSION OF THE HOUSE AND SHOULD EXTEND NO CLOSER THAN 6 FEET TO THE FOUNDATION WALL.
2. VENTILATE CRAWLSPACES IN CONFORMANCE WITH LOCAL CODES; VENTS SHALL BE OPEN TO THE EXTERIOR AND BE OF NONCLOSEABLE DESIGN.
3. CIRCUITS SHOULD BE A MINIMUM 15 AMP, 115 VOLT.



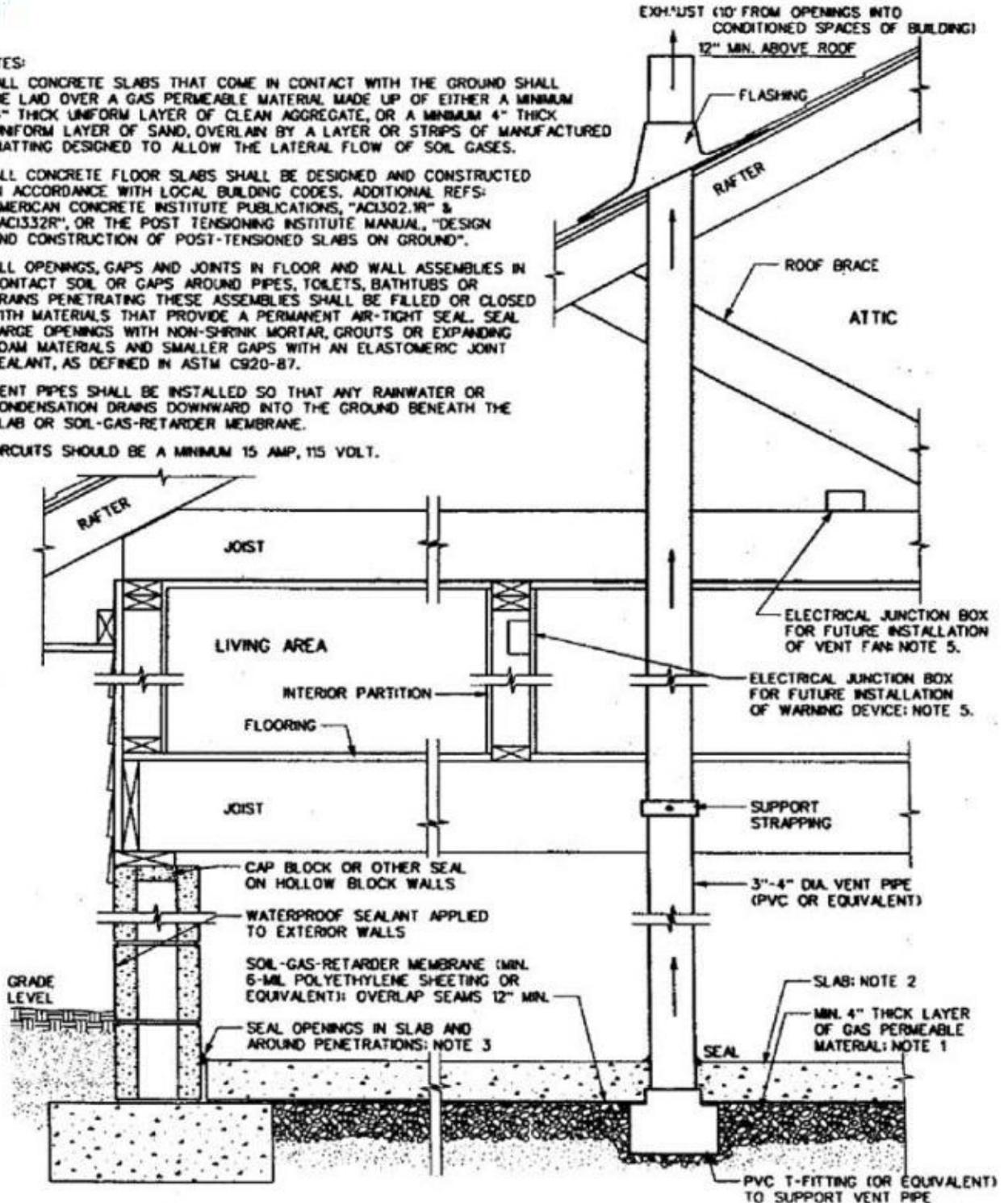
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Passive Sub-Slab Depressurization Radon Control System For New Construction

NOTES:

1. ALL CONCRETE SLABS THAT COME IN CONTACT WITH THE GROUND SHALL BE LAID OVER A GAS PERMEABLE MATERIAL MADE UP OF EITHER A MINIMUM 4" THICK UNIFORM LAYER OF CLEAN AGGREGATE, OR A MINIMUM 4" THICK UNIFORM LAYER OF SAND, OVERLAIN BY A LAYER OR STRIPS OF MANUFACTURED MATTING DESIGNED TO ALLOW THE LATERAL FLOW OF SOIL GASES.
2. ALL CONCRETE FLOOR SLABS SHALL BE DESIGNED AND CONSTRUCTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOCAL BUILDING CODES. ADDITIONAL REFS: AMERICAN CONCRETE INSTITUTE PUBLICATIONS, "ACI302.1R" & "ACI332R", OR THE POST TENSIONING INSTITUTE MANUAL, "DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF POST-TENSIONED SLABS ON GROUND".
3. ALL OPENINGS, GAPS AND JOINTS IN FLOOR AND WALL ASSEMBLIES IN CONTACT SOIL OR GAPS AROUND PIPES, TOILETS, BATHTUBS OR DRAINS PENETRATING THESE ASSEMBLIES SHALL BE FILLED OR CLOSED WITH MATERIALS THAT PROVIDE A PERMANENT AIR-TIGHT SEAL. SEAL LARGE OPENINGS WITH NON-SHRINK MORTAR, GROUTS OR EXPANDING FOAM MATERIALS AND SMALLER GAPS WITH AN ELASTOMERIC JOINT SEALANT, AS DEFINED IN ASTM C920-87.
4. VENT PIPES SHALL BE INSTALLED SO THAT ANY RAINWATER OR CONDENSATION DRAINS DOWNWARD INTO THE GROUND BENEATH THE SLAB OR SOIL-GAS-RETARDER MEMBRANE.
5. CIRCUITS SHOULD BE A MINIMUM 15 AMP, 115 VOLT.



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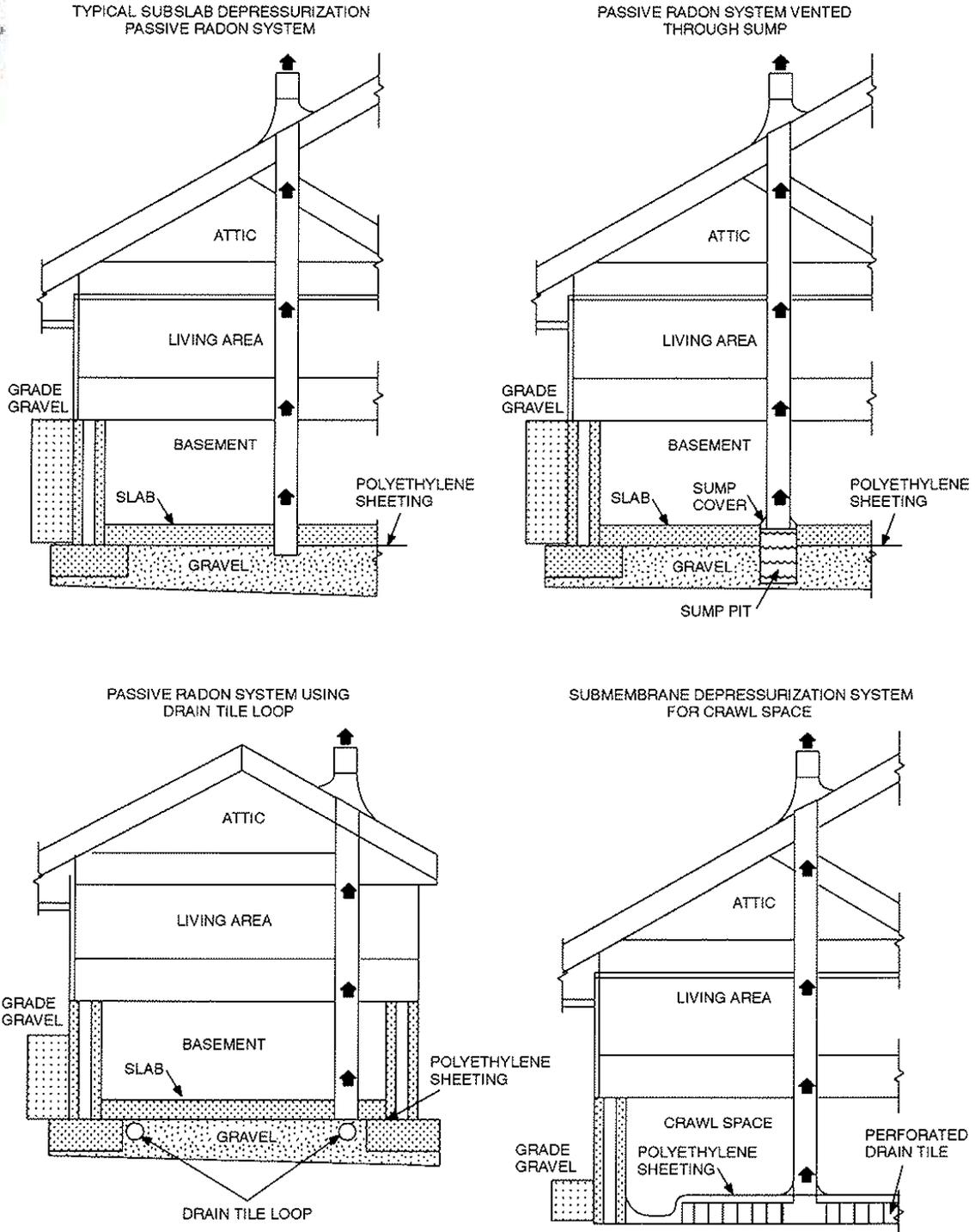


FIGURE AF102
RADON-RESISTANT CONSTRUCTION DETAILS FOR FOUR FOUNDATION TYPES