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As part of the project, there will be a conference this fall at the University with health, environmental and state and local government agencies taking part.

Details of the radon monitoring program will be announced at that conference. The monitors will be placed in the field for three months during next fall and winter. That period was selected because doors and windows are closed due to cold weather and peak radon concentrations can be more accurately measured.

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