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Children use artwork to educate families about dangers of Radon

Utah children have another opportunity to raise awareness about the risks of indoor radon by participating in the 2013 National Radon Poster Contest. The Utah Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Radiation Control has coordinated this year's contest in partnership with Kansas State University and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The state contest officially opens August 1, 2012 and runs through October 15, 2012.

Children ages 9-14 enrolled in a public, private, territorial, tribal, Department of Defense, or home schooling are eligible to participate. Members of a sponsoring club, such as a scouting organization, 4-H, or art, computer, and science clubs are also eligible. There is no entry fee, but only one entry per student is allowed.

Poster contest submission forms, topics and rules may be found online at:

http://sosradon.org/files/sosradon/Poster_Contest_Entry_and_Artwork_Submission_Form_v4.pdf

All state contest entries will be posted online for public voting. Utah's top three poster winners will receive cash awards. The public is invited to judge this year's state posters by voting online at: www.radon.utah.gov. Online voting runs from October 16 - 26. First-place winner will receive \$300 (his/her school/organization will receive \$500) and second/third-place winners will each receive \$100. State winners will be entered in the national contest where national winners may receive up to \$1,000.

"Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer, second only to smoking," said Christine Keyser, State Radon Program Coordinator. "Testing the air you breathe in homes, offices, and schools is the only way to determine your health risk from radon. A \$6 do-it-yourself radon test kit makes testing easy and affordable."

To order a \$6 do-it-yourself test kit or to learn more about the Radon Poster Contest, please visit www.radon.utah.gov or call 801-530-0091. ###