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Taking Capital Steps to Radon Action

The Utah Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Division of Radiation Control joins CanSAR (Cancer Survivors Against Radon) and others on the Capitol Steps for the Third Annual "Capital Steps to Radon Action" on Wednesday, January 23, 2013 at 11:00 AM.

CanSAR--made up of individuals who didn't know they were living with high levels of radon until the diagnosis of lung cancer invaded their lives-—takes this opportunity to educate the public of the danger of high levels of radioactive radon gas in homes, schools, and workplaces. Radon gas, a Class A carcinogen, may seep from the ground into occupied buildings through cracks, openings, and porous concrete. Elevated levels of radon have been found in every state, but it is easily tested and not difficult to fix or mitigate.

Approximately 21,000 individuals die each year from radon-induced lung cancer. What a tragedy, but you can help make a difference with support for radon awareness, acceptance, and action.

The public is invited to join DEQ in this event to help raise radon awareness and education. Information on radon testing and mitigation will be distributed and a limited amount of free radon test kits will be available. For more information about upcoming Radon Action events, please go to: www.radon.utah.gov or call 800-458-0145.

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