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Three State Radon Poster Contest Winners Announced

(Salt Lake City, Utah) – The Utah Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Radiation Control today announced three state winners for the 2010 National Radon Poster Contest. Congratulations to first-place winner Emily Pinnock from Olympus Jr. High, second-place winner Anna Pinnock from Cottonwood Elementary, and third-place winner Joshua Basilio from Spring Creek Elementary.

Students (ages 9 – 14) from eleven different schools throughout the state rose to the challenge by creating 61 posters. Posters illustrated the dangers of radon, where it comes from, how it gets into our homes, and how residents can test their home for this invisible, radioactive gas.

The creative artwork was displayed on the division's website for public voting. Winning posters were selected on content accuracy, visual communication of a specific topic, poster reproducibility (with title/topic on the front) for possible publication, and originality.

The 2009 state winners and the first-place winner's school will receive a cash award. The winning posters will be sent to Washington D. C. to be entered in the National Radon Poster Contest. The national winner, a parent, and teacher will win an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., to participate in an awards ceremony, in January 2010.

"The poster contest is a great way to educate people about the dangers of radon gas, the second leading cause of lung cancer," said John Hultquist, radon program manager with the Division of Radiation Control. "Testing for radon in homes and schools is the only way to find out if a radon problem exists."

For more information about radon, please visit: www.radon.utah.gov.

