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Utah Children Raise Awareness Through Radon Poster Contest

(Salt Lake City, Utah) – Utah children have an opportunity to raise awareness about the risks of indoor radon by participating in the 2012 National Radon Poster Contest. The State of Utah Radon Program has coordinated this year's State Radon Poster Contest in partnership with Kansas State University and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The state contest officially opened August 1, 2011.

All entries for the state contest will be entered in the national contest. State and national winners will receive cash awards. Children ages 9-14 enrolled in a public, private, territorial, tribal, Department of Defense or home school 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. Utah's poster contest entry deadline is October 15th, 2011.

Poster topics must include one of the following themes:

- What is radon?
- Where does radon come from?
- How does radon get inside our homes?
- Radon can cause lung cancer.
- Test your home for radon!

Last year poster contest winners were: Marissa Funke, 1st place, South Hills Middle School, Riverton; Jessica Edmondson, 2nd Place, Taylor Elementary School, Payson; and Alisha Kirkland, 3rd Place, Provost Elementary, Provo.

The public is invited to judge this year's posters by voting online at: www.radon.utah.gov. Three state winners will be awarded. The state's first-place winner will receive \$300, with \$500 awarded to his or her school or organization. Second- and third-place winners will be awarded \$100 each. State winners will be entered in the national contest where winners may receive up to \$1,000.

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“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 and schools is the best method to determine your health risk from radon.”

For more information about the Radon Poster Contest and the voting process, please visit www.radon.utah.gov or call 801-530-0091.

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