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**Utah's Youngest Citizens Leading Radon Awareness Campaign
With National Radon Poster Contest**

SALT LAKE CITY – One in three homes in Utah have elevated levels of radon gas. Exposure to radon can cause lung cancer. Utah students are doing their part to increase testing of homes for radon by participating in the 2015 National Radon Poster Contest, which begins Sept. 8. State contest winners will receive cash awards, with three first-place winners receiving \$100 and his/her school/organization receiving \$100. Second- and third-place winners will receive \$100 each. There are 3 categories: Grades 4-6, 7-9, and 10-12.

The Utah Department of Environmental Quality's Radon Program is coordinating this year's contest in partnership with the Utah Department of Health, Utah Cancer Action Network and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Children ages 9-18 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 or an art, computer, science or 4-H club also are eligible.

There is no entry fee, but only one entry per student is allowed. The entry deadline is: Oct. 20, 2015. Poster contest submission forms, topics and rules may be found online at www.radon.utah.gov.

The public is invited to judge this year's state posters by voting online at www.radon.utah.gov. Online voting runs from Oct 23-30. All posters will be subject to the following judging criteria: content accuracy, visual communication of topic, reproducibility, and originality.

More information about contest eligibility, radon test kits, and radon contractors is available at www.radon.utah.gov or by calling Utah's Hotline at 1-800-458-0145.

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