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Congratulations to the State's 2013 Radon Poster Contest Winners

Salt Lake City, Utah – The Utah Department of Environmental Quality's Division of Radiation Control today announced three state winners for the 2013 National Radon Poster Contest. Congratulations to the following winners:

- **First-place:** Tucker Nixon (13), American Fork Junior High, American Fork, "*Keeping Homes Safe One Test at a Time.*"
- **Second-place:** Eric Anderson (age 12), Summit Academy, Draper, "*Radon: The Invisible Monster.*"
- **Third-place:** Skylee Anderson (age 11), Meadow Elementary, Lehi, "*Don't Let Radon Roam in your Home.*"

Students (ages 9 - 14) throughout the state rose to the challenge of educating people about radon through their artwork. 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. Much appreciation goes to all participants for their contributing artwork and support.

The creative artwork was displayed on the division's website for public voting during October. 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 2013 state winners and the first-place winner's school will receive cash awards. The winning posters will then be entered in the National Radon Poster Contest. National winners will receive award plaques and gift cards in the amount of \$1,000 for first place, \$600 for second, \$400 for third, and \$400 for special mention. In the past, several Utah winners have gone on to be national winners.

"The poster contest is a great way to educate our citizens about the dangers of radon gas, the second leading cause of lung cancer," said Radon Program Coordinator Christine Keyser. "Testing for radon in homes and schools is the only way to find out if a radon problem exists."

For more information about radon and to view all poster entries, please visit: www.radon.utah.gov or call the radon hotline: 800-458-0145.