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DRC Announces Utah's 2015 Radon Contest Winners

SALT LAKE CITY — The Utah Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Division of Radiation Control (DRC) today announced the three student winners for the 2015 National Radon Poster Contest:

- **First-place:** Cetera Sorensen, (age 11) Lakeview Academy, “Pink is the New Black”
- **Second-place:** Ani Allan (age 10), Crescent Elementary, “Let Your House Be Happy and get it Tested for Radon.”
- **Third-place:** Ellie Lyman (age 10), Crescent Elementary, “Get a Clue, Check all the rooms in your home for Radon”

Utah students, ages 9-14, rose to the challenge of educating their communities about radon through art. There was an enormous response this year with more than 700 entries. Posters illustrated the dangers of radon, where it comes from, how it gets into our homes and how Utah citizens can test their home for this invisible, radioactive gas. Much appreciation goes to all participants for their contributing artwork and support. The winning posters can be viewed at www.radon.utah.gov.

“The poster contest is a great way to bring awareness and educate the public about the dangers of radon gas, the second leading cause of lung cancer,” said John Hultquist, radon manager with the Division of Radiation Control.

The creative artwork was displayed on DEQ’s website for public voting from October 10 through October 20, 2014. The state winners and the first-place winner’s school will receive cash awards. The winning posters will be entered in the National Radon Poster Contest. National winners receive award plaques and gift cards in the amount of \$1,000 for first place, \$600 for second and \$400 for an honorable mention. In the past, several Utah winners have gone on to be national winners.

The DRC’s Indoor Radon Program helps to reduce the level of indoor radon in Utah buildings and

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residences. DRC radon staff provides education through public outreach to community groups, schools, real estate professionals, builders, as well as individualized assistance to homeowners and public agencies concerning all aspects of the indoor radon hazard problem.

More information about radon test kits, radon measurement providers and radon mitigators is available at www.radon.utah.gov, or by calling the Utah radon information hotline at 1-800-458-0145.

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