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## DEQ Announces Utah's 2016 Radon Contest Winners

SALT LAKE CITY — The Utah Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) announced today the five Utah student winners for the 2016 National Radon Poster Contest: •

First-Place Grade 10-12 - Necia Torres from Payson High School (grade 11)  
First Place Grade 7- 9 – Taylor Etherington from Olympus Jr. High in Holladay (grade 7)  
Runner-up Grade 7-9 – Brooklyn Hawkins, Diamond Fork Junior High in Spanish Fork (grade 7)  
First Place Grade 4-6 - Lexie Tueller from Fossil Ridge Elementary in St. George (grade 6)  
Runner-up Grade 4-6 - Sofia Noel Hancock from Fossil Ridge Elementary in St. George (grade 6)

Utah students, ages 9-18, rose to the challenge of educating their communities about radon through art. There was an enormous response this year with more than 700 entries from all many parts of the state. 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](http://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,

The creative artwork was displayed on DEQ's website for public voting from October 23 through November 1, 2015. The winners listed above will receive \$100 for their school and \$100 for the student.

DEQ's Indoor Radon Program helps to reduce the level of indoor radon in Utah buildings and residences. DEQ 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](http://www.radon.utah.gov), or by calling the Utah radon information hotline at 1-800-458-0145.

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