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DEQ Announces Utah's 2017 Radon Contest Winners

SALT LAKE CITY — The Utah Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) announced the five Utah student winners for the 2017 National Radon Poster Contest:

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 500 entries from 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.

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, 2016. 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, or by calling the Utah radon information hotline at 1-800-458-0145.

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About DEQ

Established in 1991, the Utah Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) mission is to safeguard public health and quality of life by protecting and enhancing the environment. DEQ implements state and federal environmental laws and works with individuals, community groups and businesses to protect the quality of Utah's air, land and water. For more information, visit www.deq.utah.gov, follow DEQ on Facebook ([utahdeq](https://www.facebook.com/utahdeq)) and Twitter ([UtahDEQ](https://twitter.com/UtahDEQ)), or call 1-800-458-0145.