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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 2019 National Radon Poster Contest, which begins October 22. State contest winners will receive cash awards, with three first-place winners receiving \$100 and his/her teacher receiving \$100. Second- and third-place winners also 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. 22, 2019.** 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 November 5-November 12. 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 Radon 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 and improve Utah's air, land and water through balanced regulation. 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.