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## **Utah Students Encouraged to Enter National Radon Poster Contest**

Salt Lake City, Utah – It's that time of year again when students statewide have an opportunity to be creative when it comes to spotlighting the dangers of indoor radon by entering the National Radon Poster Contest. The national winner, a parent and a teacher (or sponsoring organization's representative) win an all-expenses paid trip to our nation's capital. Utah contest winners will be entered in the national contest and will receive a cash award for their artwork.

The contest is sponsored by the National Safety Council, in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and administered in Utah by the Department of Environmental Quality. To be eligible, children, ages 9 to 14, must be enrolled in a public, private, territorial, tribal, Department of Defense, or home school—or belong to a sponsoring club or organization such as scouting, art, computer, 4-H, or science club. There is no entry fee, and only one entry per student is allowed. The entry deadline is **October 15, 2009**. Contest guidelines, criteria, and submission forms are available at: [www.nsc.org/issues/radon](http://www.nsc.org/issues/radon).

The contest is designed to raise awareness for radon testing. Radon is a colorless, odorless and tasteless gas that is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States. This radioactive element moves through the ground to the surface, and can easily enter homes, schools and buildings. There is no way to detect the amount of radon present unless it is tested.

The state's first-place contest winner will receive \$300, with \$400 awarded to his or her school or organization. Second- and third-place winners will be awarded \$200 and \$100, respectively.

Last year's state winners were Emma Sorensen, 1<sup>st</sup> Place, from Centennial Middle School; Taite Haynes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place, from Centennial Middle School; and Courtney Morgan, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place, from South Jordan Middle School.

For more information about radon, please visit [www.radon.utah.gov](http://www.radon.utah.gov) or call 800-458-0145.

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