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Students Win Honors in Statewide Radon Poster Contest

DENVER — Students from Eaton, Golden and Wiley took top honors in this year’s statewide Radon Poster Contest to raise awareness of health risks associated with radon gas. More than 300 students across Colorado participated in the contest. The top three Colorado posters will be entered in a national contest sponsored by the National Radon Program Services in conjunction with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

First place was awarded to Olivia Brett of Eaton. Her poster, “Just Because You Can’t See It, Doesn’t Mean It’s Not There! Remember, Test Your House,” featured a glowing eye with a radiation symbol for a pupil. Olivia is a student of Cathi Jacobs at Leshar Middle School in Fort Collins.

“The state health department joins Olivia in urging Coloradans to test their homes for radon,” said Chrystine Kelley, radon program manager for the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. “It’s easy to do, and it’s the only sure way to tell whether or not your home is affected by radon, which occurs naturally in the soil.”

Christina Bear of Golden received second place and Jayla Reed of Wiley received third place.

Radon Poster

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Long-term exposure to radon – a colorless, odorless, tasteless radioactive gas – is the most frequent cause of lung cancer in non-smokers and the second leading cause of lung cancer in smokers. Exposure to radon is responsible for approximately 21,000 lung cancer deaths in the United States each year.

Discount coupons for radon test kits are available at www.coloradoradon.info. The web site also includes a link to a public information video, a list of certified contractors and other resources. People without web access can call the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's Radon Hotline at 1-800-846-3986. Colorado residents also can check with their local health department, county extension office or public health nurses for radon information.

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Editors Note: To obtain an electronic version of the winning posters, please e-mail Chrystine Kelley at chrys.kelley@state.co.us.