

Radon poster contest open to Nev. students

The 2015 Nevada Radon Poster Contest is open to students 9 to 14 enrolled in public, private, territorial, tribal, Department of Defense and home schools.

Radon is a radioactive, colorless, odorless and tasteless gas that comes from the ground. It accumulates in homes and can cause lung cancer. This type of lung cancer is preventable, and the only way to know if a home has elevated levels is to test for it.

The poster contest is part of the Nevada Radon Education Program and is sponsored by Cooperative Extension, the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health, Kansas State University and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Posters in this year's Nevada Radon Poster Contest should convey one of these messages: 1) What is radon? 2) Where does radon come from? 3) How does radon get into our homes? 4) Radon can cause lung cancer, and 5) Test your home for radon. Posters will be judged on content accuracy, visual communication of the topic, reproducibility and originality. They can be created with crayon, markers, paint, collage, pencil, photographs or computer graphics. There is no fee to enter, but each child is limited to one entry. Entries must be received at 4955 Energy Way in Reno by Oct. 31.

Cash prizes for the top five entries are \$75 for first place, \$60 for second, \$45 for third and \$25 for fourth and fifth place. The top three entries are also awarded cash prizes for their teachers or sponsoring organization's representative and are entered in the national contest. National contest winners receive \$1,000 for first place, \$600 for second, \$400 for third and \$400 for special online voting recognition. National

winners will receive recognition, and the posters will be reproduced and distributed nationally to promote radon awareness.