

RADON for HEALTHY HOMES

To: Home School Teachers with students ages 9 -14 during the 2007-2008 school year

Re: Opportunity for students - Radon Poster Contest

University of Illinois Extension, the American Lung Association of Illinois and the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Radon Program are partnering with the National Safety Council and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to coordinate the Illinois portion of the **National Radon Poster Contest**. The Illinois winner for the 2008 radon poster contest is from a home school. View 2008 poster contest winners: http://www.nsc.org/issues/radon/poster_winners.htm.

Radon is a colorless, odorless, tasteless, radioactive gas that can cause lung cancer. Fifty percent of Illinois counties are at high risk. We hope you and your students will participate to learn about radon and reduce their risk of exposure.

The National Radon Poster Contest brochure outlines the criteria for the contest. The brochure is available at: <http://www.TakeActionOnRadon.uiuc.edu/moreinfo.html>. For posters from Illinois to be considered at the national level, follow these steps:

1. Posters are due on or before **June 1, 2008** at your local University of Illinois Extension office with the **entry form and signed Artwork Submission and Release Form**. Use this website to find your local Extension office: <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/state/findoffice.html>.
2. You can access radon information from the radon website of University of Illinois Extension: www.TakeActionOnRadon.uiuc.edu. At that website, click on *For More Info*, and scroll down to *Teacher's Resources* to download learning activities for youth.
3. Should you wish to participate there will be a teleconference to provide an overview of the radon poster contest: Thursday, February 7th from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. and repeated from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. To attend, dial 1800-DISTANT (1800-347-8267). The meeting ID is RADON (72366) and the password is POSTER (7678).
4. A state committee will select three winning posters from your region of IL for consideration for state and national competition. Regional winners will receive a \$50.00 savings bond, and state winners will receive a \$100.00 savings bond.
5. Three state winning posters will be sent on to the national competition. The national winner, a parent, and teacher will win an all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C. to participate in the award ceremony in January 2009. The national winning poster will be distributed throughout the U.S. in January during National Radon Action Month.

If you have questions about the radon poster contest, please call one of the following educators:

- W** Debra Bartman, Quad Cities Center, 309-792-2500 dbartman@uiuc.edu
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WC Duane Friend, Springfield Center, 217-782-6515 friend@uiuc.edu
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Radon Poster Contest Entry Form

Please submit this form to the University of Illinois Extension Unit office along with the radon posters from your school.

- **Entries are due on or before June 1, 2008.**

Name of Home School: _____

Home School Contact: _____
(name)

Address: _____

County: _____

Phone number: _____

Number of radon posters created in your home school: _____

CHECKLIST:

- ✓ **Each poster has a signed *Artwork Submission and Release Form*.**
- ✓ **The student's name and other personal identification is *not* on the *front* of the poster.**