Colorado students have until Oct. 31 to put their creative talents to work promoting awareness of the risks of indoor radon by participating in the 2013 National Radon Poster Contest.

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's radon program is coordinating this year's contest in partnership with Kansas State University and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Children ages 9-14 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 scout organization or an art, computer, science or 4-H club also are eligible.

There is no entry fee and only one entry per student is allowed. The entry deadline is Oct. 31. Poster contest submission forms, topics and rules may be found online at www.coloradoradon.info .

The Hazardous Materials and Waste Management Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment will judge Colorado entries on content accuracy, visual communication of the topic, reproducibility and originality. The first-place winner will receive $300, the second-place winner will receive $200 and the third-place winner will receive $100.

In addition, each of the top three winners' schools or organizations will receive $100. Colorado winners and runners-up will be entered in the national contest, where the top prize is $1,000. The winning posters will be reproduced and distributed nationally to promote radon awareness.

More information about radon, discount test kits and radon contractors is available at www.coloradoradon.info
or by calling Colorado's Radon Hotline at 1-800-846-3986.

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