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Free Radon Tests & Kids Poster Contest Winners

(Fairbanks, AK) – The 3rd annual Alaska Radon Poster Contest has a winner! The yearly competition was open to students ages 9-14 across the state with a goal to raise awareness among Alaskans of the harmful effects of elevated levels of radon gas in homes and buildings, and to promote testing and mitigation of indoor radon gas.

“Students competed to produce the most informative, original and eye-catching poster as a fun educational activity to increase awareness about radon in the state,” said Jennifer Athey, head of the Geologic Hazards Program at DNR’s Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys.

The top entries can be seen at dgggs.alaska.gov/outreach/radon-poster.html:

1. The winning design was submitted by Katelyn Cummings, a home-school student from Anchorage. Katelyn is available for off-camera media interviews.
2. Second Place went to last year’s Alaska and national winner Luciana Liu from Goldenview Middle School in Anchorage.
3. Third place was awarded to Lucy Roush with Randy Smith Middle School in Fairbanks.

The students will receive prizes that include gift certificates to Michaels Arts and Crafts store. Katelyn’s design moves on to the National Radon Poster Contest; the winner will be announced next month at www.radonleaders.org.

January is National Radon Action Month. While supplies last, Alaskans may [request one free test kit](#) per residence (or building) to be mailed to them. Residents can also pick up test kits throughout the month of January from the following locations:

- **Alaska DNR Geologic Materials Center**
3651 Penland Parkway, Anchorage, AK 99508
Phone: 907-269-6401
Pick-Up Hours: Monday, Wednesday from 12PM – 2PM (Starting January 8)
- **Z.J. Loussac Library**
3600 Denali Street, Anchorage, AK 99503
Pick-Up Hours and Location: Atrium B, Fridays (January 12, 19, 26) 12 – 2PM
- **Alaska Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys**
3354 College Road, Fairbanks, AK 99709-3707

Phone: 907-451-5010

Pick-Up Hours: Monday – Thursday, 9AM – 4PM (Starting January 2)

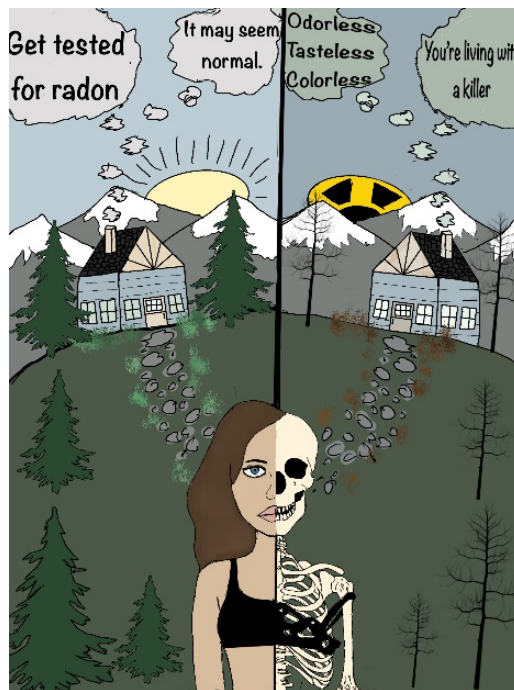
To learn about radon testing in Alaska: dggg.alaska.gov/hazards/radon.html. For more information about radon mitigation, contact the Alaska Radon Hotline at 1-800-478-8324.

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Sponsors of the Alaska Radon Poster Contest include the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys, the University of Alaska Fairbanks-Cooperative Extension, the American Lung Association in Alaska, and the National Extension Health Homes Partnership.

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