Each year, Florida participates in the National Radon Poster Contest to raise awareness about the dangers of radon gas. Florida has had five winners at the national level since 2008. The posters will be reproduced and distributed nationwide to promote radon awareness and testing of homes, schools and other buildings during National Radon Action Month in January and throughout the year.

If your class is interested in the contest, review the guidelines below and complete and attach the form on the other side of this flyer to the submitted poster.

The Cause: Radon
Radon is a colorless, odorless, tasteless, naturally occurring radioactive gas that comes from the soil. Radon seeps into homes from the ground, collects inside the home, and then is inhaled by the residents. The U.S. Surgeon General states that it is the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers in the United States. Testing for radon is the only way to detect the level of radon present inside the home.

The Goal: Raise Awareness
By raising awareness of the harmful effects of radon, the number of homes with high levels of radon can decrease. This contest is designed to raise awareness about radon testing and mitigation, and to inform the public of the dangers of long-term exposure to elevated indoor radon gas.

Example Poster Topics
• What is radon?
• Where does radon come from?
• How does radon get into our homes?
• Radon can cause lung cancer.
• Test your home for radon, save a life.

Judging Criteria
• Content accuracy on radon
• Visual communication of topic
• Easily reproduced (large letters, good contrast)
• Originality
• No grammatical and/or typographical errors

General Requirements
• Be an original piece of art by students 10-14 years old
• Do not include copyrighted characters, product logos, and trademarked or brand names

Artwork Requirements
• Paper sizes from 12 x 18 is preferred, but all submissions will be accepted
• Can be created with crayon, markers, paint (watercolor, tempera, acrylic), collage, photographs, or computer graphics
• Must not have student’s name on the front
• Topic and title must be on the back of Artwork Submission Form
• Messages should be short, accurate, and without grammatical and/or typographical errors
• Lettering should be large enough to reproduce and all pencil markings (if any) should be erased

Contest Calendar
• Contest opens September 1 and closes November 1
• National winners notified by December 31
• Winners will be notified of award ceremony date

Contact
Florida Department of Health, Radon Program
800-543-8279
Radon.FloridaHealth.gov
Important Note to Teachers: Please fill in (type or print) the requested information under the Teacher section before making copies of this form for your students. Please ask your students to clearly print their information.

Teacher
Name ___________________________ Email ___________________________
School Name ___________________________ Phone __________
Address ___________________________ City __________ State ____ Zip ______

Student
Name ___________________________ Grade ____ DOB ____ Phone __________
Address ___________________________ City __________ State ____ Zip ______
Title of Poster ___________________________

Topic Ideas: Check one
☐ What is radon? ☐ How does radon get into our homes? ☐ Where does radon come from?
☐ Radon can cause lung cancer ☐ Test your home for radon

Please ATTACH this form to the back of each poster. Entries selected for the National Radon Poster Contest will require a Release Form which will be sent out by the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors.

All posters must be submitted as paper copies. Send materials to: Florida Dept. of Health
Radon Program
4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin A08
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1720

If you have any questions, please e-mail Michelle.Sampson@flhealth.gov or call 800-543-8279. Learn more about the contest at Radon.FloridaHealth.gov