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THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH ANNOUNCES THE 2015 FLORIDA STATE RADON POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

TALLAHASSEE - The Florida Department of Health congratulates the winners of the 2015 Florida Radon Poster Contest. Each year, Florida's winning posters are entered in the National Radon Poster Contest, sponsored by the National Radon Program Services and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The National Radon Poster Contest gives students, ages 9-14 years old, the opportunity to educate themselves and others about the dangers of radon.

"If not addressed, radon can pose a serious health threat to Florida households," said Dr. Anna Likos, director of the Division of Disease Control and Health Protection. "The Florida Department of Health is thrilled to recognize these students for their artwork promoting radon awareness."

All winners are students at the Hollywood Academy of Arts and Science in Hollywood, Florida.

The winners are listed below.

- First place: Alexei Kiyan, "Don't Let Radon Be In Your Shadow"
- Second place: Maria Kuraeva, "Don't Go Down That Road"
- Third place: Leticia Coelho, "Home Is Where the Heart Is"

In addition to the winners from other states, these students will have their entries featured on the National Radon Program Services' homepage at http://sosradon.org. The department commends all students who participated along with parents, sponsors and teachers for their support.

For more information about radon, its health effects and testing procedures, please visit the department's Radon Program's website at <u>radon.floridahealth.gov</u> or contact the department's Radon Hotline at 1-800-543-8279.

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