

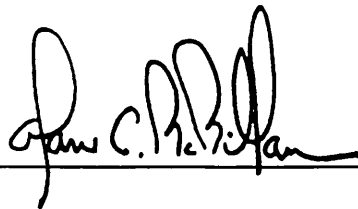
2010 National Radon Poster Contest

1st Place Winner in Colorado

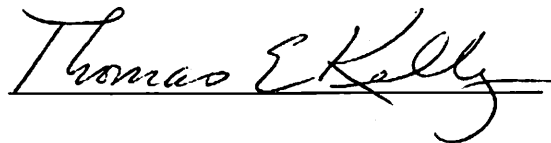
*The National Safety Council,
The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and
The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
recognize and thank*

Eric Bear

*for helping to educate the public on the issue of radon through the poster
"Detect to Protect"*



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Denver Student Wins Honors in Statewide Radon Poster Contest

DENVER— A Colorado Academy School student won a first place statewide award in the Colorado Radon Poster Contest. Eric Bear is a student of science teacher Chris Hertig.

The National Safety Council sponsored the annual national contest in conjunction with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Additional information for the poster contest is on the National Safety Council's Web site at www.sosradon.org.

"The state health department joins Eric in urging Coloradans to test their homes for radon," said Chrystine Kelley, radon program coordinator for the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. "It's easy to do, and it's the only sure way to tell whether or not your home is affected by radon, which occurs naturally in the soil."

Two Windsor Middle School students won the second and third place statewide awards in the contest. Brady Bowman won the second place award and Sarah Dannettell took third place. Both are students of science teacher Brent Carmichael.

Long-term exposure to radon – a colorless, odorless, tasteless radioactive gas – is the most frequent cause of lung cancer in non-smokers and the second leading cause of lung cancer in smokers. Exposure to radon is responsible for approximately 21,000 lung cancer deaths in the United States each year.

Discount coupons for radon test kits are available at www.coloradoradon.info. The Web site also includes a link to a public information video, a list of certified contractors and other resources. People without web access can call the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's Radon Hotline at 1-800-846-3986. Colorado residents also can check with their local health department, county extension office or public health nurses for radon information.

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Dear Eric,

Congratulations! You have won 1st Place for the State of Colorado in the State Radon Poster Contest. Considering the number of entries we received this year and the high quality of those entries, you should be very proud of this achievement.

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment thanks you for participating in this effort to help educate the public about radon through the National Radon Poster Contest. The first place winner for every state, territory, and tribal nation will have their posters placed on the National Safety Council's website at www.sosradon.org.

Your poster will also be entered into the 2009 National Radon Poster Contest which is sponsored by the National Safety Council and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The winners of the National Poster Contest will receive an all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., to attend the national award ceremony in January 2010.

Congratulations again, and good luck in the national contest.

Sincerely,

Chrystine Kelley
Radon Program Coordinator