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January is Radon Action Month, Test Kits Available

(Fairbanks, AK) – The Alaska Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys (DGGs) is highlighting National Radon Action Month with the yearly test kit giveaway and announcing the results of our fourth annual Radon Poster Contest. Held this past fall to promote radon testing and awareness for Alaska residents, the annual contest was open to Alaskans aged 9-14.

Luciana Liu, a student at Goldenview Middle School in Anchorage, won this year's contest. Her poster "Radon: Test your home today!" will now go to the American Lung Association to compete on behalf of Alaska in the national radon poster contest. Janet Young, a homeschool student in Wasilla, took second place for her submission, "One of the Deadliest Monsters! Radon." Third place goes to Clarissa Young, also a homeschool student in Wasilla, for her poster "Please test your house." Liu previously won the 2022 Alaska Radon Poster Contest and went on to be crowned the national champion for her artwork!

All three students will receive prizes for their informative posters. DGGs extends our congratulations to the three winners, and to all our participants. Sponsors of the Alaska Radon Poster Contest include the Alaska Department of Natural Resources, DGGs, the University of Alaska Fairbanks-Cooperative Extension, the American Lung Association in Alaska, and the National Extension Health Homes Partnership. To see this year's winning Alaska contest entries, visit: <https://dgg.alaska.gov/outreach/radon-poster.html>. Entries and results from the National Radon Poster Contest: <http://www.radonleaders.org/>.

While supplies last, Alaskans may request one free radon test kit per residence (or building) through DGGs' Alaska Radon Program.

Claim a kit online at <https://dgg.alaska.gov/hazards/radon.html> by clicking on "Request a Test Kit" under the "Alaska Resources" menu. Residents in the Anchorage and Fairbanks areas can also pick up test kits throughout January from the following locations:

Anchorage

- **Alaska Geologic Materials Center:** 3651 Penland Parkway, Anchorage, AK 99508.
907-269-6401
Pick-up hours: Mondays & Wednesdays, 12 – 2 p.m.
- **Z.J. Loussac Library (Atrium B): 3600 Denali Street, Anchorage, AK 99503**
Pick-up hours
 - Fridays: 1 – 3 p.m.
 - Saturday, January 18: 1 – 3 p.m.
 - Saturday, February 1: 1 – 3 p.m.

Fairbanks

- **Alaska Division of Geological & Geophysical Surveys: 3354 College Road, Fairbanks, AK 99709-3707. 907-451-5010**
Pick-up hours: Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

For more information regarding radon testing in Alaska:

<https://dggs.alaska.gov/hazards/radon.html>. Additional details about radon mitigation is available from the Alaska Radon Hotline at 1-800-478-8324.

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Poster contest winner "Radon: Test your home today!" by Luciana Liu

