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Indoor Air Quality (IAQ)

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Welcome to EPA's February 2010 National Radon Action Month Newsletter. Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2010 National Radon Action Month. By holding radon awareness activities in your community, you are joining the national effort to double the number of lives saved from radon exposure over five years under the [Radon Leaders Saving Lives Campaign](#).

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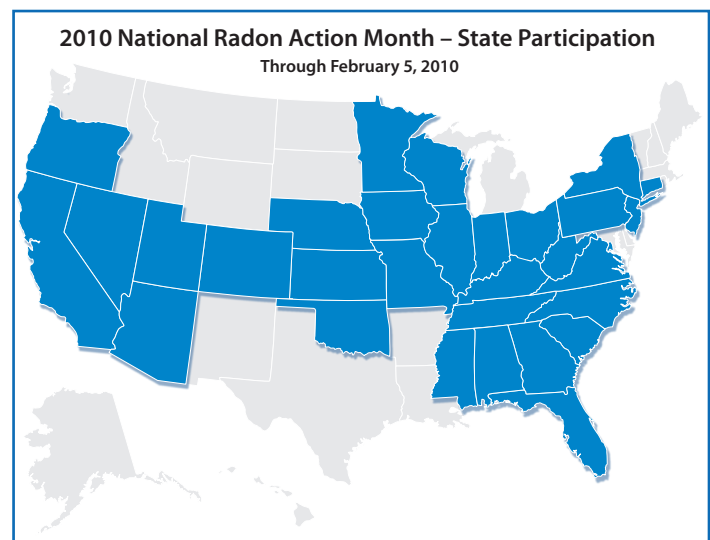
Preliminary 2010 National Radon Action Month Results

A big thank you to everyone who took part in [2010 National Radon Action Month](#). Your efforts reached thousands of people nationwide with messages of radon awareness and testing.

With local, state and national activities, our radon message reached an ever-growing audience in 2010. This year witnessed an encouraging **increase in the total number of states** in which activities occurred compared to 2009. Although the increase was modest, it shows that more states across the country are doing their part to raise awareness. The map shows states where National Radon Action Month was observed in 2010 based on activities submitted to RadonLeaders.org.

Not only were more states involved – state leadership has taken a greater role in spreading radon awareness messages! In 2010, the number of proclamations issued by state governors more than doubled compared to 2009. A total of 11 state governors from New York to Nevada, representing six EPA regions across the country, publically recognized National Radon Action Month in their state and encouraged increased action. This represents one quarter of all proclamations submitted, as 33 other proclamations were issued by various state and local agencies and their leadership.

For more information about 2010 National Radon Action Month activities, [browse](#) the database on Radon Leaders.org. Stay tuned for a full report of 2010 National Radon Action Month.



Still Time to Participate – Deadline February 12th

As of February 3, 2010, **over 1300 activities and events** for the 2010 National Radon Action Month have been submitted on RadonLeaders.org. Have you submitted all of your 2010 National Radon Action Month activities? It's not too late – **activities will be accepted on RadonLeaders.org through February 12, 2010**. This means you still have time to let the radon community and others know how you helped increase radon awareness and testing throughout the month of January. It also will allow EPA to include your efforts in the upcoming full report of the 2010 National Radon Action Month. The report will feed into other communications intended for radon partner organizations and the public.

If you have already submitted your activities, thank you! Let us know how your activities went by sharing your [success stories](#). Highlight innovative activities, successful outreach approaches or noteworthy outcomes. You can upload photos, graphics, flyers or other related files to tell the story behind your National Radon Action Month activity.

National Radon Poster Contest Winners Celebrated in the Nation's Capital

During January's 10th *Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Tools for Schools* National Symposium, students were honored for their leadership and creativity in raising public awareness of radon. [Alec Smith \(Guthrie, OK – First Place\)](#), [Emily Pinnock \(Holladay, UT – Second Place\)](#) and [Noah Jermain \(Savannah, MO – Third Place\)](#) received National Radon Poster Contest awards at a special luncheon. Our participation in the *IAQ Tools for Schools* National Symposium was a major success, as the students were lauded for their work by the over 500 teachers, administrators, facility planners and others in attendance.

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Gina McCarthy (Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, U.S. EPA) and Janet McCabe (Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Air and Radiation, U.S. EPA) were among the hundreds in attendance to help us celebrate these young student leaders as we also recognized [National Radon Action Month](#). Their message was clear – the entire school community needs to be involved in addressing IAQ issues such as radon in schools.

Students from more than 190 schools from across the nation participated in this year's contest, submitting a total of 2,862 posters! Thanks to our participation in the *IAQ Tools for Schools* National Symposium, we expect even more schools to be involved next year. Several teachers and school administrators who learned about the contest during the Symposium have already expressed interest in participating. Join them for the next National Radon Poster Contest – details about how you can participate will be available soon on www.sosradon.org.

Interview: JoAnne Brown Teaches Radon Poster Contest Success

For JoAnne Brown, a science teacher at Olympus Junior High School in Holladay, UT, enjoying the sights of Washington, DC is starting to become routine. This year, JoAnne accompanied her student Emily Pinnock to the National Radon Poster Contest Awards Luncheon in Washington, DC. Emily was honored as the national second place winner for this year's contest. Just three years ago, another one of JoAnne's students – Emily's older sister Rachel – was also recognized as a National Radon Poster Contest winner!

We interviewed JoAnne recently to learn about her experience helping students achieve national success in the National Radon Poster Contest. [Click here to listen to our interview with JoAnne and learn how she successfully incorporated radon awareness into her lesson plans \(MP3 audio file; 6:01 runtime\).](#)



View video highlights from the ceremony:

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Pictured (from left):

Gina McCarthy, Tom Kelly, Emily Pinnock, Bruce Snead, Alison Pinnock, Paulette Moulos, JoAnne Brown.

This Edition's Checklist

- Submit your 2010 National Radon Action Month activities using the [online Activity Submittal Form](#) on RadonLeaders.org! **The deadline is February 12, 2010.**
- Share** your success stories for 2010 National Radon Action Month, letting stakeholders know how you made an impact.
- View updated data for 2010 on [EPA's National Radon Action Month Web site](#). A full report for 2010 National Radon Action Month will be posted soon.

Tell Us What You Think

Is there a topic related to National Radon Action Month you want to see covered in the Newsletter, discussed at a Webinar, or presented at the National Radon Meeting? Need more information or have a quick question? Let us know by sending an e-mail to radonevents@cadmusgroup.com.