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8th Grader Wins State Poster Contest, Places 3rd in National Contest

Gurbani Kaur, an 8th grader at Revere Middle School in Bath, Ohio, has won the state radon poster contest and taken 3rd place honors in the national competition. A state awards celebration will be held to honor Ms. Kaur, and she has been invited to attend the National Award Ceremony in Washington D.C. in January. The contest is sponsored nationally by the National Safety Council, with the state contest being sponsored and organized by the Ohio Association of Radon Professionals. To view the winning entry, visit www.rapca.org.

The poster contest is intended to raise awareness of radon issues across the country, encouraging homeowners to test their homes for radon. Radon is a colorless, odorless gas that can build up to elevated levels in homes. Exposure to radon gas may increase a person's risk for lung cancer, so the U.S. EPA recommends that all homeowners test their homes for the presence of radon gas. Homes with elevated levels can be fixed with a simple ventilation system.

Ohio homeowners can purchase a radon test kit for \$6.95 by visiting www.ohio.radon.com. Additional information on radon is available at www.epa.gov/radon and <http://radon.utoledo.edu> or by calling the Regional Air Pollution Control Agency at 937-225-4898 (Greater Dayton Area) or the Ohio Department of Health at 1-800-523-4439. Teachers or students interested in participating in next year's poster contest should contact Gail Manning with the Ohio Association of Radon Professionals at 937-438-5686.

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