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Washoe County, Nevada

~PROCLAMATION~

WHEREAS, Many Washoe County residents don’t know about radon, yet need to know, for the safety and health of their families, as radon is a colorless, odorless, naturally occurring radioactive gas that is the primary cause of lung cancer among nonsmokers; the second leading cause of lung cancer in smokers; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. EPA estimates 21,000 people in the U.S. die each year from lung cancer caused by indoor radon exposure, and lung and bronchus cancer kill more people in a year than any other cancer; and

WHEREAS, Radon kills more people than secondhand smoke, drunk driving, choking, drowning or home fires; and

WHEREAS, Any home in Washoe County may have elevated levels of radon, even if neighboring homes do not, and living in a home with an average radon level of 4 picocuries per liter of air poses a similar risk of developing lung cancer as smoking half a pack of cigarettes a day; and

WHEREAS, Testing is the only way to know if a home has an elevated radon level, and testing is easy and inexpensive, and when identified, homes can be fixed; and

WHEREAS, University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency support efforts to encourage all Washoe County residents to test their homes for radon, mitigate elevated levels of radon, and have new homes built with radon-reducing materials and features.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Washoe County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim January, 2018, as

~ National Radon Action Month ~

Dated this 16th day of January, 2018.

[Signature]
Marsha Berkhigler, Chair
Washoe County Commission
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How do you know if your home has a radon problem?

• One in 4 Nevada homes tested have elevated radon concentrations.
• The U.S. Surgeon General recommends all homes be tested for radon.
• Radon can enter any home, old or new, large or small.
• Two neighboring houses can have totally different radon levels.
• Any home with contact to the ground has the potential for having elevated radon levels. This includes slab, basement or crawl space foundations.
• The map below shows red areas where 20% or more of homes had radon levels at or above the EPA Action Level in data collected since 1989. Go to http://bit.ly/NVRadonResults to view each county map.
• The only way to know the radon level in your property is to test.

Nevada Radon Results

![Nevada Radon Results Map](image)

Testing for radon is easy

• The test is easy to do and takes three days to complete.
• The test kit includes a radon detector, instructions, a postage-paid return mailer, and the laboratory analysis report.
• Short-term radon test kits are available to Nevada residents at Cooperative Extension offices listed or by filling out the attached coupon.

Private water wells and radon

The Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health has found no evidence that radon in water contributes significantly to the indoor radon problem in Nevada. The major health concern for radon is from breathing elevated levels of radon in the air, which can cause lung cancer. Thus, test the home for radon in air first before considering a radon in water test.

Generally, private wells are more apt to have a radon concern than public water systems. If you are interested in testing your private well water, a number of sources are available for testing radon in water. The Nevada State Public Health Laboratory, located on the UNR campus, will send water samples for analysis to an EPA approved lab for about $81. For more information, call the Nevada Radon Hotline.

How do you fix a radon problem?

• Homes with high radon levels can be fixed.
• If you have performed only a single test, the EPA recommends a second test to confirm your results before beginning to fix your home.
• Radon levels fluctuate naturally, and it is important to know if the initial test was an accurate assessment of your home’s yearly average radon level.

For more information

Nevada Radon Education Program

• Nevada Radon Hotline: 1-888-723-6610
• Email: o Susan Howe - robertsse@unce.unr.edu
  o Nadia Noel – noelin@unce.unr.edu
• Nevada Radon website: www.RadonNV.com

For more information January and February at the following Cooperative Extension and partner locations:

- Carson City County
  2621 Northgate Lane #15
  Carson City 89705
  Phone: 775-887-2222
  Carson Tahoe Cancer Center
  1535 Medical Pkwy.
  Carson City 89703
  Phone: 775-445-7000

- Churchill County
  111 Sheecker Road
  Fallon 89406
  Phone: 775-423-5121

- Clark County
  6030 Paradise Rd., #100
  Las Vegas 89123
  Phone: 702-222-3130
  Northeast Clark County 1897 N. Moapa Valley Blvd., Logandale 89021
  Call: 702-397-3604
  Laughlin office
  55 Civic Way, Laughlin
  Call: 702-329-1333

- Douglas County
  1325 Waterfall
  Gardnerville 89410
  Phone: 775-782-3960

- Elko County
  9501 Main St.
  Elko 89801
  Phone: 775-782-8966
  Gardnerville Ranchos GID
  931 Mitch Dr., Gardnerville
  Phone: 775-265-2048

- Eureka County
  701 S. Main Street
  Eureka 89316-0613
  Call: 775-237-5326

- Humboldt County
  1085 Fairgrounds Road
  Winnemucca 89445
  Call: 775-623-6304
  Lander County
  115 N. Second Street
  Battle Mountain 89820
  Call: 775-635-5665

- Lincoln County
  360 Lincoln Street
  Caliente 89008
  Call: 775-726-3109

- Lyon County
  504 S. Main Street
  Yerington 89447-0811
  Call: 775-763-6541

- Mineral County
  295 South A Street
  Hawthorne 89415
  Call: 775-945-3414

- Pershing County
  810 Sixth Street
  Lovelock 89419
  Call: 775-273-2923

- Storey County Library
  175 Carson Street
  Virginia City 89440
  Phone: 775-287-6051

- Washoe County
  200 South Rock Road
  Reno 89502
  Phone: 775-363-0252

- White Pine County
  950 Wellington St., Ely
  Call: 775-729-4459

Call the Radon Hotline for more info: 1-888-RADON10
FREE Radon Test Kit Coupon
For Nevada residents only
Offer ends Feb. 20, 2016

This special radon test kit offer is provided by University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The test kit includes analysis, postage-paid mailer and laboratory test report.

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How did you hear about radon?

Free kits can be picked up at a local Nevada Cooperative Extension or partner office listed in this brochure.

To receive a kit by mail during the free period, A SHIPPING FEE of $4 APPLIES. Please make checks payable to Board of Regents and mail this coupon to:
UNCE-Radon Program
4955 Energy Way
Reno, NV 89502

NOTE: Out of state residents can purchase kits online through Nevada’s Radon website, www.RadonNV.com at https://nnon-nvshort-termkit.eventbrite.com using American Express, Discover, MasterCard and Visa cards. Or mail this coupon and a $14 check payable to Board of Regents to the address above.

Office Use
DATE:

TEST KIT NUMBER:

Code
NRAM 18
Washoe County

Kit not intended for commercial use or resale

RADON

What is radon?
- Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that you can’t see, smell or taste.
- It is produced from the decay of uranium present in rock and soil.
- Radon can accumulate in buildings, causing an increased risk for lung cancer.

How does radon enter a home?
Radon usually enters buildings from the soil. Common entry points include:
- Cracks in the foundation and walls
- Construction joints
- Gaps in suspended floors
- Gaps around service pipes
- Floor drains, sump pumps
- Retaining walls

What are the health effects from exposure to radon?
- Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer among nonsmokers.
- Lung cancer is the only health effect that has been scientifically linked to radon exposure.
- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates radon is responsible for 21,000 lung cancer deaths each year in the United States.
- Smokers are at higher risk of developing radon-induced lung cancer. According to experts, living in a home with an average radon level of 4 pCi/L (the EPA Action Level) poses a similar risk of developing lung cancer as smoking about half a pack of cigarettes a day!
- The U.S. Surgeon General and EPA recommend all homes be tested for radon.

Radon is estimated to cause thousands of lung cancer deaths in the U.S. each year.*

* Radon is estimated to cause about 21,000 lung cancer deaths per year, according to EPA’s 2003 Assessment of Risks from Radon in Homes (EPA 402-R-03-003)

Radon Health Risk

Drunk Driving
Falls in the home
Smoke
Secondhand Smoke
Home Fires

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Radon is a cancer-causing, radioactive gas.

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas released in rock, soil and water from the natural decay of uranium. While levels in outdoor air pose a relatively low threat to human health, radon can accumulate to dangerous levels inside any home. You can't see, smell or taste it, but an elevated radon level in your home may be affecting the health of your family.

Radon is measured in picocuries per liter of air (pCi/l), a measurement of radioactivity. Breathing radon can increase your risk of lung cancer and is the number one cause of lung cancer among people who do not smoke. It is the second leading cause of lung cancer for people who do. According to experts, living in a home with an average radon level of 4 pCi/l poses as much risk of developing lung cancer as smoking half a pack of cigarettes a day!

If you smoke and your home has a high level of radon, your risk of lung cancer can increase even more. The U.S. Surgeon General, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recommend fixing homes with radon levels at or above the action level of 4 pCi/l. EPA also recommends that people think about fixing their homes for radon levels between 2 and 4 pCi/l.

Radon is found in every state.

Homes with high levels of radon have been found in every state. No area of the country is free from risk. In fact, radon levels can vary greatly from home to home. Even levels of homes next door to each other can be very different.

You should test for radon.

The only way to know if your home is under the EPA action level of 4 pCi/l is to test. Testing for radon is easy. If your house has a radon problem, it can be fixed. Fixing a radon problem reduces the risk of lung cancer for you and your family.

A simple test will tell you if your home has an elevated radon level. The test takes three days, and it's as easy as opening a package and placing the test device in a designated area. After sending the test kit to the lab for analysis, you should receive radon results in about two weeks.

Radon test kits are available at most University of Nevada Cooperative Extension offices. Contact the Radon Hotline at 1-888-RADON10 to find the nearest office or to inquire about radon testing. Information about testing your home for radon is also available by visiting Nevada's Radon Education Program website: www.RadonNV.com

How to Obtain Radon Test Kits

- Low-priced radon test kits are available at Cooperative Extension and partner offices statewide.
- Call 1-888-RADON10 to find the nearest test kit location or request a test kit by mail.
- Order a kit by mail using a coupon or credit card at http://bit.ly/radontestkits
- Visit the Radon in Nevada website for more information about radon

http://www.RadonNV.com

Nevada Radon Education Program
4955 Energy Way
Reno, NV 89502
1-888-RADON10 (888-723-6610)
Basic Radon Facts (continued)

Based on a national residential radon survey completed in 1991, the average indoor radon level is about 1.3 pCi/l in the United States. The average outdoor level is about 0.4 pCi/l. Therefore, all homes will have some amount of radon. Even if your home tests below the action level, EPA recommends homes be tested every two years, before and after remodeling, or after significant seismic activity.

You can fix a radon problem.

The cost of making repairs to reduce the radon level depends on several factors, including how your home was built. Most homes can be fixed for about the same cost as other common home repairs, like painting or having a new hot water heater installed. The average cost in Nevada for a contractor to mitigate radon levels for a slab or basement foundation is $2,500, and the average cost for a crawl space foundation is $3,800. Call the Cooperative Extension office listed below or the state radon office, 1-888-RADON10 (1-888-723-6610), to locate radon mitigators in your area. All mitigated homes should be tested after 24 hours to ensure the system is working. EPA recommends testing every two years thereafter.

New homes can be built with radon-resistant features.

Building new homes with simple and cost-effective radon-resistant features can reduce radon entry. The cost to install radon-resistant new construction features is much less than the cost of fixing an existing home.

Every new home should be tested before, or soon after you move in. Even homes built with radon-resistant construction features should be tested. If radon levels at or above the EPA’s action level of 4 pCi/l are detected, it is easier and costs less to reduce radon levels in homes that are built radon-resistant.

For more information:

- Toll-free Radon Hotline: 1-888-RADON10 or 1-888-723-6610
- University of Nevada Cooperative Extension
  4955 Energy Way, Reno, NV 89502
  Susan Howe, Program Director: 775-336-0248
  Nadia Noel, Radon Education Coordinator: 775-336-0252
- Nevada Radon Education Program website: www.RadonNV.com

Radon presents a serious health risk, but it can be controlled easily and cost effectively. Take action today. Encourage your friends and family members to do the same!

www.RadonNV.com or www.epa.gov/radon
USDA Rural Development provides home repair loans and grants in rural areas for the following purposes:

- Assist in deepening wells/drilling new wells, sewage connection fees.
- Make general repairs and improvements to homes.
- Install new heating/cooling units, roof repair.
- Install new water heaters (or convert to/from propane).
- Remove health and safety hazards (includes radon mitigation).
- Repair or remodel homes to provide accessibility for household members with disabilities.

Terms:
- $20,000 maximum loan amount.
- Applicant must be 62 years old or older for Grant Loan.
- No lien on home for Grant Loan under $7,500.
- Interest rate can be low as 1% annually.
- Loan terms based on borrower’s repayment ability, not to exceed 20 year term.

Eligibility Requirements:
- Must be owner-occupied home and land.
- Must be located in eligible rural area.
  (see map www.rd.usda.gov/nv)
- Must be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- Adjusted income cannot exceed very-low income limits — see table.
- Must have an acceptable credit history for loan approval.

Homeowners who are 62 years old or older and do not have repayment ability for a 504 home repair loan may be eligible for a grant of up to $7,500.

For more information please contact:

USDA Rural Development
7080 La Cienega Street # 100
Las Vegas, NV 89119
Michele Joe (702) 407-1400 Ext. 112
Email: michele.joe@nv.usda.gov

USDA Rural Development
555 W. Silver Street Ste. 101
ELKO, NV 89801
Maria Murillo (775) 738-8468 Ext. 4
Email: maria.murillo@nv.usda.gov

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Single Family Housing Repair Loans & Grants

**What does this program do?**

Also known as the Section 504 Home Repair program, this provides loans to very-low-income homeowners to repair, improve, or modernize their homes or provides grants to elderly very-low-income homeowners to remove health and safety hazards.

**Who may apply for this program?**

To qualify, you must:

- Be the homeowner and occupy the house
- Be unable to obtain affordable credit elsewhere
- Have a family income below 50 percent of the area median income
- For grants, be age 62 or older and not be able to repay a repair loan

**What is an eligible area?**

Generally, rural areas with a population less than 35,000 are eligible. Applicants may check the address of their home to determine eligibility online.

**How may funds be used?**

- Loans may be used to repair, improve, or modernize homes or to remove health and safety hazards.
- Grants must be used to remove health and safety hazards.

**How much money can I get?**

- Maximum loan is $20,000.
- Maximum grant is $7,500.

- Loans and grants can be combined for up to $27,500 in assistance.

**What are the terms of the loan or grant?**

- Loans can be repaid over 20 years
- Loan interest rate is fixed at 1%
- Full title service is required for loans of $7,500 or more
- Grants have a lifetime limit of $7,500.
- Grants must be repaid if the property is sold in less than 3 years
- If applicants can repay part, but not all of the costs, applicants may be offered a loan and grant combination

**Is there a deadline to apply?**

Applications are available year round as long as funding is available, and are processed in the order they are received.

**How long does an application take?**

Approval times depend on funding availability in your area. Talk to a USDA home loan specialist in your area for help with the application.

**How do I get started?**

Contact a USDA home loan specialist in your area.

**What law governs this program?**

- The Housing Act of 1949 as amended, 7 CFR, Part 3550
- HB-1-3550 - Direct Single Family Housing Loans and Grants Field Office Handbook

NOTE: Because citations and other information may be subject to change, please always consult the program instructions listed in the section above titled "What Law Governs this Program?" You may also contact your local office for assistance.

You will find additional forms, resources, and program information at [www.rd.usda.gov](http://www.rd.usda.gov)

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Learn about RADON in Washoe County

✦ Learn what RADON is
✦ Learn how to test for RADON
✦ Learn how homes can be fixed
✦ Get a FREE RADON test kit

✦ Wednesday, Jan. 17, 4 p.m.
  Verdi Community Library & Nature Center
  270 Bridge St., Verdi
✦ Wednesday, Feb. 7, 6 p.m.
  South Valleys Library  15650 Wedge Pkwy., Reno
✦ Wednesday, Feb. 21, 6 p.m.
  IVGID Public Works  1220 Sweetwater Rd. Incline Village
✦ Saturday, Feb. 24, 2 p.m.
  Northwest Reno Library  2325 Robb Dr., Reno

Free Radon test kits to Nevadans
Jan. 1 to Feb. 28

Washoe County Cooperative Extension
4955 Energy Way
(M-F, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

Sun Valley GID
5000 Sun Valley Blvd.
(M-F, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.)

Incline Village Rec Center
980 Incline Way
(M-F, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. and
S-Sn, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

RADON is the PRIMARY cause of LUNG CANCER among nonsmokers. The naturally occurring radioactive gas can seep into your home from the ground, increasing your risk for LUNG CANCER.

For more information, call
888-RADON10
(888-723-6610)
or visit www.RadonNV.com

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Radon recognized at the Legislature

Mar. 6 was Radon Awareness Day at the Legislature, and the Nevada Radon Education Program (NREP) had four opportunities to inform interested legislature members, staff, and the visiting public about radon. Opportunities occurred during a Nevada Cancer Coalition (NCC) sponsored Cancer Prevention and Early Detection breakfast, from 7:30 to 11 a.m., in Room 3100 of the Legislative Building; at the radon exhibit table in the Legislative Building foyer, from 8 a.m. to noon; during the Senate meeting around noon; and during visits to legislative offices to offer kits to those who weren’t able to visit the booth or breakfast event.

NCC’s collaborative breakfast event featured a tabling opportunity for cancer prevention and early detection groups that included Carson City Health and Human Services, Community Health Alliance, Carson Tahoe Cancer Center, Immunize Nevada, and Nevada Partnership for Access to Treatment, Northern Nevada HOPES, Renown Health, Nevada Health Centers Mammovan, Saint Mary’s Center for Cancer, Susan G. Komen Nevada, the Nevada Cancer Coalition as well as NREP. The tabling event provided opportunities for the groups to educate legislators and their staff face-to-face about their work.

Read Senator Ratti’s remarks from the Senate floor as she introduced the Nevada Radon Education Program and her knowledge of radon in general and in Nevada. See remarks on Page 3.

Realtors learn about Radon through RSAR

On Thursday, Jan. 19, the Nevada Radon Education Program (NREP) presented a three-hour educational course, “Radon and the Real Estate Professional,” for the Reno/Sparks Association of Realtors (RSAR) at their office in Reno. Two certified radon professionals assisted in the education of radon testing and mitigation.

RSAR education director, Beverly Geyer, contacted NREP last fall, expressing interest in educating Realtors about radon. NREP submitted its planned course and it was reviewed and approved by the Nevada Real Estate Division.

During the three-hour class, Nadia Noel, education coordinator, explained radon’s health risk, how radon enters a home, and the radon potentials around Northern Nevada.

Susan Howe, program director, explained how to test for the gas, how Realtors can assist their clients when radon is a concern, and offered suggestions on how to deal with radon in a home.
Washoe County Chronic Disease Coalition learns about radon

The Nevada Radon Education Program presented its educational program at the Mar. 9 Washoe County Chronic Disease Coalition meeting. Susan Howe and Nadia Noel shared the message of radon with nine members of the coalition, covering the health risk of radon, how to test for the gas, how radon should be addressed in real estate transactions, and the methods for radon mitigation. Ten test kits were given out at the meeting.

Washoe County testing data show that one in five homes has tested at or above the Environmental Protection Agency’s action level of 4 picocuries per liter of air (pCi/l) and the highest radon level in the state was found in the Reno zip code of 89509, 195 pCi/l. In Nevada, one in four homes tested have radon levels at or above the action level.

Presenting to this coalition was the result of a NREP’s participation in the Healthy Living Forum held Dec. 4, 2016.

National Poster

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Florida and Nevada. Children ages 9-14 were eligible to participate. Nevada was one of many state radon programs that submitted their top three posters to the national contest. Members of the radon industry, state radon programs, and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) leaders chose their top three through online votes on Radonleaders.org. Voting results were combined with the judging committee’s selections, resulting in a first place winner from Florida, who received $1,000, and a third place winner from Colorado, who won $200.

Nevada’s first place winner, Taylor Brown, an eighth-grader at Silverland Middle School, in Fernley, created a poster titled “Corrupting Radon.” Brown received a check for $75 at an award ceremony in her art class on Dec. 21, 2016. In addition to her award check, Brown also received a radon gift bag, a certificate and a Coriandium home radon gas detector that was donated by Airthins. Her art teacher, Meghan Holmes, also received a radon gift bag and $50 to use for classroom supplies.

Valeria Ramirez, an eighth-grader from Yerington Intermediate School, was the third place winner for the Nevada contest. She was recognized Feb. 28 during a ceremony following a radon education presentation. Ramirez created a poster titled “Check! Check! Check! For Radon!” and won $45 for herself and $20 for her teacher, Debbie Pellegrini, for classroom supplies.

The Nevada Radon Poster Contest is sponsored by the Nevada Radon Education Program, Cooperative Extension, Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health, and the EPA.

University of Nevada Cooperative Extension’s Radon Education Program conducts the Nevada Radon Poster Contest each year to teach students and their families about the health risk of radon and to encourage Nevadans to test their homes for the gas. This is the eighth year that the program hosted the contest and 80 students entered posters.

The Nevada poster contest entries were judged for content accuracy, reproducibility, originality and visual communication of the topic. After the top five were narrowed down from the 80, voting took place over the course of two weeks by email and through social media. Sixty-three votes were cast by email from Nevada’s radon professionals, program partners and Cooperative Extension staff, and 173 “Likes” were received from members of the general public on Facebook.

Joshua Fuji Fama received his award certificate, check and radon gift bag from Nadia Noel at Enterprise Library, in Las Vegas, on Feb. 4.

In December, Nadia Noel (left) presented Taylor Brown with a first place award certificate, a $75 check, a goodie bag as well as a Corentium radon detector, donated from Airthins, at her school, Silverland Middle School in Fernley. Taylor’s art teacher, Meghan Holmes (at right), also received a check for $50 to use for classroom supplies.

“Corrupting Cancer”, created by Taylor Brown, an 8th grade student at Silverland Middle School in Fernley, was the 1st place Nevada winner.

Valeria Ramirez, Nevada’s 3rd place winner, received her award certificate, check and radon gift bag from Nadia Noel, radon education coordinator, at an awards ceremony Feb. 28 after a radon presentation at her school, Yerington Intermediate School. Her teacher, Debbie Pellegrini (pictured at right), also received a check for $20 for classroom supplies.
2017 National Radon Action Month activities & events

National Radon Action Month (NRAM) takes place in January because winter is the best time to test for the gas. In honor of NRAM, the Nevada Radon Education Program (NREP) offers free short-term radon test kits and educational programs across the state during the months of January and February. Through face-to-face contact at presentations, tabling events, interviews, Cooperative Extension and partner offices and collaborations, at least 2,272 people were reached directly and indirect contacts numbered 1,422. At least 4,918 long- and short-term radon test kits were given out. From NREP’s NRAM efforts, at least 1,916 homes were newly tested this quarter for the first time.

The success of this year’s NRAM campaign can be credited to pre-planning and collaborations with new and consistent partners, as well as advertising via radio, television, social media, newsprint, and newsletters.

NRAM is a yearly event that is sponsored by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). State radon programs are encouraged to increase the number of activities they offer to educate citizens about the danger of radon during the month because winter is the best time to test.

Planning for NRAM begins in October, the time when library presentation dates are scheduled, proclamation requests are made, advertising strategies are determined, and news ideas for outreach are developed. A summary of Nevada’s 2017 NRAM efforts follows:

**Advertising**

**TV and Radio advertising campaign**

NREP's public information outreach begins with the support of the Nevada Broadcasters Association (NVBA). To increase awareness of free radon test kits and the health risk of radon, 30-second radio and television public service announcements (PSAs) are broadcast across the state by the NVBA from Jan. 1 to Feb. 28. This year’s media campaign resulted in 2,954 radio and 326 television spots throughout the state. The total value of these ads was $311,680, which was far greater than what the program spent.

“NVBA has been a primary and very instrumental part of our outreach campaign for the past five years,” said Susan Howe, NREP program director. “We count on them to help us get the message to Nevadans across the state!”

**Digital Billboards**

The Nevada Radon Education Program asks businesses and other public entities to help advertise free kits during NRAM on their digital boards.

The University of Nevada-Reno (UNR) displayed a radon message.

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**Radon Day**

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Programs and services that these programs offer throughout the state.

NREP’s exhibit booth in the Legislature Building Foyer provided a great opportunity to inform and offer free radon test kits and literature to guests in the building as well as staff and legislature members passing by. Giveaways, literature, maps and facts were provided.

As part of Radon Awareness Day, NREP staff members were invited to attend a Senate meeting as guests of Senator Julia Ratti. During the session, Ratti introduced Susan Howe and Nadia Noel, and told about her knowledge of radon and NREP’s work in the Washoe County community and state.

After leaving the Senate floor, Howe and Noel also visited legislative offices to offer free test kits to those who were unable to visit the foyers and provided educational information about the health risk of radon. About 110 free radon test kits were distributed during the day and at least 13 were used by the end of March.

**Remarks from the Senate Floor by Senator Julia Ratti:**

“I would like to make sure everyone is aware we have a Nevada Radon Education Program. It is a grant program, funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency State Indoor Radon Grant through the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health. The mission of this program is to educate Nevadans about the health risk of radon; how to test for the gas and reduce radon exposure in homes. The outreach includes an annual radon poster contest, presentations throughout the state, a radon hotline, social media and offering free or low-cost radon test kits.

Radon is a colorless, odorless, tasteless radioactive gas that naturally comes from the decay of uranium and easily enters homes. Living in a home with an elevated level of radon can increase a person’s risk of developing lung cancer. I was privileged to sit on the Washoe County Board of Health where we learned some alarming statistics. One in four test results in Nevada has elevated radon levels, and one in five homes tested in Washoe County showed elevated levels. It is important that you test your home. I have done it, and it is very easy. You pick up the kit, leave it in place long enough, and it tells you if you have a risk and how to mitigate it. I recommend everyone do this.”

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**Upcoming Events**

The 73rd Session of the Nevada Legislature features special occasion days, and Mar. 6 was designated as Radon Awareness Day and Mining Day at the Legislature.
Nevada receives record 27 action month proclamations

The Nevada Radon Education Program (NREP) received 27 proclamations/resolutions in honor of National Radon Action Month (NRAM) this year, the highest number the organization has received since the program’s inception. The declarations came from Governor Brian Sandoval, 15 county commissioner boards (Churchill, Clark, Douglas, Elko, Esmeralda, Eureka, Humboldt, Lander, Lyon, Mineral, Nye, Pershing, Storey, Washoe and White Pine), six mayors or city councils (Reno, Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, Henderson, Boulder City and Fernley), two general improvement districts (Incline Village and Sun Valley), and three other governing bodies. Carson City Board of Supervisors, Washoe County Health District and the Nevada Association of Counties (NACO).

There were five new proclamations/resolutions received this year: Lyon County Board of Commissioners, Boulder City, the City of Henderson, the City of North Las Vegas, and NACO.

This was the ninth year the program received proclamations from the State of Nevada, Carson City Board of Supervisors, Churchill and Douglas County Board of Commissioners, the City of Reno and Sun Valley General Improvement District!

When possible, NREP staff or partners attend board meetings to accept proclamations as well as provide pertinent radon information that clarifies why a proclamation is needed for their county or location.

- Gary McCuin, Eureka County Extension Educator, accepted the Eureka Board of Commissioners' proclamation on Dec. 6.
- Susan Howe and Nadia Noel accepted the Sun Valley GID proclamation on Dec. 8.
- Howe and Noel received the Washoe County Board of Commissioners Proclamation on Dec. 13.
- Howe and Noel accepted the Washoe County Health District Proclamation on Dec. 15.
- Noel and Steve Lewis, Douglas County

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Proclamations

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Extension Educator, received the Douglas County Board of Commissioners’ proclamation on Jan. 3.

- Joy Newton, Lyon County Extension Educator, accepted the City of Fernley’s proclamation on Jan. 4.

- Lisa Taylor, Lander County Extension Educator, and Shannon Berumen, Lander County Executive Secretary, accepted the Lander County Commissioners’ proclamation on Jan. 12.

- Howe and Noel received the Storey County Commissioners’ proclamation on Jan. 17.

- Lindsay Chichester, Carson City County Extension Educator, accepted the Board of Supervisors’ proclamation on Jan. 18.

- Juan Cervantes, White Pine County Extension Educator, accepted the White Pine County Commissioners’ proclamation on Jan. 25.

- Juliana Baker-Tingey, Elko County Extension Educator, accepted the Elko County Board of Commissioners’ proclamation on Feb. 15.
Program offers 32 NRAM presentations statewide

Presentations provided by the Nevada Radon Education Program (NREP) are opportunities for attendees to learn about the health risk of radon, how to test for the gas, the process testing in real estate transactions and radon mitigation. At least 32 presentations were offered during this National Radon Action Month season throughout the state to homeowners, renters, civic groups, government officials, youth and Realtors.

More than 568 people were reached through presentations this quarter and 885 short-term test kits were given out. At least 237 of those kits were used and analyzed by Mar. 31, resulting in a usage rate of 26.8 percent for this quarter.

Susan Howe and Nadia Noel offered presentations throughout the state. Adrian Howe, radiation control supervisor with the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health (NDPBH), presented at many radon programs. Certified radon mitigator, Norm Denny and Derrick Carpenter, also assisted with several presentations. Radon measurement specialist Bob Knauff assisted with a few Las Vegas programs.

A summary of the Nevada presentations, attendees and the number of radon test kits given and used from Jan. 1 to Mar. 31 are as follows:

**Douglas County Commissioners Meeting - Jan. 3**
The Douglas County Board of Commissioners provided a proclamation declaring January as National Radon Action Month and at least 37 county residents were present. Nadia Noel and Steve Lewis provided a short radon message.

**CVIC Hall, Minden - Jan. 11**
Adrian Howe and certified radon mitigator Derrick Carpenter presented a radon presentation to 17 Douglas County residents at the CVIC Hall in Minden. Eleven test kits were given out, and seven were used.

**Storey County Commissioners Meeting - Jan. 17**
The Storey County Board of Commissioners provided a proclamation declaring January as National Radon Action Month. About 20 residents were present as Howe and Noel presented the radon message. Eight test kits were distributed at the meeting, and one has been used.

**Incline Village Public Works - Feb. 1**
Adrian Howe presented the radon message, and Derrick Carpenter presented the radon mitigation portion to 10 participants at the Incline Village Public Works building. Thirteen test kits were given out, and five were used.

**Southern Nevada Tour - Feb. 2-9**
From Feb. 2 to Feb. 9, Nadia Noel, education coordinator, gave 11 radon presentations and was interviewed four times by three television stations and one radio station. These efforts resulted in an increase of test kit requests by

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mail, as twice the number of kits were mailed this year compared to the same time period last year.

Better Breather's Club, Henderson - Feb. 2
Noel spoke to members of the Better Breather's Club at the end of their regular monthly meeting. Twelve attendees learned about the health risk of radon, and five of them took at test kit for their homes.

Nevada Desert Realty, Henderson - Feb. 3
Noel gave a radon presentation to 10 Nevada Desert Realty staff and one home inspector. Nine of them took a test kit for their homes. The staff had many questions about radon that they were able to get answered during the presentation.

Enterprise Library, Las Vegas - Feb. 4
Noel offered a radon presentation at the Enterprise Library to seven attendees on the message of radon. Norm Denny educated the attendees on radon mitigation. Three test kits were given away, and one was used by the end of March. The second place Nevada Radon Poster Contest winner's ceremony took place prior to the presentation. (See article on page 2)

West Charleston Library, Las Vegas - Feb. 5
Noel gave a radon presentation at the West Charleston Library to nine attendees on the message of radon. Denny educated the attendees on radon mitigation. Thirteen test kits were given out, and four were used.

Clark County Library, Las Vegas - Feb. 5
Noel offered a radon presentation at the Clark County Library to 17 attendees on the message of radon. Denny educated the attendees on radon mitigation. Thirteen test kits were given away, and six were used.

Centennial Hills Library, Las Vegas - Feb. 6
Noel offered a radon presentation at the Centennial Hills Library to 15 attendees on the message of radon. Denny educated the attendees on radon mitigation. Six test kits were given out, and two were used.

Henderson Rotary Club - Feb. 7
Noel presented at the Henderson Rotary Club to 12 people. Twelve test kits were given away, and two were used.

Kiwanis of Las Vegas - Feb. 8
Noel presented at the Marie Calendars on West Sahara to the Kiwanis of Las Vegas. At least 18 attendees took a total of 11 test kits, and three have been used so far.

Green Valley Library, Henderson - Feb. 8
Noel offered a radon presentation to a record-breaking crowd of 58 Henderson residents. Knauff educated the attendees on radon testing using a continuous radon monitor. At least 71 test kits were given away, and 20 were used by Mar. 31.

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Short-term test kit data by point of distribution

The data in the charts below show the number of short-term test kits distributed at various events and locations through face to face contact, or by indirect methods from phone calls, emails or mailed in coupons during January through March quarter. They show the number of kits distributed as well as the number of kits used by Mar. 31. The percentage columns represent the percent of usage or success rate within the activity or test kit distribution location.

Overall, 4,848 short-term test kits were distributed during January through March, and the test kit usage rate was 47.1 percent. This is an increase of 798 test kits given out in the same period last year.

Special Projects, Partners and Cooperative Extension

Partners, Cooperative Extension offices, and special projects provided a distribution of 2,905 short-term radon test kits, which is an increase of 239 over last year’s third quarter results. The short-term test kits that were picked up at Cooperative Extension and partner offices, or through individuals or groups amounted to 60 percent of the total number of kits given out in the quarter. Of those kits, about 47 percent were used.

Newly established partners, Carson Tahoe Cancer Center and Sun Valley General Improvement District provided a distribution point for 327 kits, while established partners, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, Fernley City Hall, Incline Village Recreation Center, Central Lyon County Fire Department and Storey County Library distributed 214 kits.

The Washoe County Cooperative Extension office distributed 985 short-term kits this quarter, the most of any of the offices. Douglas County Cooperative Extension gave out 352, with Clark County following closely at 322. Carson City County Cooperative Extension gave 229 kits this quarter.

Statewide program presentations and events

NREP gave 885 free test kits during 31 radon program presentations and events and at least 237 kits were used by Mar. 31, which is a 26.8 percent usage rate.

Mail order requests

NREP received 1,058 requests for test kits by mail: 383 by phone request, 352 by email, and 287 by website coupons. Eleven were by coupons from the local libraries, eight with various coupon sources, and 17 via Eventbrite online ordering. The usage rate is 44.7 percent, as 473 kits were used by Mar. 31.

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Radon in the news...

Don't let radon be a Grinch this holiday season

NADIA ROJAS MARKET ADVISER
As we approach the holiday season, many of us are preparing for dinner parties, gift giving, and our annual family gatherings. But one often-overlooked health hazard is lurking in our homes and can cause serious health issues. Radon gas is a colorless, odorless gas that can accumulate in homes and is a known cause of lung cancer. It is estimated that radon is responsible for 21,000 lung cancer deaths each year in the United States, making it the second leading cause of lung cancer in the country. As a Massachusetts native, I grew up in a town that was not known for its radon levels. However, when I moved to Nevada, I learned about the high radon levels in certain areas of the state. Radon is a gas that comes from the natural decay of uranium, which is present in nearly every building. It can enter homes through cracks in the foundation or through soil that contains high levels of radon.

Free kits test for deadly, cancer-causing radon

JANUARY 1, 2017
Reno Gazette-Journal

Free radon testing kits are available to Nevada homeowners through the Nevada Department of Transportation's (NDOT) Free Radon Testing Kit Program. The program provides free radon testing kits to Nevada residents to help identify high radon levels in homes. Radon gas is a colorless, odorless gas that can cause serious health issues, including lung cancer. The testing kits are easy to use and can be obtained by visiting any of the NDOT Regional Offices or by calling 1-888-839-0287.

Learn how to reduce the radon health risk

Douglas County Radon Potential by Zia Dhea

The University of Nevada Cooperative Extension is offering free radon testing kits to residents of Douglas County. The kits are available at the Miners and Jacquot Extension office, 4101 E. 4th Street, through the end of January. To qualify, residents must own their homes and have no other radon test kit in the home. The kits consist of 40 subtests, which will be mailed to the residents to test for radon gas. If the results are positive, follow-up testing and mitigation services are available at a cost.

Free radon testing kits available at UNCE extension office

FEBRUARY 9, 2017
Mineral County Independent

The University of Nevada Cooperative Extension is offering free radon testing kits to residents of Mineral County. The kits are available at the extension office, 4100 E. 4th Street, through the end of February. To qualify, residents must own their homes and have no other radon test kit in the home. The kits consist of 40 subtests, which will be mailed to the residents to test for radon gas. If the results are positive, follow-up testing and mitigation services are available at a cost.

TRPA radon event rescheduled

FEBRUARY 8, 2017
Reno Gazette-Journal

The Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology's radon education event, which was scheduled for February 9th, has been rescheduled to February 28th. The event is open to the public and will provide information on radon testing and mitigation. To register, visit the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology's website at www.nbm.gov or call 775-687-5100.

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message on their billboard on North Virginia Street in January and February. Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) estimates that 10,500 vehicles pass the sign each day. The university also displays the message on their television in the UNR Joe Crowley Student Union, during the NRAM season.

The **Red Lion Hotel in Elko** has displayed radon messages for NREP since January 2010. An estimated 12,000 vehicles drive by this area each day. This billboard is located at 2065 Idaho St. in Elko.

Since 2010, **Pioneer Crossing Casino** advertises free kits on its billboards in Fernley, Dayton and Yerington casinos. An estimated 10,500 drive by the Dayton billboards on East Main U.S. Highway 50 and 1,700 drive by the Fernley sign located at 4 Pine Cone Road and U.S. Highway 50 East each day. About 3,900 are estimated to drive by the Yerington sign, located at 11 N. Main St.

The **City of Fernley** distributed free short-term radon tests and displayed the radon message on their reader board, as they have done the past two years. An estimated 10,500 vehicles drive past that board each day. This billboard is located at 595 Silver Lace Blvd.

Two digital reader boards in Fallon posted free radon test kit messages during the free kit period. Pat Whitten, administrative aid for the Churchill County Cooperative Extension office, was able to get the messages on the boards. The boards are located on Highway 95 south of the City of Fallon. The average daily traffic is an estimated 4,100.

**40-foot street banner**

NREP uses a 40-foot street banner to display the radon message over sections of highway in Gardnerville and Carson City each year. The banner provides awareness of radon to those who pass by, causing many new people to test their homes for radon and reminds others to remember to retest their homes.

The street banner was displayed from Jan. 23 to Jan. 30, on Carson Street, north of Proctor. An estimated 16,500 vehicles travel through this area each day. The banner was also hung in Gardnerville from Feb. 6 to Feb. 20, on U.S. Highway 95 south of Eddy Street. An estimated 19,500 vehicles travel through that spot on the highway each day.

**3’ x 8’ banners**

The 3’ x 8’ vinyl banners are used to announce the availability of radon test kits at various Cooperative Extension offices statewide.

**Nadia Noel** is interviewed by Melissa Matheney, KTRN Ch. 4 and FOX Reno. The report aired on Jan. 2.

- **Melissa Matheney, KTRN Channel 4 and FOX, Reno**, interviewed Noel on the morning of Dec. 29. The report aired on Jan. 2, and viewers were able to see how a radon test is done as well as learn some history about the Nevada Radon Education Program. The interview can be found at this link: [http://mynews4.com/news/local/officials-urging-nevadans-to-test-home-for-cancer-causing-gas](http://mynews4.com/news/local/officials-urging-nevadans-to-test-home-for-cancer-causing-gas)
- **John Potter, KTVN Channel 2, Reno**, interviewed Susan Howe and Noel on Jan. 3. The focus of the interview was radon levels throughout the county and in Reno on Jan. 3.

**Media Outreach**

Local media is used to highlight NREP’s efforts to reach and educate new audiences and remind Nevadans that winter is the best time to test for the gas. Most of the people that request free test kits credit hearing about the kits on television, radio or reading a newspaper.

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Radon in newsletters...

IGVID Public Works News in December 2016 utility bill

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- Todd Quinones, KTNV Channel 13, Las Vegas, interviewed Noel on Feb. 6 in the afternoon. The news story was broadcast live. To view this interview go to this link: [http://www. ktvn.com/on-air/interviews/is-radon-in-your-home](http://www. ktvn.com/on-air/interviews/is-radon-in-your-home).

Noel was interviewed by Monica Jackson on Feb. 7 for Fox 5 News This Morning in Las Vegas.

- The live interview by Monica Jackson, KVVU News 5, Las Vegas, was on Feb. 7 for Fox 5 News This Morning. To view this interview go to this link: [http://www. fox5vegas.com/clip/13084660/tips-to-detect-radon](http://www. fox5vegas.com/clip/13084660/tips-to-detect-radon).

- After contacting her for an interview, John Trigg of KHSV-TV interviewed Noel right before the Green Valley Library presentation began. Trigg said the report would be shown throughout the country at a later date.


Radio interviews

- Noel was interviewed by Bob Fisher of the Vegas Observations radio show on

Feb. 5. The program was broadcast live on 720 KDWN and streamed on the internet. The hour-long interview covered several topics including radon, the silent killer. Two other people were interviewed during the show and both of them, the host and the audio tech, requested free test kits as result of the discussions on the radioactive gas. To listen to the radio interview visit [http://bobfishery.com/ vegas-observations-episode-019](http://bobfishery.com/ vegas-observations-episode-019).

- Hernando Amaya from Chispas NV, the Latino Nevada Chapter of the League of Conservation Voters, interviewed Teresa Shaerer, radon program assistant, on Feb. 16 on RAICES (Roots, in English), an environmental radio show. This was the first Spanish language interview NREP offered because of Shaerer’s Spanish language expertise. The focus of the interview was what is radon, how can I protect my family from it, and how can the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension help communities. The interview aired on Super Estrella 92.7 in Clark County on Feb. 19.

Partnerships & Collaboration

NREP works with new and continuing partners to spread the radon message to more Nevadans and provide places for people to get radon test kits. Educational radon presentations are also offered in January and February throughout the years at the public library systems of Washoe and Clark counties. Carson Tahoe Cancer Center

A new partnership began this NRAM with the Carson Tahoe Cancer Center. The Cancer Resource Center served as a distribution point for free radon test kits for residents of Carson City, Dayton and surrounding areas. Carson Tahoe Health sent an email message about the free kits availability to 22,000 community and Nevada contacts. An e-newsletter was also sent to 2,000 employees, and radon information was posted to their website. More than 10,000 social media followers also heard the message through their Facebook page posts and Twitter “tweets.” In two months, the cancer center gave out 225 test kits and 104 or 46 percent of the kits had been used by Mar. 31.

NREP continues to partner with the following organizations who assist during the free kit period and a few who offer a kit distribution point all year long.

Sun Valley General Improvement District

The Sun Valley General Improvement District (SVGID) and NREP renewed their partnership, after a break for several years, as a distribution point for free kits. The district worked with NREP to be a central location between the valley and the Spanish Springs area of Sparks. The GID offered educational radon materials along with the test kits and more than 100 test kits were given out at this location and 47 kits were used.

SVGID distributed more than 300 test kits in the 2009 NRAM campaign, which was the first full-blown NRAM campaign effort for NREP.

Central Lyon County Fire Protection District

The Central Lyon County Fire Protection District, also known as the Dayton Fire Station, served as a test kit distribution site for a second year. The station gave out 35 kits to residents from Jan. 1 to Feb. 28. Twenty-five of those kits (71 percent) were used by Mar. 31.

City of Fernley

In its third year of assisting NREP, the Fernley City Hall gave out 46 test kits to area residents and advertised the free radon tests on their reader board and website. Sixty-three percent, or 29 kits, were used.
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Washoe County Library System

The Washoe County Library System continues to faithfully promote the Nevada Radon Education Program’s free test kits and radon programs through displays, calendar listings, signage and social media. This year, NREP presented at Northwest Reno, Spanish Springs, South Valleys, Sierra View and Sparks libraries and at least 103 area residents attended the programs.

Clark County Libraries

Las Vegas-Clark County Library District continues to support NREP by advertising the library radon programs and free test kits in the libraries where the programs were hosted and through the respective library websites. Libraries offering radon programs were Enterprise, Clark County, West Charleston and Centennial Hills. About 48 attended these programs.

Boulder City Library and Green Valley Library (Henderson Libraries) were two new locations that offered their facilities for radon presentations this year. They also advertised the programs on their calendars. Both locations had crowds of 36 and 58 respectively.

Storey County Public Library

This is the third year that the Storey County Library has offered its support as a test kit distribution site during the free kit period. This location gave out 21 test kits and nine were used.

Incline Village General Improvement District

Incline Village General Improvement District (IVGID) has assisted NREP since December 2008 by advertising radon programs and free test kits in their December utility bill mailing. Incline Village Recreation Center has also served as a year-round test kit distribution point since December 2011, distributing more than 60 radon test kits to date. This NRAM, 84 kits were distributed.

IVGID has provided a NRAM proclamation for the past three years. A radon presentation was also offered Feb. 2 at the Incline Village Public Works building, with 14 residents attending.

Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA)

TRPA continues to be an asset in the distribution of test kits to Douglas County residents in the Stateline and Zephyr Cove areas year-round. Since January 2010, over 189 test kits have been given out from that location. During the January through March quarter, 28 kits were distributed and 11 used. TRPA was also host to a radon presentation on Mar. 2, where 17 California and Nevada residents attended.

Certified radon professionals

Nevada American Association of Radon Scientists and Technologists-National Radon Proficiency Program (AARST-NRPP) certified mitigators, Derrick Carpenter of Aired Out Radon Removal and Norm Denny of Pinnacle Construction, both of Minden, and AARST-NRPP certified residential measurement professionals, Nate Seward, Premier Environmental Consulting, of Incline Village, and Bob Knauth, Beacon Inspection Services, in Las Vegas assisted NREP in presenting portions of several programs during NRAM. Radon mitigators also helped distribute 42 radon test kits this quarter. The professionals’ expertise is priceless, and their hands-on experience is respected by radon program attendees.

Newsletters

The Nevada Radon Education Program pursues collaborations with entities by requesting that their newsletters include information on NREP and/or National Radon Action Month activities and the message of radon. (See Radon in Newsletters on Page 11.) The following groups included radon information in their newsletters this NRAM. Subscription or address numbers are included in parentheses.

- IVGID utility bill newsletter, December 2016 (4200)
- Pershing County Safety Newsletter, January 2017 (200)
- NACO e-newsletter 1/20/17 (450)
- NACO e-newsletter 1/27/17 (450)
- Elko County 4-H February and January newsletters (219 each)
- Carson Tahoe Health e-news (22,000)
- Carson Tahoe Health employee news (2,000)
- Washoe, Douglas and Carson City counties 4-H newsletters (753)
- Washoe County Chronic Disease Coalition e-newsletter 12/30/16 and 1/31/17 (160 ea)
- Hidden Valley HOA newsletter, February 2017 (400)
- Sunrise Rotarian Wheel newsletter, Feb. 16, 2017 (60)
- Sun City Anthem e-news, February 2017 (3,000+)
- Grass Valley Baptist Church bulletins 2/12/17 and 2/19/17 (200 each)
- Nevada Cancer Coalition 2/8/17 e-news (335)
- Nevada Cancer Coalition 2/24/17 e-news (335)
- WC Chronic Disease Coalition e-newsletter 3/11/17 (160)

Radon presentations

During this NRAM season, the NREPs team gave more than 30 presentations, reaching at least 358 people in six counties, including Clark, Carson City, Douglas, Lyon, Storey, and Washoe. Free short-term radon test kits were offered at every presentation. At least 885 kits were given out at presentations, and by the end of the quarter, at least 257 kits were used. (See presentations article on Page 6.)

Test kit distribution

During the National Radon Action Month period from Jan. 1 to Feb. 28, about 4,848 short-term test kits and 62 long-term kits were given out to Nevadans. At quarter’s end, 2,284 were used, resulting in 47 percent usage. The test kits were free for every county in Nevada during NRAM. The Nevada Radon Education Program partnered with Incline Village Recreation Center, Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, Storey County Public Library, Fernley City Hall, Dayton Fire Station, Sun Valley GIS, Cooperative Extension offices and local mitigators to coordinate or distribute kits. When it is not NRAM season, test kits are available to be purchased in most counties for $9.00 each. (See test kit distribution data on Page 8.)

Special Events

A number of special events took place over the quarter. Free kits were provided to Nevadans at these events, as well as radon promotional items and information.

- Renown Health Tabling Event. Jan. 27, in Reno. (See article on Page 17.)
- Jet Health Fair, Feb. 21-21, in Sparks. (See article on Page 17.)
- Radon Awareness Day at the Legislature, Mar. 6, in Carson City. (See article on Page 1.)

Proclamations

Proclamations were requested and received from the following 27 government entities: (See Proclamations article on Page 4.)

1. Gov. Brian Sandoval for the State of Nevada
2. Nevada Association of Counties
3. Boulder City, Mayor Rodney Woodbury
4. City of Fernley, Mayor Roy Edington
5. City of Henderson, Mayor Andy Hafen
6. City of Las Vegas, Mayor Carolyn Goodman
7. City of North Las Vegas, Mayor John Lee
8. City of Reno, Mayor Hillary Schieve
9. Carson City Board of Supervisors
10. Churchill County Board of Commissioners
11. Clark County Board of Commissioners
12. Continued. See NRAM, Page 15
January's National Radon Action Month activities usually result in a larger number of radon test kits distributed, test kits used, homes mitigated and homes tested during real estate transactions than for other quarters during the year.

Distribution Numbers

The number of long- and short-term radon test kits distributed this quarter was 4,918 compared to 4,114 during last year's January through March quarter. This is an increase of 804 over the same period last year. Compared to last quarter, where 385 kits were distributed, this quarter saw a 4,533 increase. The total number of kits distributed over the years now totals 52,457, which is 5,727 more than a year ago. Of the kits distributed, 28,124 were used, a 53.6 percent overall usage rate.

Number of Homes Tested

The total number of homes self-tested and reported from professionals since 1989 is 25,864, an increase of 2,687 homes since last year, and an increase of 1,743 over last quarter. According to 2015 Census Bureau data, there are 1,209,756 Nevada households, and 25,864 or 2.14 percent were tested for radon.

Number of RRNC Homes

The total number of reported homes built with Radon-Resistant New Construction (RRNC) techniques increased by 32 over the year.

Number of Homes Mitigated

The number of reported homes mitigated now totals 1,070 which amounts to 21.1 percent of the houses that we know need mitigated from long- and short-term radon test results. The total number of homes mitigated increased this year by 172, and increased by 54 for the quarter.

Number of Homes Tested before purchase

The total number of reported homes tested for radon in a real estate transaction now totals 1,890, an increase of 377 over last year, and an increase of 91 over last quarter.

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**Nevada Radon Education Program’s Impact Data as of 3-31-17**

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** Test kits distributed: includes only short- and long-term tests distributed by the Nevada Radon Education Program, Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health Radiation Control Program, and the Washoe County District Health Department.

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12. Douglas County Board of Commissioners
13. Elko County Board of Commissioners
14. Esmeralda County Board of Commissioners
15. Eureka County Board of Commissioners
16. Humboldt County Board of Commissioners
17. Lander County Board of Commissioners
18. Lyon County Board of Commissioners
19. Mineral County Board of Commissioners
20. Nye County Board of Commissioners
21. Pershing County Board of Commissioners
22. Storey County Board of Commissioners
23. Washoe County Board of Commissioners
24. White Pine County Board of Commissioners
25. Washoe County Health District
26. Incline Village General Improvement District
27. Sun Valley General Improvement District

Church Collaborations

Nadia Noel contacted numerous Nevada churches asking them if they would be interested in receiving test kits for their congregation, and/or sharing information about radon in bulletins, newsletters or social media during the free kit period. Two churches responded.

Grass Valley Baptist Church (GVBC) in Winnemucca collaborated with NRNP to distribute short-term radon test kits to its members. Information about radon was included in the church bulletin and attendees were able to sign-up for a free kit. Twenty GVBC members requested a test kit and kits were shipped to the church and handed out by the secretary.

"It was a pleasure working with GVBC," said Noel. They were very helpful in providing the necessary data for us to give them free test kits, as well as offering radon educational data in their bulletin.

A staff member at Unity of Las Vegas requested 50 radon test kit brochures to distribute to church members. The success of these two collaborations has encouraged Noel to contact and work with more churches next NRAM.
NREP uses social media to assist outreach efforts

The Nevada Radon Education Program (NREP) has been using Facebook as an outreach tool to share the radon message with new audiences for several years, but joined Twitter in October 2016. Both methods of outreach had a steady gain of engagement during the National Radon Action Month period.

NREP saw an increase in the number of people reached through Facebook compared to second quarter (October-December 2016) numbers. There were 7,405 people reached by posts made between October and December, but almost 2,000 more people (9,230) were reached between January and March. The greatest numbers reached through a Facebook post was one advertising the Clark County radon programs made on Feb. 1. More than 1,300 people saw that post.

Since its inception, NREP’s Twitter account has seen the number of impressions and followers of the account increase steadily. @NVRadonProgram has gone from attaining 10,114 impressions in the second quarter to 14,891 in the third. There were 117 engagements with tweets last quarter versus 228 this one.

The most popular tweet for NREP in the third quarter was “Take some advice from #RollSafe and test for radon to find out the level in your home and take measures to reduce it if necessary,” made on Mar. 2. There were 18 engagements to this tweet, and the next highest engagement number for NREP’s tweets was 16 on Jan. 3. Engagements are the total number of times users interact with a tweet; this includes clicks anywhere on interactive portions of the tweet.

NREP used post boosting during this quarter to increase the number of people that saw the posts about upcoming radon presentations. Boosting a post on Facebook is targeted marketing promotion used to show specific audiences the social media message individuals, organizations and other entities create. Several of the posts with the greatest reach were ones that were boosted. One example was the post about the Clark County radon presentations held at the beginning of February. Boosting allowed 1,380 people to see the post when only 541 people would have seen it naturally.

The program has yet to use paid advertising with Twitter but plans to experiment with promoting tweets in the future.

Take some advice from #RollSafe and test for radon to find out the level in your home and take measures to reduce it if necessary.

You can’t know your home’s radon level if you don’t test for it.
Radon Education Program Numbers

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Free test kits offered at Renown Health and Jet Health Fair

During the National Radon Action Month period, the Nevada Radon Education Program (NREP) was invited to table at Renown Health Hospital in Reno in January, and at a health fair in February at Jet (an online store located in Sparks that offers significant discounts based on the quantity of items ordered). Both events offered a chance for working employees to procure free radon test kits at their work place.

The radon booth at Renown Health was open from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m., on Jan. 27, in front of Starbucks, and 294 radon test kits were distributed. At times, there were lines down the hall, creating a slight traffic blockage during the morning hours. The event was advertised with signage at various points within Renown, internally through an email message, and in the Reno Gazette-Journal newspaper in an ad sponsored by Renown’s marketing department. By Mar. 31, 75 of the test kits were used.

On Feb. 21 and 22, NREP interacted with 52 people over the course of two days at the Jet warehouse. Many of the individuals who visited the health fair during their lunch hour and break were excited to receive a test kit and learn about the gas that could be in their homes. At least 32 radon test kits were distributed at the event.

Renown Health advertised the free test kit in lobby areas.

Surrounded by Renown Health employees, Noel explained how to do the test. NREP offered free kits from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m., in front of Starbucks. About 294 test kits were distributed within the three-hour period.
Presentations
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South Valleys Library, Reno - Feb. 8
Howe and Denny presented at South Valleys Library to 29 attendees. Thirty test kits were given away, and 14 were used.

Boulder City Sunrise Rotary Club - Feb. 9
Noel presented to 45 people at the sunrise meeting. Thirty-three test kits were given out, and nine were used.

Sierra View Library, Reno - Feb. 12
Howe, Denny, and Noel presented at Sierra View Library to 25 attendees. Twenty-five test kits were given away, and 11 were used.

RSAR
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resources and information to assist them in educating clients about radon.
Nate Seward, a Nevada certified radon tester with Premier Environmental Consulting, spoke on the importance of using a certified radon tester for real estate transactions and the process involved in determining the radon level in a home.
Norm Denny, a Nevada licensed contractor and certified radon mitigator, with Pinnacle Construction, described the radon mitigation process and what to look for in a radon-reduction system built to standard.
The participants were very engaged in the course, especially during the testing and mitigation portion. Several Realtors had questions and stayed after the class to speak with the radon professionals.
Nineteen RSAR members took a radon test kit to test their homes, and four of them asked for radon test kit coupon brochures to pass on to their clients. The 20 Northern Nevada Realtors who attended earned three continuing education credits.
According to Geyer, course feedback was quite positive.
“I had a gentleman call in the afternoon complementing your program,” said Geyer.
“He said it should be mandatory for all agents!”
RSAR is a professional association located in Reno, whose mission is to proactively enhance its members’ opportunities for successful, ethical real estate professionals by delivering advocacy, education, programs, products and services.

Radon webinar offered to CalNeva Realty agents
A direct result of the Reno/Sparks Association of Realtors’ continuing education course taught by the Nevada Radon Education Program (NREP), CalNeva Realty requested a radon webinar for their agents in the Reno and Minden offices. A CalNeva agent had attended the RSAR class and passed along an informational email to office administrators, suggesting that they offer it to the other agents in their office.
On Feb. 28, NREP taught the teleconference webinar during CalNeva Realty’s monthly meeting. Nadia Noel and Susan Howe provided the 45-minute presentation that covered the health risk of radon, radon potentials in Northern Nevada, where to find more information, and provided Realtors with information about radon to offer clients in real estate transactions. They also covered what is involved in radon testing for real estate and what to expect in radon mitigation. About 21 Realtors participated in the webinar.
Webinar attendees had thoughtful questions and were very receptive of the information offered.
“Thank you both very much for taking the time to deliver the radon presentation to our agents,” said Mitch Argon of CalNeva Realty.
“The presentation was excellent and we’ll put the information to good use for the benefit of our clients.”
FREE Radon Test Kits
Jan 1 - Feb 28, 2017
Available at Cooperative Extension
1897 N. Moapa Valley Blvd. in Logandale

Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that is colorless, odorless and tasteless.

In Nevada, one in four homes tested show high radon concentrations.
Radon kills more people than secondhand smoke, drunk driving,
falls in the home, drowning or house fires.

For more information please contact
John Wilson (702) 397-2604 ext 4 or walker6@unce.unr.edu

FREE RADON TEST KITS ARE AVAILABLE
AT UNIVERSITY OF NEVADA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
360 LINCOLN STREET, CALIENTE, NV
CALL 775-726-3109 FOR MORE INFORMATION

It is that time of year for RADON testing. Free Radon kits are available
and can be picked up from 8:00 AM to 12 Noon, Monday through
Friday at the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension in Caliente,
kitty corner from the Caliente Elementary School. Radon Kits are free
until February 28th. Get your home tested today to ensure your home is
radon free.

University of Nevada Cooperative Extension

FREE SHORT-TERM RADON TEST KITS
I WANT YOU
to test FOR RADON

Flyer used by NREP to promote the free test kits at tabling events.

Northeast Clark County used this flyer to promote the free test kit period.

Lincoln County used this flyer to promote the free test kit period.
Nevada Radon Short-Term Test Results*
From 1989 to Mar. 31, 2017

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*State data provided by the Nevada State Health Division, Nevada certified radon testers and the following labs: AccuStar Labs, Alpha Energy Laboratories, Air Chek, Inc. and Pro Lab. Results based on independently tested homes, not scientific sampling. When known, post-mitigation results are not included and usable results are valid tests, one per home, using an average of multiple tests from the lowest level of the home tested. (Schools & large buildings not included.)

Nevada Radon Long-Term Test Results**
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**State data provided by RSSI, Alpha Energy Laboratories and AccuStar Labs. Results based on independently tested homes, not scientific sampling. When known, post-mitigation results are not included and usable results are valid tests, one per home, using an average of multiple tests from the lowest level of the home tested. (Schools & large buildings not included.)

Radon Zone Summaries

Nevada Radon Zone Short-Term Test Result Summary

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Nevada Radon Zone Long-Term Test Result Summary

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Radon is a colorless, odorless, and tasteless radioactive gas that occurs naturally in most rocks and soils. It is produced by the decay of uranium in soil, rock, and water. Radon is harmlessly dispersed in outdoor air, but when trapped in buildings it can build up, increasing the risk of lung cancer.

The EPA Action Level: The U.S. EPA recommends that you take action to reduce radon levels that are 4.0 pCi/l or higher.

*The EPA and the U.S. Surgeon General recommend all homes be tested for radon.
## Washoe County

### Radon Potential by Zip Code

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| Totals            | 7553  | 5902         | 1651                | 21.5%             | 5902 | 1292 | 267 | 69 | 16 | 7 | 3.40 |

| % of Total Tests  | 78%   | 17%          | 4%                   | 1%                | 0%  | 0%  |

*Small sample size: more testing is needed to reference reliable radon potential for this area.*

Zip codes in Washoe County with no data: 89424, 89555, 89595