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January is National Radon Action Month

According to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services one in every two homes in Nebraska has an elevated radon level. Fortunately, there are simple solutions to fixing a radon problem in the home.

Radon is a naturally occurring invisible, tasteless, odorless gas. It is harmless when dispersed in outdoor air, but when trapped in buildings, can be harmful at elevated levels. Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in smokers, and the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers.

Houses next to each other can have very different radon levels. Elevated radon levels are found in new and old houses, well-sealed and drafty houses, houses with or without basements and houses with every kind of furnace. The only way to know if your home has dangerous levels of radon is to test it.

Free radon test kits are available to Panhandle residents by emailing mcervantes@pphd.org, calling PPHD at 308-487-3600 ext 108 or toll free at 866-701-7173 ext 108.

January is National Radon Action Month, and Panhandle Public Health District is raising awareness by asking communities to declare January as Radon Action Month. There is also information available for communities on Radon Resistant New Construction. Two training classes, "Understanding Radon," with Mark Versch are being offered to realtors in Scottsbluff on January 19th and Chadron on January 20th. CEU credits are available for both these classes. To get registered for the training, please contact Erin Sorensen, 308-487-3600 ext. 103 or online at www.panhandlepartnership.com.

For more information visit www.pphd.org/radon.html. Panhandle Public Health District is working together to improve the health, safety and quality of life for all who live, learn, work and play in the Panhandle. Our vision is that we are a healthier and safer Panhandle Community.