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January is National Radon Action Month

“One in every two homes in Nebraska has an elevated radon level and yours could be one of them,” said Tabi Prochazka, Environmental Health Coordinator for Panhandle Public Health District. Fortunately, there are simple solutions to lower elevated levels of radon in homes.

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

“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 tprochazka@pphd.org calling PPHD at 308-487-3600 ext 107 or toll free at 866-701-7173 ext 107.

January is National Radon Action Month, and PPHD will be kicking off a radon test kit contest in area schools, as well as business's belonging to the Panhandle Worksite Wellness Council. They will also be at area health fairs to draw attention to radon as a serious public health issue and, more importantly, to motivate Panhandle residents to take action to protect themselves and their families from the negative health risks posed by radon by testing their homes.

For more information visit www.pphd.org/radon.html. or call PPHD at 308-487-3600 or toll free at 866-701-7173. 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.