

January is Kansas Radon Action Month

On December 19, 2017, Governor Sam Brownback signed a proclamation declaring January to be Kansas Radon Action Month. Radon is a naturally occurring colorless, odorless, radioactive gas which comes from the soil and can be found everywhere. One-in-four homes in Kansas are effected by radon as elevated radon levels have been detected in every Kansas county.

Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers and the second leading cause of lung cancer overall. The only way to know if you are being exposed to elevated radon levels is to test your home. The Kansas Radon Program is currently involved in partnerships with Kansas State University, the Kansas Cancer Partnership, and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's Environmental Public Health Tracking program to educate Kansas citizens about the dangerous health effects from radon and how to protect themselves.

The following websites have more information:

- www.kansasradonprogram.org
- www.kdheks.gov/radiation/radon.htm

To get guidance on how to test your home for radon or how fix your home if the radon levels are elevated, please contact Mark Ungerer of the KDHE Radon Program at: 785-296-1568 or by email at mark.ungerer@ks.gov