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JANUARY IS NATIONAL RADON ACTION MONTH

Kingsford, Michigan – January 2, 2014. Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer deaths in the U.S. claiming approximately 20,000 lives annual or slightly more than two every hour. Radon is a radioactive odorless gas produced from the decomposition of uranium. Therefore, it could be lingering in a private home or public building without the occupant being aware of its presence.

Fortunately, scientists have provided the tools that can help protect us from radon, such as a simple test that can determine the approximate level of exposure in a specific structure.

In observance of “Radon Action Month” the Dickinson-Iron District Health Department has reduced the cost to \$5 for the short term test and \$10 for the long term test kits for the month of January. In 2012, of the 80 tests conducted in Dickinson and Iron counties, 31% of the homes tested were found to have elevated levels of radon.

Anyone seeking further information regarding the department’s Radon Program can call the Kingsford office at (906) 779-7239 or the Iron River office at (906) 265-4166.

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