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Radon System Demonstrations Featured at Home and Health Expo

Billings, Mont. – R.P.S., as in Radon Protection Services, will conduct a radon system demonstration at the Billings Home & Health Expo in February. The Billings-based company has been involved in radon gas mitigation in homes since 2003, and will offer free information about radon gas at the three-day exposition held at Billings MetraPark, February 18, 19 and 20.

Paul Melcher and Mike Glenn, co-owners of Radon Protection Services, say visitors to their booth will receive free information about where and how radon gas can enter a home. They will also receive information about the long-term health risks associated with radon gas, and about how radon gas can be safely and efficiently removed when it is detected. “We are primarily a mitigation company,” explains Paul. “We can assist homeowners in testing their homes using an independent lab (Energy Labs of Billings,) but our main business is removing the gas when it is found.” Testing cost \$40 per home as an expo special.

While radon gas is a naturally occurring radioactive gas, its accumulation in homes is what makes it a health risk. It is believed to be the 2nd leading cause of lung cancer in the United States, contributing to an estimated 21,000 lung cancer deaths annually. Environmental Protection Guidelines call for mitigation of the gas anytime levels are detected at 4 Pico curies per liter of air (pCi/L). The World Health Organization calls for mitigation at only 2.7 pCi/L. Paul says that Radon Protection Services guarantees mitigation of the gas down to below the NEHA standard of 4 pCi/L. Typically, we can reduce the level to less than 2 pCi/L, and in some applications to zero.

Although radon gas can be found anywhere, the colorless, odorless gas may be more prevalent in homes in certain areas. “We will have a regional map in our booth showing where we have found elevated levels of radon gas in the area,” says Paul, but he recommends that all homeowners consider having their homes tested. “A negative test brings peace of mind,” says Paul, “and our services are only needed when a true health risk is identified.”

The simple fix that Radon Protection Service guarantees involves installation of a low wattage fan connected to piping which draws the dangerous gas from under a home’s foundation before it has a chance to enter the home. An example of the fan and venting pipe will be on display at the Home & Health Expo. With expertise in structural engineering and construction, Mike and Paul’s company endeavors to make all installations of the pipe and fan system as safe and aesthetically pleasing as possible.

Paul and Mike can be reached at Radon Protection Services at (406)672-9339, or by visiting the Home & Health Expo at Billings MetraPark, February 18, 19 and 20. The Home & Health Expo runs concurrently with the Montana Agri-Trade Exposition and together the two trade shows will feature over 200 exhibitors.

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The Montana Agri-Trade Exposition (MATE Show) and the Home & Health Expo are owned by the Northern International Livestock Exposition (NILE). The MATE is held the third week of February and has a three day attendance of over 14,000 people. The NILE is a non-profit organization established in 1967 that is dedicated to the promotion of livestock, agriculture education, and respect of the western tradition. For more information contact the NILE office at 406-256-2495 or visit www.thenile.org.