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Alexandria, VA - The American Geosciences Institute (AGI) once again is sponsoring a photo contest in celebration of Earth Science Week. What's more, the contest, which honors this year's event theme of "Earth and Human Activity," features a new twist.

Students, geoscientists, and the general public are invited to submit entries for this year's photography contest, titled "Earth and Human Activity Here." Entries should show ways people affect, or are affected by, Earth systems in their local communities.

New to this year's photo contest, AGI and Earth Science Week present the "Earth and Human Activity Here" Photo Map, now online at http://www.earthsciweek.org/content/earth-and-human-activity-here-photo-map. Select entries will be featured on the map, linked to the location of origin.

"We hope this innovation will serve as a powerful educational resource, fueling discussions in classrooms and other settings," says AGI Outreach Manager Geoff Camphire. "As entries pour in throughout the year, we will continue populating the map with examples of ways that people interact with Earth systems where they live. Program participants, students, and teachers are invited to visit the website and view the wide variety of forms these interactions take."

Selected winners will be awarded for their submissions. For guidelines and details, including how to submit your photos and what information should be included with your submissions, please visit http://www.earthsciweek.org/contests.

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Reaching over 50 million people annually, Earth Science Week has been led by AGI in cooperation with its sponsors and the geoscience community since 1998. Earth Science Week 2017 will be celebrated October 8-14, 2017. To learn more, please visit www.earthsciweek.org. To order Toolkits, please visit www.earthsciweek.org/materials. You may also call AGI Publications to place your order at 703-379-2480.

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