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Visualizations the Focus of New Earth Science Week Site

Alexandria, VA - Science teachers and students can go online today to use a new educational resource of the Earth Science Week website, the "Visualizing Earth Systems" page, which features instructive visualizations of Earth science phenomena.

Educators know the power of compelling visualizations, those that graphically depict data in ways that help students grasp challenging concepts. Now Earth science teachers have a collection of such visualizations, right at their fingertips at http://www.earthsciweek.org/visualizations.

Supporting the Earth Science Week 2015 theme of "Visualizing Earth Systems," this new page on the program website links educators and students to dozens of recommended visualizations dealing with energy, climate, minerals, water, hazards, and other topics. In addition, the page offers links to overviews of these topics provided by AGI's Critical Issues Program at *http://www.americangeosciences.org/critical-issues*.

Users are invited to help improve the page by sharing their favorite Earth science visualizations. Please submit the URLs for favorite online geosciences visualizations to info@earthsciweek.org. Help strengthen Earth science education by sharing effective resources with fellow educators!

Reaching over 50 million people annually, AGI leads Earth Science Week in cooperation with the geoscience community as a service to the public. Each year, community groups, educators, and interested citizens organize celebratory events. Earth Science Week offers the public opportunities to discover the Earth sciences and engage in responsible stewardship of the Earth.

To view the visualizations page, please visit: http://www.earthsciweek.org/citizenscience/index.html.

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Earth Science Week 2015 will be celebrated October 11-17. To learn more, please visit *www.earthsciweek. org*. To order your 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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