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AGI Publishing the *Geoscience Handbook*

Alexandria, VA – The American Geological Institute (AGI) announces the publication of *The Geoscience Handbook: AGI Data Sheets 4th Edition*. The book is now available for pre-order and is expected to ship to customers on September 15th, 2006. *The Geoscience Handbook* is the latest edition of AGI's long-standing Data Sheets publication. With a new format and expanded coverage of technical topics across the geosciences, the Data Sheets earned its new title for the 4th edition. This compilation of geologic information includes references for key geological concepts and short tutorials useful for all professionals and students needing geoscience information quickly in the field, office or lab. The *Geoscience Handbook* covers diverse subjects from geophysics to geologic map symbols to GPS usage and everything in between.

This edition is now in full color and has been extensively revised and expanded from previous editions, reflecting the ongoing progress in the concepts, methods and technologies of the geosciences. This edition has a lay-flat spiral binding and divided into 16 principal sections including such topics as geologic time, mapping, volcanology, chemistry and engineering. The full-color *Geoscience Handbook* is now in a larger, easier to read format but remains very portable for use in the field or office. A laminated cover helps protect the book when used under field conditions.

The *Geoscience Handbook: AGI Data Sheets 4th Edition* (ISBN 0-922152-75-6) can be ordered from the American Geological Institute by calling 703-379-2480 or by visiting <http://www.agiweb.org/pubs/>. A PDF sample of the book is available through the website.

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