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Earth Science Week 2010 “Exploring Energy” Contest Themes Announced

Alexandria, VA – The American Geological Institute (AGI) is sponsoring three national contests in conjunction with Earth Science Week 2010, celebrating the theme of “Exploring Energy,” October 10-16.

Students, scientists and the general public are encouraged to enter this year’s Earth Science Week photography contest, “We Depend on Energy.” Entrants should submit images that capture the way energy is used in their communities.

Students in grades K-5 are eligible to enter the visual arts contest, “Energy on Earth.” Two-dimensional original pieces of art should depict answers to questions such as, where does energy come from, or how do people find and study energy resources? Entries should illustrate, in creative and engaging ways, where energy comes from and how it is used.

The essay contest, “How Energy Powers the Planet,” is open to students in grades 6-9. One-page essays should focus on how Earth system processes develop energy resources, how human use of energy affects the Earth system, and how people can be responsible stewards of Earth’s energy resources.

For more information on these contests including guidelines, deadlines and how to submit your entry, please visit <http://www.earthsciweek.org/contests/>.

Earth Science Week is organized annually by AGI with support from the U.S. Geological Survey, NASA, National Park Service, ExxonMobil and the American Association of Petroleum Geologists Foundation, among others. To learn more about Earth Science Week, please go to <http://www.earthsciweek.org>.

The American Geological Institute is a nonprofit federation of 47 geoscientific and professional associations that represents more than 120,000 geologists, geophysicists and other earth scientists. Founded in 1948, AGI provides information services to geoscientists, serves as a voice of shared interests in the profession, plays a major role in strengthening geoscience education, and strives to increase public awareness of the vital role the geosciences play in society's use of resources, resiliency to natural hazards, and interaction with the environment.

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