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Earth Science Week 2011 Contest Themes Announced

Alexandria, VA – The American Geological Institute (AGI) is sponsoring three national contests as part of Earth Science Week 2011, celebrating the theme of “Our Ever-Changing Earth,” October 9-15.

Students, geologists, and the general public are encouraged to enter this year’s Earth Science Week photography contest, “A World of Change in My Community.” Use your camera to capture the evidence of the long- or short-term changes taking place around our planet and even in your own neighborhood.

Students in grades K-5 are eligible to enter the visual arts contest, “Picturing our Ever-Changing Earth.” Create a two-dimensional piece of artwork to illustrate the various ways air, water, land, and living things change over time.

The essay contest, “How Change Shapes our Planet,” is open to any student in grades 6-9. In a brief essay, explain how interactions between Earth’s systems can change our world over time. Discuss the processes used to study these change and how human life can be affected by geologic transformation.

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

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

The American Geological Institute is a nonprofit federation of 50 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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