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## **AGI Announces Release of 2007 Earth Science Week Toolkit**

ALEXANDRIA, VA – In support of Earth Science Week 2007 (October 14-20), the American Geological Institute (AGI) is publishing its “The Pulse of Earth Science” Toolkit to enable teachers, students, and the public alike to actively participate in this year’s event.

This year’s Toolkit includes a wide array of resources, including a new edition of its popular Earth Science Calendar filled with activities and important geoscientific dates. These activities, supplied by AGI member societies and other organizations, engage students in learning about the earth sciences. The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) has provided both “Facts on Disc,” a CD-ROM which includes all of the USGS fact sheets from the last twelve years and the brochure “USGS Education Resources for Teachers.” The Toolkits also contain materials from NASA including the CD-ROM “Exploring Ice” and an “Earth and Space Explorers Series” poster. ESRI has provided a copy of its “GIS Solutions for Education” CD-ROM. NOAA is also providing information on student opportunities and careers within the earth sciences.

In collaboration with the National Park Service, AGI has published the “Volcanoes in the National Parks” poster. This poster, which is included in the 2007 Toolkit, describes with stunning visuals the volcanoes one can visit while touring the National Parks of America. On the reverse side of the poster, a classroom activity on society and volcanisms is provided.

The Toolkit can be pre-ordered now. Shipping will begin in early August. Individual kits are available for the cost of shipping and handling (\$6.95 in the United States). Bulk pricing is available. Visit <http://www.earthsciweek.org/materials/index.html> to order the 2007 Earth Science Week Toolkit.

Earth Science Week is an annual event held the second week of October to promote an understanding and appreciation of the earth sciences. It is coordinated by the American Geological Institute with generous support from the U.S. Geological Survey, the AAPG Foundation, and the National Park Service. To learn more about this event, please visit <http://www.earthsciweek.org/>.

The American Geological Institute is a nonprofit federation of 44 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 and interaction with the environment.

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