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Promote Groundwater Safety: Protect Your Groundwater Day

Alexandria, VA – The American Geosciences Institute (AGI) is proud to support Protect your Groundwater Day (PYGWD) on September 11, 2012.

Groundwater is a critical source of fresh water for society, both in terms of potable water, and agricultural and industrial needs. This globally crucial but scarce resource requires careful stewardship in order to maintain its quality and quantity.

Protect Your Groundwater Day—sponsored by AGI member society, the National Ground Water Association (NGWA)—promotes the responsible stewardship of groundwater through educational and outreach initiatives that help raise societal awareness. “Groundwater is a hidden global resource that sustains our society,” said AGI Executive Director, Dr. P. Patrick Leahy. “Unfortunately, because most don’t realize our dependence on groundwater, our actions sometimes result in negative impacts on both the availability and quality of this precious resource.”

For more information, and to get involved in Protect Your Groundwater Day, visit the PYGWD website at <http://www.ngwa.org/Events-Education/groundwater-day/Pages/default.aspx>. The PYGWD website offers simple tips that everyone can follow to help ensure a steady supply of clean groundwater.

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