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AGI Announces Publishing Agreement with Thomson Delmar Learning

Alexandria, VA – The American Geological Institute (AGI) has entered an agreement with Thomson Delmar Learning to publish *Environmental Science: Understanding Our Changing Earth*, AGI's newest curriculum project.

Environmental Science is a National Science Foundation (NSF)-funded curriculum that uses an earth science framework for teaching high-school level environmental science. The text will be composed of 18 chapters which ask students to focus on their local environment and to then extrapolate their observations to the world at large. The text uses an earth-systems approach and covers a broad range of topics, including ecology, landforms, hazards, and resources. Each chapter includes activities using the AGI/US Geological Survey *Global GIS* DVD-ROM. In addition to the text and GIS components, AGI will maintain extensive web resources for both students and teachers as part of the curriculum.

Environmental Science: Understanding Our Changing Earth is currently being tested by 20 high school teacher in thirteen states nationwide, with publication expected in early 2009.

To learn more about *Environmental Science: Understanding Our Changing Earth*, go to <http://www.agiweb.org/education/hses/>.

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The American Geological Institute is a nonprofit federation of 44 scientific and professional associations that represent 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 our profession, plays a major role in strengthening geoscience education, and strives increase public awareness of the vital role the geosciences play in mankind's use of resources interaction with the environment. More information about AGI can be found at <http://www.agiweb.org>. The Institute also provides a public-outreach web site, <http://www.earthscienceworld.org>.

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