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GeoSpectrum: What's Happening Around the Earth Sciences

Alexandria, VA - AGI's GeoSpectrum brings you the stories of the geoscience profession —from stories about public safety and the geosciences by creating contamination maps of lead distribution in New Orleans, charitable drilling for water in the Democratic Republic of the Congo to how Boy Scouts at the 2013 Jamboree were introduced to mining— all in the 2013 summer edition just published at <http://www.agiweb.org/geospectrum/>.

This issue also includes announcements about unique sessions at this year's fall meeting circuit, such as those researching geoscience workforce, education and policy. The American Geosciences Workforce department currently has special opportunities for your department participating in the AGI "Exit Survey." There are also reviews of past meetings, like a summary of the American Geophysical Union "Science and Policy Conference" which introduces the geosciences community to major players shaping the geosciences through hazard management, energy and environmental legislation.

This edition of GeoSpectrum has special significance for students. It contains an insightful article by the American Institute for Professional Geologists member David Abbott who writes, "Moving from School to Professional Life," a particularly helpful article about finding your professional destination. There are also insightful essays written by AIPG scholarship winners. The Geological Society of America also has a detailed announcement about the EarthCache Mega event!

There is also valuable information for earth science K-12 educators and informal geoscientists. A variety of resources that bring mining and soil sciences into the classroom are detailed. Educators are also invited to celebrate this year's Earth Science Week, which will be celebrated nationwide October 13-19th. Find information about getting your classroom involved!

GeoSpectrum is made up with the earth science news from the Member Societies that make up the AGI Federation. If you have any questions about advertising in GeoSpectrum or submitting articles for consideration, please contact Maureen Moses at mmoses@agiweb.org or (703) 379-2480.

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