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U.S. Department of Energy to Host Groundwater Open House in Amargosa Valley, Nevada

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), National Nuclear Security Administration Nevada Site Office is sponsoring a groundwater open house on September 18, 2012, from 5-8pm at the Amargosa Community Center located at 821 E. Amargosa Farm Rd. in Amargosa Valley, Nevada.

Representatives from DOE, the State of Nevada Division of Environmental Protection and Division of Water Resources, and Nye County will be on hand to provide updates on the intense efforts being made to better understand groundwater affected by historic underground nuclear testing at the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS). Members of the volunteer-based Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board and the Community Environmental Monitoring Program will also be present at the event.

The 4th Annual *Groundwater Open House* will feature several interactive stations, consisting of posters, displays, handouts, videos and demonstrations. Attendees will have the opportunity to speak one-on-one with experts on topics ranging from computer modeling, monitoring, radiation, groundwater sampling, and the ongoing drilling campaign at the NNSS. Attendees will also learn about a community monitoring program that involves 29 monitoring stations, and numerous volunteers, in communities surrounding the NNSS.

“This is a great opportunity for interested citizens to engage in the process we use for understanding groundwater at the NNSS,” said Environmental Management Operations Manager, Rob Boehlecke. “Plus, the event itself will be more interactive this year, with demonstrations, videos and various hands-on materials,” he added.

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