



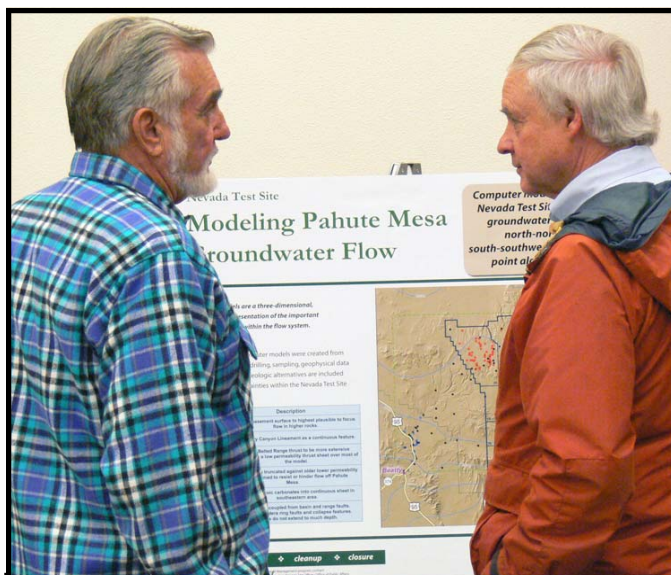
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## NEVADANS TALK GROUNDWATER AT UPCOMING OPEN HOUSE

On Wednesday, May 25, 2011, Nevada residents are invited to participate in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual *Groundwater Open House* in Beatty, Nevada. Federal, State, and County representatives will be on hand at the event, scheduled from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Beatty Community Center (100 A Avenue South, Beatty, NV) 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, formerly the Nevada Test Site).



*In one-on-one poster sessions, community members learn about the complex geology and groundwater flow at the Nevada National Security Site.*

[The U.S. Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration Nevada Site Office](#) is sponsoring the open house. Also present at the event will be officials from the [State of Nevada Division of Environmental Protection](#) and [Water Resources](#), representatives from Nye County, and volunteers from the [Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board](#) and the [Community Environmental Monitoring Program](#).

The public will be able to speak one-on-one with experts on topics ranging from computer modeling, hydrology, radiation, groundwater sampling, and the ongoing drilling campaign that will place a total of ten new wells in the Pahute Mesa region and two wells in Frenchman Flat at the NNSS by 2012. Attendees will also learn about a community monitoring program that involves 29 monitoring stations, and numerous volunteers, in communities surrounding the NNSS.

“The open house format has been successful in the past,” said Environmental Restoration Federal Project Director, Rob Boehlecke. “Attendees can circulate through posters at their own pace and focus on subjects that are important to them. Plus,” he added, “the event provides a great opportunity to ask questions and get answers.”

In addition to posters and one-on-one discussions, open house participants will be treated to informational brochures, handouts, and visual aids.

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