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

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), National Nuclear Security Administration Nevada Site Office is sponsoring a groundwater open house on May 25, 2011, from 5-8pm at the Beatty Community Center located at 100 A Avenue South in Beatty, 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 how groundwater is affected by historic underground nuclear testing at the Nevada National Security Site (NNSS, formerly the Nevada Test Site).

The 3rd Annual *Groundwater Open House* will provide community members the opportunity 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 NNSS' Pahute Mesa region and two wells in the Frenchman Flat area 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."

Members of the volunteer-based Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board and the Community Environmental Monitoring Program will also be present at the event.

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