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SCIENCE NOTES

Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management Offers New Curriculum

To meet the need for citizen awareness of the impact of nuclear waste on science and society, the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management (DOE/OCRWM) has developed a four-unit resource curriculum. This curriculum, *Science, Society and America's Nuclear Waste*, is available to educators without charge.

DOE/OCRWM is also sponsoring a nationwide teacher workshop teleconference on Saturday, April 24, 1993, from 2 to 4 p.m. (E.S.T.).

Designed for grades 8-12, the curriculum is suitable for environmental science; social science; physical science; science, technology and society (STS) and physics classes.

This resource curriculum was written to provide students and educators with an unbiased view of the scientific, technological and societal challenges of controlling nuclear waste. It also provides a framework to guide students in understanding the impact of nuclear waste in their own lives.

To participate in the teleconference, call your local cable company or contact the OCRWM Information Center at (800) 225-6972.

The resource curriculum and supporting materials are available by calling the Information Center or by writing OCRWM Information Center, Curriculum Department, P.O. Box 44375, Washington, D.C. 20026.

--E.B.S.

Iowa Students Named ExploraVision Semifinalists

A team from Maharishi Middle School, Fairfield, Iowa, has been named regional semifinalists in the Toshiba/NSTA ExploraVision science competition. Team members are Kathryn Bettis, Mikaila Maidment, Jessica Hawthorne and Sarah Vigmostad. Their project, *Making Life Better with Virtual Reality*, was judged based on their storyboard. Criteria were creativity in vision and communication, historical perspective, scientific accuracy and feasibility.

The students received a \$500 grant to create a videotape presentation of their storyboard. Their videotape and those of the other 47 regional semifinalists will be evaluated to determine the 12 national finalists to be announced in early May.

--A.L.W.