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Children of U.S. Department of Energy Grand Junction Site Employees Explore Ways to Take Care of Our Earth

(Grand Junction, CO) — Work performed by employees at the local U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) site is focused on the protection of the public and environment. DOE Grand Junction manages complex environmental restoration programs and performs long-term surveillance and maintenance activities at sites across the nation. Children of DOE Grand Junction employees will learn about their parents' work as well as how to take care of the environment at the site's annual "Take Our Children to Work Day" this Thursday, April 22.

This is the eighth year DOE Grand Junction has organized scheduled activities to tie-in with the national event, which was renamed last year to "Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work Day." More than 30 children and grandchildren of all ages are expected to visit the DOE site at this year's event. The children will participate in guided tours in the morning including hands-on lessons and safety tips in the "Safety-Saur-Us" dino-mobile van provided by St. Mary's Hospital Emergency Medical Service Outreach. Other tour stops will include a recycling presentation from LifeSpan Technology Recycling and a ground and surface water demonstration.

"This year's event falls on the same day as Earth Day, so it's a great opportunity to show the children the work their parents perform," said Audrey Berry, DOE Legacy Management Stakeholder Relations. "We want the children to understand the environmental considerations involved in our work activities."

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To commemorate the day, the children will create custom quilt squares with an Earth theme that will later be sewn together to make a quilt. The children will also make crafts related to Earth Day and enjoy a hot lunch at the site with their parents and grandparents.

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Note: Media are invited to visit the site during this half-day event; site tours run from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Please contact Wendee Ryan at (970) 248–6765 to schedule a visit.

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