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Operation: Clean Desert – An Environmental Management Kid’s Display

Get ready to don “decoder glasses,” and take a trip with “Adam” *the Atom* and *Dr. Proton* at the Pahrump Community Library today through December 29th to learn about the different types of cleanup activities that take place at the Nevada Test Site!

The exhibit features “Adam” *the Atom* and *Dr. Proton*, original animated characters designed and developed by southern Nevada high school students, to explain the historical nuclear testing program and subsequent environmental cleanup in a comic-strip type format. Once inside the exhibit, visitors are invited to wear “decoder glasses” used to decode messages and puzzles embedded within the display.

The U.S. Department of Energy Nevada Site Office Environmental Management (EM) Program teamed up with Advanced Technologies High School in Las Vegas, Nevada to form the EM Student Forum. The Student Forum is a pilot program which was created to assist the EM in providing understandable outreach material to stakeholders. The students developed the characters, wrote the script, and created the animation for the exhibit.

The EM Kid’s Display is comprised of a variety of pieces that are mounted on to magnetic display boards to incorporate three-dimensional animation, removable parts, and interactive pieces, designed to provide a hands-on learning experience for children of all ages.

The public and media are invited to visit the exhibit. The Pahrump Community Library, located at 2101 E. Calvada Blvd., is open Monday through Thursday 9:00 am to 6:00 pm, Friday and Saturday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

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