

Modelling for rocks: what's hidden inside - and why?
Investigating the permeability of rocks and how they let water, oil and gas flow through

From Mary, New Mexico

Nice, neat simple activity. I will also use the models developed in this activity when I introduce rocks, probably as a follow up to the 'Rock Detective' activity.

('Rock detective - rocky clues to the past' can be found in the Earth Materials category)

From James, UK

Artificial Glaciers Help Farmers Battle Global Warming: To offset the disruptive irrigation effects brought on by global warming, the small village of Stakmo, India has been developing a method for creating its own artificial glaciers. The process involves diverting unused autumn and winter runoffs into specially constructed rock reservoirs that hold the water. As the weather grows colder, the collected water freezes, maintaining the supply of water until spring when it begins to melt. This innovative technique provides water to farmers during the planting season when natural glaciers still haven't thawed due to their higher elevations.