

PRESIDENT OBAMA VISITS ARGONNE: The value of our world-leading laboratories got some much deserved national attention last week. On Friday, President Obama traveled to Argonne National Laboratory to talk about the effects of the so-called sequester and his plan to create an Energy Security Trust. The Trust would invest revenues from oil and gas development in critical, cutting-edge research that will help shift our cars and trucks off of fossil fuels, building on the important work that the Department is already doing.



WEEKLY ADDRESS: While at Argonne, the President recorded his Weekly Address focusing on our all-of-the-above approach to American energy -- including the proposed Energy Security Trust. Watch it here: <http://go.usa.gov/2mcw>



A FIRST HAND LOOK AT DOE INNOVATION: President Obama and Secretary Chu also took time to tour Argonne and see some of the extraordinary research underway. <http://go.usa.gov/2mcb>

DANGERS OF THE SEQUESTER: The President also talked about the damage that the so-called "sequester" could do to America's competitiveness and our innovation economy. Paraphrasing from a letter by the directors of LBNL ORNL and ANL the President warned, "This sudden halt on new starts will freeze American science in place while the rest of the

world races forward, and it will knock a generation of young scientists off their stride, ultimately costing billions of dollars in missed future opportunities." Read more: <http://go.usa.gov/2mxx>

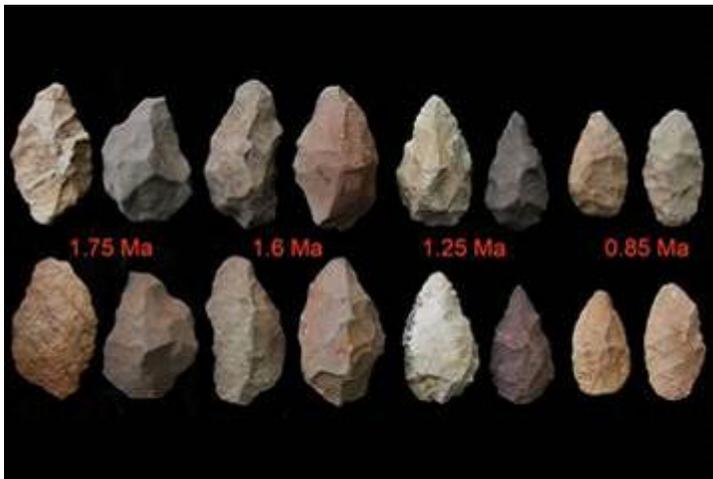
WOMEN @ ENERGY: In celebration of Women's History Month, the Office of Economic Impact and Diversity is launching a feature called "Women @ Energy." The web series highlights some of the extraordinary women at our Department and works to inspire women and girls to pursue education and careers in STEM fields. <http://go.usa.gov/2PYz>



RUBE GOLDBERG DAY: Nine Chicago high school teams recently competed in Argonne's 2013 Rube Goldberg Machine Contest. Check out what they put together: <http://bit.ly/11f6jTB>



A DIFFERENT KIND OF WEAPONS RESEARCH FROM LOS ALAMOS: Los Alamos National Laboratory Fellow Giday Woldegabriel and a team of international researchers recently examined world's oldest handaxes and other stone tools from Ethiopia. The team found distinct improvements in workmanship as mental capabilities of the tool makers increased, helping scientists understand how early humans developed over time <http://go.usa.gov/2Pbz>



THE SCIENCE OF CLOUDS: LBNL scientist David Romps is using advanced modeling to better understand the effect of climate change on clouds. While our modeling and understanding of the effects of global climate change is constantly improving, the impact on clouds remains one of the least understood fields. <http://go.usa.gov/2PWB>

NNSA AT TEMPLE: NNSA recently helped Temple University remove an old medical radiological device from its campus, ensuring that the radioactive material couldn't fall into the wrong hands. <http://go.usa.gov/2Pjd>



CONGRATULATIONS!: EM recently received an A+ from the Energy Communities Alliance for outreach to local governments and communities. <http://go.usa.gov/2PZ5>

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