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Geothermal workshop attendees in Nome will tour Pilgrim Hot Springs, Mary's Igloo

Nome, Alaska – A tour of Alaska's historic hot springs near Nome will be held in conjunction with a public workshop, as part of the U. S. Department of Energy's "GeoPowering the West" Initiative.

This informative event will be held in Nome on Tuesday, June 28, beginning at 9:00 a.m., at the Aurora Hotel. The workshop and tour are co-sponsored by the Alaska Energy Authority (AEA), the State's energy office. A great line-up of speakers promises a workshop well worth attending.

Nome Mayor Denise Michels will give opening remarks. Nome Utility Manager and former Mayor John Handeland will speak on geothermal impacts on utility operations. Tim Towarak, President and CEO of Bering Straits Native Corporation, will speak at the workshop, as well as organizer Gerry Hutterer, President of the Colorado-based Geothermal Management Co. Both Representative Richard Foster and Senator Donny Olson have been invited to make remarks and attend the workshop.

On Wednesday, June 29, attendees will tour Pilgrim Hot Springs, the site of a former orphanage which used the hot springs in its physical plant and for gardening, and Mary's Igloo, a village north of Nome, to see the hot springs and wells. The workshop and tour will enable attendees to share information and to learn firsthand more ways in which geothermal resources can be developed beneficially.

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