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The Second Great British Columbia ShakeOut

Natural Resource Canada is an enthusiastic supporter and partner in the second province-wide Drop, Cover and Hold On drill on Thursday October 20, 2011. It has been a tremendous opportunity to work within the BC Earthquake Alliance and partner with municipal, provincial and other federal agencies to help BC citizens become better prepared for earthquakes. The first drill was a tremendous success with over 10% of the province's population registered, and we hope through our collective efforts to reach an even larger number of participants.

Our department is responsible for earthquake monitoring in Canada and we have an ongoing research commitment to better understand seismic hazard - the frequency and extent of ground shaking we can expect here in British Columbia, the most seismically active part of the country. This work is fundamental to ensuring British Columbia's buildings and infrastructure are adequately built to withstand the expected earthquake shaking.

The drill serves as a reminder to the citizens of BC that they live in earthquake country and it is one simple step they can take to become better prepared to survive the next damaging earthquake in BC.

Please register at www.shakeoutbc.ca - and participate in the drill in October!

Sincerely,

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