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Activities

Know Your Aquifer

Name: _____ Date: _____

Different kinds of aquifers have different types of rocks. In this Planet Diary activity, you'll learn about the aquifer in your part of the country and compare it to others.

Directions

- Go to the National Atlas Map Maker. Select the *Map Layers* tab. Scroll to *Water* and select *Aquifers*. Click the *Aquifers* box to highlight it, then *Redraw Map* below the Map Layers tab. Each color on the map you created represents a different aquifer type. Click *Zoom in* (above the map) twice for a closer view.
- Click *Basic Maps* in the Map Layers tab. Select the *Cities and Towns* box to highlight it, then *Redraw Map*. In this activity, you'll go to the city closest to where you live. Then, you'll "visit" the cities on the Workspace table to compare aquifers. Use the map arrows to navigate to your city. Click *Identify*, then click the aquifer in your region. The *Identify Results* box describes its aquifer and rock types. Record this info on the first row of the table.
- Navigate to each of the other cities. Record their aquifer and rock types to complete the table.

Workspace

City	Aquifer Type	Rock Type
My city: _____		
Columbus, Ohio		
New York, New York		
Richmond, Virginia		
Miami, Florida		
Austin, Texas		
Sacramento, California		

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