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Satellite symposium gets off the ground

The use of satellites in the study, development and protection of earth's water sources is the focus of the fifth annual William T. Pecora Symposium, which opens today in Sioux Falls.

The symposium runs through Friday, and about 400 scientists, resource managers and planners from around the world are expected to attend. Registration today is at the Downtown Holiday Inn.

Joseph S. Cragwall Jr., associate director of the U.S. Geological Survey, will open the symposium. The USGS is the nation's largest collector and distributor of water data. Several internationally known scientists will present papers on hydrology.

Rep. Thomas Anderson of Michigan will speak at the awards dinner Wednesday. The Pecora award, which honors individuals or organizations for contributions to the field of remote sensing, will be presented by Pitt Thome of NASA.

The conference will conclude Friday with a field trip through eastern South Dakota to illustrate operational applications of the use of satellites in hydrology.

The field trip will be conducted by the Remote Sensing Institute of South Dakota State University. Tours of the EROS Data Center near Garretson also are included in the week's itinerary.