

On Friday, April 24, the Bureau of Reclamation's Engineering and Laboratory Services Division will provide a tour of their testing facility and ongoing projects as part of the 2020 USSD Annual Conference and Exhibition. The Bureau of Reclamation's research facility occupies 3-1/2 acres of the Denver Federal Center just west of downtown Denver and is home to a premier government laboratory specializing in hydraulics, concrete, rock mechanics, plastics, coatings, and other materials.

As part of the tour, participants will hear about, and view, exciting and diverse projects currently underway at the Reclamation facility. This includes multiple large scale physical hydraulic models, extensive material testing capabilities, and a large concrete cylinder break using their 5 million lb (2.3 million kg) testing machine. Tour guides will be available to guide participants through the various areas of the laboratory and answer questions. Participants need to bring government-issued photo ID and should plan to wear comfortable closed-toe/heel shoes and long pants.

Identical morning and afternoon tours will be offered. Each tour is limited to 100 participants. Tickets (\$40) are available for conference attendees and their guests. Register online or by emailing Info@USSDams.org. Transportation provided.

Morning tour: -- depart the Hyatt at 8 am, return at noon.

Afternoon tour: -- depart the Hyatt at 1 pm, return at 5 pm.

