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Seminar Announcement

Tuesday, April 4, 2006 ♦ 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
GWCC ♦ 5601 Sunnyside Ave, Beltsville, MD 20705
Conference Room 4-1255/1125

Dr. Charles A. Lawson
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“Water and Environment Issues in the Middle East”

Dr. Lawson currently serves as the Senior Advisor for Science and Technology in the Office of Regional Affairs, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs. He is responsible for water and environmental issues in the Middle East peace negotiations, including the work of the Multilateral Working Groups on Water Resources and the Environment. Dr. Lawson is the U.S. Representative and Vice Chairman of the Executive Council of the Middle East Desalination Research Center and the U.S. Coordinator for the Palestinian-Israeli-U.S. Trilateral Water Working Group. Dr. Lawson began his career at DOS in September 1987 in the Office of Cooperative Science and Technology Programs, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs. From July 1992 to February 1993, Dr. Lawson served as the Special Assistant for Science and Technology to Ambassador Richard L. Armitage, Deputy to the Coordinator for U.S. Government Assistance to the New Independent States. From January 1989 to July 1992, Dr. Lawson served as the Attaché for Environmental, Scientific and Technological Affairs at the U.S. Embassy in Tel Aviv, where his responsibilities included: coordinating all U.S.-Israel governmental S&T activities; managing two U.S.A.I.D. scientific research programs, and negotiating on bilateral S&T agreements and regional water issues. Prior to entering the Department of State, Dr. Lawson was actively involved in scientific research in the geological sciences. From 1984 to 1987, he was a research geologist and project chief at the U.S. Geological Survey in Reston Virginia. From 1982 to 1984, he was a National Academy of Sciences/National Research Council Research Fellow at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas. Prior to 1982, he conducted research as a graduate student and research fellow at Princeton University and the Carnegie Institution of Washington's Geophysical Laboratory. He has published numerous scientific articles. Dr. Lawson received his B.S. degree from the University of California at Santa Cruz and his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Princeton University, all in the geological sciences.

Dr. Lawson will discuss the importance of water and environment issues to U.S. foreign policy interests in the Middle East, including their roles in the Israeli-Arab peace process, Iraq, the Nile, and Libya.



(Presentation includes Question and Discussion Time)

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