

## **Abstract Submission Deadline: 5 July 2021 at 5 p.m. U.S. Central Daylight Time**

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#### **Sixth International Conference on Engineering Geophysics (ICEG2021)**

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This Abstract Kit contains the following items:

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