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LUCERNE VALLEY - The Mitsubishi Cement plant will soon be featured on television sets across the nation.

The children's show "Curiosity Quest," which airs on PBS, filmed an episode at the local plant focusing on how used tires are recycled to help create cement, said Cara Van Dijk, a spokeswoman for the show.

The sixth season of the show is focusing on the environment, and producers thought Mitsubishi's practices were a great fit to be featured.

"We're all looking forward to it," said David Rib, environmental manager at the Cushenbury plant. "The host likes to get in and do things hands on. He likes to kick the tires - literally in this case."

On the show Rib takes Greene on a tour following the path of the tires, right up until when the tires go into the kiln to be burned, Rib said.

"Creator and host Joel Greene takes the award-winning television program, aimed at elementary and middle-school age children, on quests to learn about earth-friendly practices," Van Dijk said. "During 'Curiosity Quest's Green Season' Joel will take the audience along for thirteen hands-on tours to places including a landfill, a bottle recycler, an e-waste recycler and more."

The episode is set to air on Monday, May 26.

The current "green" season runs through July 18. "Curiosity Quest" airs Mondays at 7:30 p.m. on KVCR, Inland Empire on channel 24, 25 or 26, repeating Fridays at 6:30 p.m., Van Dijk said.

"Curiosity Quest" is also currently conducting a competition for young people, which closes on June 1. They are currently looking for the next big adventure, asking viewers to send Joel on another exciting quest. The best quest submission, as selected by the "Curiosity Quest" team, will win a \$1,000 Young Savers Account from PFF Bank and Trust, the show's sponsor, and an invitation to accompany Joel on the suggested quest.

For more information, go to www.curiosityquest.org.

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