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PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP THROUGHOUT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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WHITE HOUSE HONORS OUTSTANDING FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL ACHIEVEMENTS

WASHINGTON, DC -- Acting Federal Environmental Executive Dana Arnold today announced the winners of the 2009 White House Closing the Circle (CTC) Awards for outstanding Federal environmental stewardship.

Over the last fifteen years the CTC Awards have recognized outstanding achievements of Federal employees and their facilities for their commitment to environmental stewardship by improving environmental performance and conditions at Federal facilities.

“The President believes that we all have a responsibility to our children to leave this Earth better than we found it. All Americans must have a vested interest in the protection and proper maintenance of our irreplaceable national treasures.” said Dana Arnold, the Acting Federal Environmental Executive. “Our award winners this year have worked hard and long in their respective Federal agencies and facilities to ensure that their policies, programs and practices lead us to a healthier, better sustainable, and economically stronger America.”

This year, 15 winners and 13 honorable mentions were selected from nearly 200 nominations in the areas of environmental management systems, pollution prevention, recycling, green product purchasing, alternative fuels, electronics stewardship and sustainable buildings. The awards ceremony will be held on June 17, 2009, in the Natcher Auditorium of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), in Bethesda, MD, to formally recognize the winners and their programs.

Created by executive order, the Office of the Federal Environmental Executive (OFEE) is a chartered task force under the White House Council on Environmental Quality. It works to promote the greening of the Federal government by assisting agencies in integrating environmental considerations into their daily operations and management decisions. OFEE assists agencies with such sustainable practices as implementing environmental management systems, purchasing green products, designing and constructing sustainable buildings, electronics stewardship, and waste prevention and recycling.

2009 White House Closing the Circle Awards Winners

Environmental Management Systems – Military

Department of Defense
Defense Supply Center Richmond, VA
EMS Implementation Team
EMS Benefits to a DOD Installation

Environmental Management Systems – Civilian

Federal Aviation Administration
Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center, OK
EMS Registration Team
Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center EMS Registration

Recycling – Military

U.S. Air Force
Sheppard Air Force Base, TX
Pollution Prevention Team
Sheppard Puts the R in Recycling

Recycling – Civilian

General Services Administration
Washington, DC
National Capital Region Federal Recycling Program
Recycling: A Win/Win Situation

Alternative Fuel and Fuel Conservation in Transportation – Military

U.S. Air Force
Materiel Support Division, Pentagon, Washington, DC
Mr. Jeffrey Grages
Air Force Fleet Energy Manager

Alternative Fuel and Fuel Conservation in Transportation – Civilian

Department of the Treasury
Washington, DC
Fleet Management Council
Petroleum Use Reduction

Waste/Pollution Prevention – Military

U.S. Army
Fort Hood, TX
Pollution Prevention Team
Fort Hood Pollution Prevention Team

Waste/Pollution Prevention – Civilian

Department of Energy
Y-12 National Security Complex, TN
Pollution Prevention Team
Y-12 Manufacturing Makes High-Tech P2 Look Easy

Green Purchasing – Military

U.S. Air Force
Robins Air Force Base, GA
Green Procurement Program Team
Green Buys for Blue Skies

Green Purchasing – Civilian

United States Postal Service
Washington, DC
Green Purchasing Team
USPS Green Purchasing Program

Electronics Stewardship – Civilian

Environmental Protection Agency
Region 8 Office, CO
EPA Region 8 Office
Electronics Stewardship Program

Sustainable Design/Green Buildings – Military

U.S. Air Force
Offutt Air Force Base, NE
Air Force Weather Agency Design Team
Air Force Weather Agency Headquarters

Sustainable Design/Green Buildings – Civilian

Environmental Protection Agency
Region 8 Office, CO
EMS/Green Build/Facilities Team
EMS Makes “Molehills from Mountains”

Sowing the Seeds for Change

Department of Agriculture

Deer River Ranger District, MN

Deer River Ranger District and Extreme Makeover Team

Extreme Makeover

Department of Health & Human Services

National Institutes of Health, MD

Office of Research Facilities

Laboratory Decommissioning Protocol

2009 White House Closing the Circle Awards Honorable Mentions

Environmental Management Systems – Military

U.S. Navy

Commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic, VA

Commander, Navy Region Mid-Atlantic, and Hampton Roads

Regional Environmental Management System Success

Environmental Management Systems – Civilian

Environmental Protection Agency

Region 7 Office, KS

EMS Sustainment Team

Innovation in EMS Design: Region 7's EMS

Recycling – Military

U.S. Army

Fort Bragg, NC

Bragg About Recycling Team

FY08 - A Year to Bragg About!

U.S. Air Force

Hill Air Force Base, UT

Qualified Recycling Program

Reaching New Heights -- Recycling at Hill

Recycling – Civilian

Department of Agriculture

Washington, DC

Headquarters Green Team

Flagship for Waste Reduction and Recycling

Waste/Pollution Prevention – Military

U.S. Army

Fort Leonard Wood, MO

TACOM Transportation Maintenance Support Team

Motorpool Pollution Prevention Initiatives

Waste/Pollution Prevention – Civilian

Department of Energy

Savannah River Site, SC

Gasket Tool Team

SRS Deploys New Gasket Removal & Replacement Tool

United States Postal Service

Pacific Area Environmental Programs, CA

USPS Pacific Area Team

Getting the Lead Out

Green Purchasing – Military

U.S. Air National Guard

179th Airlift Wing, OH

Green Purchasing Team

Building on Green Success

Green Purchasing – Civilian

Department of Justice

United States Penitentiary Hazelton, WV

USP Hazelton Safety Department

Green Purchasing for Prison Sanitation

Electronics Stewardship – Civilian

Department of Agriculture

Agricultural Research Service

Northern Plains Agricultural Research Laboratory, MT

Erase Your Ewaste Team

Electronic Waste Recycling in Rural America

Sustainable Design/Green Buildings – Military

U.S. Army

Fort Carson, CO

Fort Carson 1 BCT Headquarters Team

Fort Carson Gold LEED Facility

Sustainable Design/Green Buildings – Civilian

Department of the Interior

Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge, VT

Nulhegan Basin Green Building Team

Nulhegan Basin Division Green Buildings