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Philadelphia District employee wins national honors

PHILADELPHIA (Dec. 06, 2007): The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers today announced that a Philadelphia District employee was selected for a national environmental education award.

Kathleen Grim, park ranger at the Corps' Blue Marsh Lake in Leesport, Pa., has continually met and exceeded the multiple criteria areas from which individuals are selected for the award.

According to the award declaration, Grim was selected "in recognition of outstanding achievement using interpretation to enhance public understanding of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, promoting positive experiences and attitudes and encouraging voluntary stewardship of natural, cultural and created resources."

Grim, who currently resides in Reading, Pa., formally accepted the award Nov. 8 at the annual National Association for Interpretation Workshop in Wichita, Kan.

Hiram M. Chittenden Award for Interpretive Excellence recognizes outstanding contributions in interpretation and environmental education by a Corps employee. The award is given based on the demonstration of creativity and originality, which produces a positive experience for visitors and enhances the public's understanding of Corps programs.

The National Association for Interpretation is a professional organization dedicated to advancing the profession of heritage interpretation, currently serving about 5000 members in the United States, Canada, and over thirty other nations. Individual members include those who work at parks, museums, nature centers, zoos, botanical gardens, aquariums, commercial tour companies, and theme parks. Commercial and institutional members include those who provide services to the heritage interpretation industry.