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THE NATIONAL POLLUTION PREVENTION ROUNDTABLE ANNOUNCES: THE 2008 MOST VALUABLE POLLUTION PREVENTION AWARD WINNERS

WASHINGTON, DC – The Illinois Sustainable Technology Center (ISTC): The Cutting Edge Partnership was one of this year’s recipients for the Most Valuable Pollution Prevention (MVP²) award for their work on pollution prevention and related economic savings. ISTC was one of five projects to be honored by the National Pollution Prevention Roundtable at an annual ceremony in Washington, DC on September 19, 2008.

The Illinois Sustainable Technology Center program The Cutting Edge Partnership focuses on bringing together a variety of expertise in machining, formulations, recycling, product management, environmental health, and safety to help companies address the uncertainties in adopting new technologies. The Cutting Edge Partnership is designed to use already existing resources to improve a company’s environmental footprint.

This years winners demonstrated that reducing pollution and protecting the environment can also save on the pocketbook. Combined the winners reduced pollution by nearly 19 million pounds, conserved more than 7.5 kilowatts of energy, and reduced water consumption by 27 million gallons a year, while cutting costs by over \$1 million. Jeffrey Burke, Executive Director of NPPR, stated, “These organizations have clearly demonstrated that pollution prevention is beneficial to both the environment and the economy. They are being recognized for their leadership and commitment to promoting a sustainable future.”

The MVP² awards are just one aspect of National P² Week, which is September 15th - 21st. Since P² Week became a national event in 1995, NPPR has been advancing pollution prevention awareness though its efforts to encourage and promote widespread participation during this week. By sharing information, National P² Week is a time when organizations can become more competitive, can realize cost savings, and enhance environmental quality.

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