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EPA RECOGNIZES NEW ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE TRACK MEMBERS

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced today 25 facilities recently selected as new members of EPA's National Environmental Performance Track program. The program recognizes top environmental performers and encourages both public and private organizations which voluntarily go beyond compliance with environmental regulations and publicly commit to specific environmental improvements over the next three years.

Acting Administrator Marianne Lamont Horinko said, "The 25 new members, including national parks, corporations, a university and other institutions, join the ranks of other Performance Track facilities working together with the EPA in a public commitment to superior environmental performance and our future."

Washington State University in Pullman, Washington is one of the new members and the first university accepted to the Performance Track program. The university has committed to decreasing air pollutants by constructing and using a new energy plant for its campus. By 2005, the university commits to reduce nitrogen oxide emissions by more than 50 percent and its sulfur dioxide emissions by more than 85 percent. Additional examples of commitments made by the new Performance Track members include: 50 percent reduction in emissions of ozone depleting gases, 53 percent reduction in hazardous solid waste, 52 percent reduction in water use, and recycling and reduced energy consumption commitments.

The list of new Performance Track facilities includes: Grand Canyon National Park, Ariz; Xanterra Parks & Resorts at Grand Canyon National Park, Ariz; Verkamp's Inc., Ark; CYRO Industries, Ark; U.S. Borax, Inc., Calif; Rockwell Collins, Inc., 35th Street Operations and C Avenue Operations, Iowa; Webasto Roof Systems, Inc., Ky; YH America, Inc., Ky; Fairchild Semiconductor Corp., Maine; Nexfor Fraser Papers, Inc., Maine; Visteon Corporation, Chesterfield Plant, Mich; Spartech Polycom, NY; John Zink Company, LLC, Okla; Eaton Hydraulics, SC; Xanterra at Mt. Rushmore National Memorial, SD; Delta Faucet Company of Tennessee, Tenn; Motorola, Inc., Ed Bluestein Facility, Texas; International Paper-Franklin Mill, Va; Infineon Technologies Richmond, LLP, Va; Stanley Furniture, Va; Nestle USA Danville, Va; Washington State University, Wash; Grand Teton Lodge Company, Wyo; Pfizer Pharmaceuticals, LLC, Puerto Rico.

Members in the Performance Track Program receive a range of incentives such as public recognition and low inspection priority. Facilities are also eligible for several kinds of administrative flexibility and streamlined administrative requirements that reduce costs and enable members to achieve better environmental results. In addition, members benefit from special services, including a learning network comprised of top environmental performers that has a mentoring program, tele-seminars, EPA roundtable discussions, and newsletters.