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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*