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**EFFORTS OF FEDERAL MANAGEMENT TEAMS SAVE OVER \$100 MILLION AND PREVENT
240,000 METRIC TONS OF CARBON DIOXIDE FROM ENTERING THE ATMOSPHERE**
Five Federal Agencies Honored for Conserving Energy, Reducing Costs, and Protecting the Environment

Washington, D.C. – The 2002 Presidential Awards for Leadership in Federal Energy Management today honored five agencies whose leadership efforts with energy conservation have saved over \$100 million and prevented approximately 240,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide from entering the earth's atmosphere. A list of the recipient teams, which were recognized today at a White House ceremony, follows.

"The people and projects honored here today show how every action we take - both as individuals and as Federal employees - can cut our nation's energy bill, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and increase our nation's energy security through greater energy independence," said Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham.

"The President has committed his team to making the government more effective and efficient. The agency teams honored today exemplify this commitment. They show that when we spend money wisely, we can also have the added benefit of preserving our natural resources," said Mark W. Everson, Deputy Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

OMB hosted the event in support of President Bush's National Energy Policy (NEP), a nationwide plan to modernize conservation efforts, accelerate the protection of the environment and increase the nation's energy security. With over 500,000 buildings and as the largest energy consumer, the federal government is directed under Executive Order 13123 to promote energy conservation through building design, energy efficiency and emerging technologies.

Award for Outstanding Performance: Navy Shipboard Energy Conservation Team, Department of Defense

- In FY 2001, the efforts of this team saved \$41.7 million (1,012,000 barrels of fuel), the equivalent of removing approximately 68,000 sports utility vehicles from the Nation's road for a year.
- The team installed stern flaps on 34 ships to save an estimated 112,000 barrels of fuel. When fully implemented, these adjustments will save approximately \$17.5 million annually.

Award for Institutionalization: Department of Commerce

- The Department's Strategic Implementation Plan for Energy Management engages all of its bureaus and staff including procurement, legal, budget, management and facility maintenance.
- The plan will help maintain the agency's annual 2 percent reduction in energy use which has been reduced a total of 34 percent since 1985.

Award for Implementation: General Services Administration (GSA)

- GSA's nationwide Public Building Service program guides regional offices to make improvements and prioritize projects that aid energy efficiency.
- By investing almost \$50 million in new equipment, GSA saved enough energy to provide for the annual consumption of approximately 10 million square feet of office space.

Award for Outreach: Pentagon Renovation Office, Department of Defense

- The Pentagon Renovation Program (PenRen) actively promotes energy conservation and efficient design practices with the private sector, local governments, industry and national organizations.
- PenRen has set a high standard for energy efficiency with its use of environmentally-preferable building materials and products, and through recycling 70 percent of all construction debris.

Award for Results: Army National Cancer Institute/Army Garrison at Fort Detrick: Department of Health and Human Services/ Department of Defense

- Under their Partnership for Energy Performance (PEP) program, Fort Detrick has maximized investments of \$25 million for facility improvements which yielded energy savings of \$60 million.
- This program will save more than 163 pounds of steam used for heat and power and nearly 17 million gallons of water, the equivalent of almost 16 hours of water use by the entire county of Frederick, Maryland.

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