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### **Allegheny Energy's Albright and Fort Martin Power Stations Recertified as VPP Star Worksites**

**Greensburg, Pa., August 3, 2006** – Allegheny Energy, Inc. (NYSE: AYE) announced today that its Albright and Fort Martin power stations were recognized by the U.S. Department of Labor for continued superior workplace safety.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration recertified both West Virginia plants as Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) Star worksites. Less than 1 percent of worksites nationwide have achieved VPP Star status. OSHA recognizes an elite group of facilities whose employees demonstrate a continuing commitment to workplace safety and health beyond standard agency requirements.

“The Voluntary Protection Program brings with it a culture of proactive safety awareness and cooperation to promote health and safety in the workplace,” said Joseph H. Richardson, Chief Operating Officer – Generation. “Recertification is a demonstration of our employees’ ongoing commitment to safety. We congratulate our Albright and Fort Martin employees for making safety top priority in their daily lives.”

OSHA officials honored Albright’s 82 employees today with a ceremony designating the station as a continuing VPP Star Facility and presented them with a recertification plaque. A similar celebration to recognize Fort Martin’s 134 employees is scheduled for August 7.

According to OSHA, the Star Program recognizes leaders in occupational safety and health that are successfully protecting workers from death, injury and illness by implementing far-reaching and effective health and safety programs.

Allegheny Energy has participated in OSHA’s VPP since November 2000 and has a total of seven VPP Star-Certified sites.

#### **Allegheny Energy**

Headquartered in Greensburg, Pa., Allegheny Energy is an investor-owned utility consisting of two major businesses. Allegheny Energy Supply owns and operates electric generating facilities, and Allegheny Power delivers low-cost, reliable electric service to customers in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Maryland, and Virginia. For more information, visit our Web site at [www.alleghenyenergy.com](http://www.alleghenyenergy.com).