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**Allegheny Energy Supply's Harrison Power Station  
To Receive Environmental Education Leadership Award**

**Greensburg, Pa., April 19, 2000** – Employees at Allegheny Energy Supply's Harrison Power Station have been selected to receive an Environmental Education Leadership Award from the West Virginia Division of Environmental Protection (DEP) for its involvement in Project WET (Water Education for Teachers). West Virginia Governor Cecil H. Underwood will present the award today in Charleston as part of a ceremony recognizing industry representatives and community leaders statewide.

“Allegheny Energy and its employees are committed to protecting the environment,” said George Dragich, Regional Director for Allegheny's Harrison/Rivesville Region. “We are very proud of the work our employees put into the projects that benefit our communities, including the organization and operation of the Project WET Workshops. We are very honored to be receiving this award from the West Virginia Division of Environmental Protection and Governor Underwood.”

Located near Shinnston, W.Va, the 1,950-megawatt Harrison Power Station is the largest power station operated by Allegheny Energy Supply and employs 234 workers. During the last two years, the station has partnered with the DEP to provide Project WET workshops for educators at Harrison Power Station. The workshops have been attended by teachers, 4-H, and community leaders, and they promote the effectiveness of education in environmental stewardship.

The next Project WET workshop is scheduled for June 19 at Harrison Power Station. The workshop covers the various environmental aspects of water, including atmospheric, surface, and ground water; chemistry; water history; watersheds; wetlands; aquatic wildlife; water quality; and water stewardship. It involves demonstrations and classroom activities, and each participant receives a *Project WET Curriculum and Activity Guide* that provides ideas and activities for use in all subject areas and grade levels. In addition, participants are also taken on a tour of the Harrison Power Station that emphasizes the various uses of water in the production of electricity.

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Harrison and the neighboring Rivesville Power Station in Marion County have an ongoing commitment to environmental and community stewardship, which includes a number of partnering, recycling, educational, and community projects in addition to Project WET. For example, in conjunction with the Company sponsorship of the national River Sweep, the Harrison/Rivesville Region annually sponsors a clean-up site on the West Fork River, which last year attracted more than 30 volunteers.

The region also participates in Harrison County Earth Week activities and will have an exhibit on display at Meadowbrook Mall this year from April 24-30. The region has recognized local schools for their environmental stewardship for the past two years. They have partnered with the Lower West Fork Watershed Association to provide water quality testing on the watershed.

Harrison employees recently participated in an Allegheny Energy Earth Day 2000 tire collection, and in a recycling project, the station donated used 35-gallon and 55-gallon steel drums to West Virginia University's Tuning Project (UTP) which converts them into musical instruments used in symphony orchestras around the world.

"These are just a few of the many environmental initiatives that Allegheny Energy employees participate in every day," said Dragich. "They are a part of Allegheny Energy's commitment to being a good corporate neighbor and protecting the environment in which our employees live, work, and raise their families."

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