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**Allegheny Energy Supply employees recognized by Western Pennsylvania Safety Council
for outstanding safety and health achievements**

Hagerstown, Md., May 9, 2001 – Employees at Allegheny Energy Supply’s Pleasants, Willow Island, Harrison, Rivesville, Albright, and Fort Martin Power Stations were recognized by the Western Pennsylvania Safety Council (WPSC) for their outstanding achievements in occupational safety and health.

“We congratulate Allegheny Energy Supply’s employees on their outstanding safety performance,” says Roger Christensen, President, Western Pennsylvania Safety Council. “Because of these honors, Allegheny Energy Supply joins a select group of companies that have shown a strong commitment toward the safety and health of its employees.”

These Allegheny Energy Supply employees received the WPSC awards for doing an outstanding job of reducing the number of recordable injuries in the workplace.

“We are delighted that the Western Pennsylvania Safety Council chose to honor employees of Allegheny Energy Supply’s power stations with such a prestigious award,” says Harold E. McKinney, Executive Director, Power Station Production, Allegheny Energy Supply. “On the job, our employees are committed to making safety and health issues a top priority in the workplace. Allegheny Energy Supply will continue to promote safety and health programs while ensuring our customers reliable energy services.”

In addition, the WPSC also recognized employees from Allegheny Energy Supply’s Lake Lynn Power Station in Lake Lynn, Pa.; Hatfield’s Ferry Power Station in Masontown, Pa.; and R. Paul Smith Power Station in Williamsport, Md., for their outstanding achievements in occupational safety and health.

Allegheny Energy Supply operates and markets competitive retail and wholesale generation in markets throughout the United States and operates regulated generation for its affiliates. With its recently announced acquisitions and expansion plans, Allegheny Energy Supply will have ownership or control of generating capacity for more than 14,000 MW, with assets strategically located throughout the United States. For more information about Allegheny Energy Supply, visit our web site at www.alleghenyenergysupply.com.