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**Allegheny Energy sponsors River Sweep 2001**

**Hagerstown, Md., June 12, 2001** – Allegheny Energy is continuing its commitment to the environment by becoming a state sponsor of River Sweep 2001 in both Pennsylvania and West Virginia. The Company is donating \$10,000 to the Ohio River Water Sanitation Commission (ORSANCO), an organization formed more than 50 years ago to control and abate pollution in the Ohio River Basin.

Through the Environmental Stewardship Team, Allegheny Energy provides funding and in-kind services to nonprofit and civic organizations involved in environmental education, enhancement, conservation, and community service. The Company supports and participates in meaningful stewardship projects that produce measurable benefits for the environment.

In addition to the donation, hundreds of Allegheny Energy employees are expected to join other volunteers for the day-long River Sweep on Saturday, June 16, cleaning more than 3,000 miles of shoreline along the Ohio River and its tributaries. The event, the largest and longest running organized waterway cleanup in the United States, is organized by ORSANCO in cooperation with other environmental and natural resource agencies.

“Allegheny Energy is a major contributor to our event. We appreciate the Company’s leadership and the dedication of its employees to helping to make River Sweep a success,” says Alan H. Vicory, Executive Director and Chief Engineer, ORSANCO. “If it wasn’t for the synergy of businesses, government, and the public, we wouldn’t have approximately 20,000 people out on the river making a difference. Having these contributors working together make our efforts to preserve this magnificent natural resource possible.”

Allegheny’s contribution to River Sweep is part of the Company’s ongoing commitment to protecting and enhancing the region’s natural resources. In 2000, Allegheny Energy’s Stewardship Program contributed approximately \$185,000 to environmental programs in West Virginia and Pennsylvania.

Pamela M. Pershing, Allegheny Energy’s Advisor, Strategic Environmental Management, said the Company was pleased to contribute funds to ORSANCO for the sixth-straight year.

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“River Sweep is one of Allegheny Energy’s signature environmental stewardship projects. It generates an enormous amount of enthusiasm among our employees, and we are honored to lend our support to such a vital activity that promotes stewardship of our waterways,” Pershing said.

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