



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

#### **Allegheny Energy sponsors third and final Earth Day Tire Collection Project**

**Hagerstown, Md., April 18, 2002** – The *Allegheny Energy Earth Day Tire Collection Project* has been so successful, it is putting itself out of business after this year.

“We’ve had two very successful years, removing more than 60,000 tires from improper dump sites around our region,” said Pamela M. Pershing, Allegheny Energy’s Advisor, Strategic Environmental Management, who helps to coordinate the tire project. “In some of our areas, tires are becoming harder to find every year, and that’s the good news. We are hoping for one more good cleanup effort this spring to put a successful end to the program.”

Last year, more than 900 volunteers removed more than 37,000 improperly discarded tires from roadways, streams, and green spaces. In two years, approximately 2,000 volunteers have collected more than 60,000 tires, which were hauled away to be recycled, turning roadside trash into a useful, beneficial product.

This year’s event will be held on Saturday, April 20, from 8 a.m. until noon at a variety of sites in Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia. More than 900 volunteers have pre-registered for the event, including Allegheny Energy employees and members of the various communities.

As in past years, the volunteers will report to Allegheny Energy facilities, then branch out into pre-selected areas to collect and remove tires that have been improperly discarded. The volunteer teams will return the tires by truck to Allegheny Energy facilities, where they will be counted and hauled away to a qualified recycler.

“Allegheny Energy employees who have participated in this project and the many community volunteers who have helped us should feel very proud that we have been so successful in cleaning up the environment and helping to improve the communities where we live,” Pershing said.

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