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Allegheny Energy tire collection project recycles more than 102,000 tires in three years

Hagerstown, Md., April 20, 2002 – Just over 900 Allegheny Energy employees and community volunteers celebrated Earth Day on Saturday by collecting more than 37,000 discarded tires, making the Allegheny Energy *Earth Day 2002 Tire Collection Project* a complete success in its third and final year.

“In three years, we have seen a total of 2,628 volunteers remove and recycle more than 102,000 tires that were discarded as roadside trash,” said Pamela M. Pershing, Allegheny Energy’s Advisor, Strategic Environmental Management. “We are very proud of our employees who volunteered for this project, and all of the members of the community who showed up to offer their help and support. Many of our volunteers participated in all three years.”

Volunteers removed 27,359 tires in 2000 and 37,714 in 2001 in addition to 37,734 this year, Pershing said.

“We surpassed all expectations,” Pershing said. “We celebrated Earth Day with a project that was good for the environment, good for our employees, and good for our communities. The fact that improper dump sites are getting harder to find suggests that our efforts have been successful.”

The tires collected on Saturday were trucked to Allegheny Energy facilities and later hauled away to a qualified recycler.

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