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Employees at Allegheny Energy Supply's Albright Power Station Honored with VPP Star Certification from OSHA

Hagerstown, Md., September 16, 2003 – Allegheny Energy Supply, a subsidiary of Allegheny Energy, Inc. (NYSE: AYE), announced today that employees at its Albright Power Station, located in Albright, W.Va., were honored with Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) Star certification for superior workplace safety from the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). Employees at Albright are the third group of employees at an Allegheny Energy Supply facility to receive this honor, which recognizes companies whose employees demonstrate a commitment to workplace safety and health beyond OSHA's standard requirements.

Albright employees formally received their VPP Star certification during a ceremony at the facility earlier today. As a part of this ceremony, OSHA representatives raised a flag at the station that officially designates Albright Power Station as a VPP Star facility.

“Albright Power Station employees have been committed to making safety a priority throughout the facility's more than 50-year history, and I am honored to have the opportunity to celebrate their most recent accomplishment with them today,” said David C. Benson, Executive Vice President, Allegheny Energy Supply. “Last July, Albright employees reached the safety milestone of working 10 years without a lost-time injury or illness, and today we are here celebrating yet another safety milestone in the station's history – achieving VPP Star Status. I congratulate the employees at Albright Power Station for achieving VPP Star certification and for maintaining their steadfast commitment to safety.”

According to OSHA, the Star Program recognizes leaders in occupational safety and health that are successfully protecting workers from death, injury, and illness by implementing comprehensive and effective safety and health programs. Facilities recommended for VPP Star Status are evaluated according to a rigid set of qualifications, including management leadership and employee involvement; worksite analysis; hazard prevention and control; and safety and health training.

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Albright's 82 employees, with the support of Allegheny Energy Supply's Safety, Health & Training Team, worked for more than a year to be considered for this exclusive award that has only been achieved by less than one percent, or approximately 1,000 worksites, nationwide. The evaluation process is very rigorous and includes an on-site review by a team of OSHA representatives.

"Albright now joins its sister station, Fort Martin Power Station, near Morgantown, W.Va., as a VPP Star-certified workplace. It took a tremendous amount of hard work and cooperation among management, employees, and OSHA to achieve VPP Star Status, and Albright employees should be proud of what they have accomplished," said Kevin C. Geraghty, Regional Director, Fort Martin/Albright Region. "Our goal at Allegheny Energy Supply facilities is simple: to work each day without injury. We will continually strive to maintain the level of excellence we have been honored for today, and we look forward to working with OSHA to find new ways to protect our employees and make sure they go home safely to their families every day."

Allegheny Energy Supply has been participating in OSHA's VPP since November 2000. Earlier this year, employees at Allegheny Energy Supply's Lincoln Generating Facility, located in Manhattan, Ill., and Fort Martin Power Station, near Morgantown, made their stations the first and second Allegheny Energy Supply facilities to receive VPP Star certification. Employees at Allegheny Energy's Pleasants and Willow Island power stations, located near St. Marys, W.Va., will also be honored with this distinction, and employees at Harrison Power Station, located near Shinnston, W.Va., were recently recommended by OSHA to receive VPP Star Status and expect to know if their facility has been approved shortly. Several other Allegheny Energy facilities are in various stages of the process.

With headquarters in Hagerstown, Md., Allegheny Energy is an integrated energy company with a balanced portfolio of businesses, including Allegheny Energy Supply, which owns and operates electric generating facilities and supplies energy and energy-related commodities, and Allegheny Power, which delivers low-cost, reliable electric and natural gas service to about three million people in Maryland, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia. More information about the Company is available at www.alleghenyenergy.com.