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

Hagerstown, Md., July 23, 2003 – Allegheny Energy Supply, a subsidiary of Allegheny Energy, Inc. (NYSE: AYE), announced today that employees at its Fort Martin Power Station, located near Morgantown, 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 Fort Martin are the second unit 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.

Fort Martin 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 Fort Martin Power Station as a VPP Star facility.

"Receiving this certification is indicative of the commitment that Allegheny Energy has made to protecting the health and safety of its employees," said Jay S. Pifer, Chief Operating Officer, Allegheny Energy. "Our goal at Allegheny is not only to maintain the high level of safety that our employees have come to expect, but also to continually find ways to exceed it. I congratulate the employees at Fort Martin Power Station for making safety a priority, and consequently, for receiving this prestigious award."

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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Fort Martin's 152 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.

"It took a tremendous amount of hard work and cooperation among management, employees, and OSHA to achieve VPP Star Status, and Fort Martin employees should be proud of what they have accomplished," said Kevin C. Geraghty, Regional Director, Fort Martin/Albright Region. "But receiving this prestigious award from OSHA is only the beginning. We will continually strive to maintain this level of excellence by finding new ways to protect employees and make sure they go home safely to their families everyday."

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., made their station the first Allegheny Energy Supply facility to receive VPP Star certification. Employees at Allegheny Energy's Albright Power Station, located in Albright, W.Va., will also be honored with this distinction, and Pleasants and Willow Island power stations, located near St. Marys, W.Va., were recently recommended by OSHA to receive VPP Star Status and expect to know if their facilities have been approved within the next three months. 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.