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Employees at Allegheny Energy Supply's Lincoln Generating Facility Honored with VPP Star Certification from OSHA

Hagerstown, Md., May 15, 2003 – Allegheny Energy Supply, a subsidiary of Allegheny Energy, Inc. (NYSE: AYE), announced today that employees at its Lincoln Generating Facility, located in Manhattan, Ill., 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 Lincoln are the first at an Allegheny Energy facility to receive this honor, which recognizes companies whose employees demonstrate a commitment to workplace safety and health beyond OSHA's standard requirements.

Lincoln 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 generating station that officially designates Lincoln Generating Facility as a VPP Star facility.

"Receiving this certification is indicative of the commitment that Allegheny Energy Supply has made to protecting the health and safety of its employees," said David C. Benson, Interim Executive Vice President, Allegheny Energy Supply. "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 Lincoln Generating Facility 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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Lincoln's 10 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 900 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 Lincoln employees should be proud of what they have accomplished," said Merle I. Churchill, CT Plant Manager, Lincoln Generating Facility. "Although we have received this prestigious award, our commitment to protecting our employees does not stop there. With this honor comes the responsibility to maintain a standard equaled by few. We will continue to make safety a priority at Lincoln every day so that we can maintain this level of excellence for many years to come."

Although Lincoln Generating Facility is the first Allegheny Energy Supply facility to receive Star certification, Allegheny has been participating in OSHA's VPP since November 2000. Employees at several other Allegheny Energy facilities have submitted their applications to OSHA and have formal on-site reviews scheduled with agency representatives during the next six months. In addition, employees from 10 other Allegheny facilities are in various other 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 in selected domestic markets; 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.