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Allegheny Energy Supply announces project for Earth Day 2003 *Volunteers to beautify local neighborhoods through Community sMILE Program*

Hagerstown, Md., March 24, 2003 – Allegheny Energy Supply, a subsidiary of Allegheny Energy, Inc. (NYSE: AYE), will continue its tradition of participating in Earth Day this year by rolling out a new environmental initiative called the Community sMILE Program. Through the program, Allegheny employees, their families, and community friends will volunteer their time to help beautify the environment by gathering litter that has been carelessly discarded.

“For the past three years, Allegheny Energy employees and community volunteers have honored Earth Day by gathering more than 102,000 discarded tires through the Allegheny Energy Earth Day Tire Collection Project,” said David C. Benson, Vice President, Production, for Allegheny Energy Supply. “We are hoping to build upon the success of the Tire Collection Project with our new Community sMILE Program. Participants will get some fresh air and exercise while helping to bag miles of litter and clean our environment.”

This year’s event will be held on Saturday, April 26, from 10 a.m. until noon at a variety of sites in Maryland, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. Volunteers will report to an Allegheny Energy Supply host facility and then branch out into pre-selected areas to collect and bag litter that has been improperly discarded on streets, in parks, and along trails and waterways.

Residents wishing to participate in the event must complete and return a Volunteer Registration Form by Monday, April 14. Participants will be supplied with bags and safety vests on the day of the event, but are responsible for acquiring and wearing work gloves.

It is important to note that the Community sMILE Program is limited to the collection of bagged litter only. Tires, large debris, liquids, and household waste will not be accepted.

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All residents are invited to participate in the Community sMILE Program to help beautify the community. Everyone who participates will receive lunch and a sMILE gift bag. To sign up as a volunteer for the program, please contact the Allegheny Energy Supply host facility in your area:

Allegheny Energy Units 3, 4 & 5, Springdale, Pa.
Debbie Wojciechowski – (724) 274-3602

Armstrong Power Station, Kittanning, Pa.
Sharon Mechling – (724) 868-3228

Fort Martin/Albright Region, Morgantown and Albright, W.Va.
Chris Lassak – (304) 598-5244

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Hatfield/Mitchell/Lake Lynn Region, Masontown, Monongahela, and Lake Lynn, Pa.
Andy Datsko – (724) 725-6209

Pleasants/Willow Island Region, Willow Island, W.Va.
Pat Stead – (304) 665-3210

R. Paul Smith/Hydro Region, Williamsport, Md.
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