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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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

**Hagerstown, Md., February 12, 2004** – Allegheny Energy Supply, a subsidiary of Allegheny Energy, Inc. (NYSE: AYE), announced today that employees at its Harrison Power Station, located near Shinnston, 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). VPP Star certification recognizes companies whose employees demonstrate a commitment to workplace safety and health beyond OSHA's standard requirements.

Harrison 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 Harrison Power Station as a VPP Star facility.

“Harrison Power Station employees have joined the ranks of a growing list of Allegheny Energy Supply employees who are committed to a higher level of safety excellence in the VPP Star program,” said David C. Benson, President, Allegheny Energy Supply. “As the flagship of Allegheny's fleet of generating facilities, I can't emphasize enough the importance of their dedication to a safe work environment every day. I congratulate the employees at Harrison 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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Harrison's 224 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.

"Achieving VPP Star Status took a tremendous amount of hard work and is the product of a coordinated effort among management, employees, and OSHA," said James E. Laughner, Regional Director, Harrison/Rivesville Region. "Harrison employees should be proud of what they have accomplished, but our commitment to maintaining a safe work environment does not end here. We will strive to maintain the high standards that we have been honored for today, and we look forward to continuing to work 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. In May 2003, 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. Lincoln employees were soon followed by employees at Fort Martin Power Station, located near Morgantown, W.Va., who received VPP Star certification in July 2003. Employees at Albright Power Station, located in Albright, W.Va., and Pleasants and Willow Island power stations, located near St. Marys, W.Va., were all honored with VPP Star certification in September 2003. Harrison Power Station is the sixth Allegheny Energy Supply facility to achieve this distinction, and several other Allegheny Energy facilities are in various stages of the process.

Allegheny Energy is an integrated energy company with a portfolio of businesses, including Allegheny Energy Supply, which owns and operates electric generating facilities, and Allegheny Power, which delivers low-cost, reliable electric and natural gas service to about four million people in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Maryland, Virginia and Ohio. More information about the Company is available at [www.alleghenyenergy.com](http://www.alleghenyenergy.com).