

Pfizer bolsters recycling, reduces ozone impact as part of voluntary environmental program

Pfizer Inc.'s manufacturing site in White Hall has expanded its recycling efforts and reduced its use of ozone-depleting compounds as part of a voluntary program to conserve the environment.

The company is a member of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Performance Track program, a voluntary partnership that recognizes top environmental performance among participating U.S. facilities. Currently, the program has about 400 members.

"White Hall is making a strong contribution to Pfizer's efforts to conserve the environment," said Scott Roberts, Director of Manufacturing Operations, Pfizer White Hall.

Collectively, Pfizer sites have significantly reduced releases to the envi-

ronment, cutting emissions of solvents to the atmosphere and wastewater by 70 percent over the past 12 years.

By 2007, the White Hall facility is committed to increasing its use of recycled materials by 360 pounds per year and reducing use of primary ozone-depleting compounds by at least 90 percent. In its first annual report as part of the Performance Track program, Pfizer White Hall reported that it was already very close to meeting its objective on reducing use of primary ozone-depleting compounds. Pfizer White Hall also changed the standard office paper used in printers and photocopiers to a brand with 30 percent recycled content, purchasing an estimated 225 pounds of recycled content in its first order. Such purchases help cre-

ate viable markets for paper that individuals collect in their homes or workplaces for recycling, according to Roberts.

Copies of Pfizer's Performance Track annual report, along with annual reports of all other participating companies, can be viewed on the web at www.epa.gov/performance-track (click on Members). Individuals with questions about Pfizer's participation in the Performance Track program can contact Roberts at 217-374-2102 or John Downey, Senior Environmental Health & Safety Engineer, at 402-475-4541.

Pfizer Inc. discovers, develops, manufactures and markets leading prescription medicines for humans and animals and many of the world's best-known consumer brands.

State makes \$8 million available to Keep Cool

The state of Illinois will make \$8 million in aid available effective July 31 to help low-income and vulnerable residents pay their electric bills.

The grant is part of the state's Keep Cool Campaign and will be administered through the Low Income Energy Assistance Program's (LIHEAP) summer cooling program to assist vulnerable populations, including seniors, the disabled and families with small children, with their household energy bills to protect them from dangerous weather conditions.

LIHEAP is a state- and federally-funded energy assistance program that assists households with

related problems:

- Use a buddy system. If you are working in the heat, check on coworkers and have someone else do the same for you. If you are at home and are 65 years of age or older or have a chronic health problem, ask a friend, relative or neighbor check on you at least twice a day, even if you have air conditioning.
- Limit outdoor activities. Try to plan activities for the coolest times of the day — before noon and in the evening.
- Drink plenty of fluids. During hot weather, you will need to drink more liquid than your thirst indicates.

Megan Voigts wins 2005 PEO Scholarship



Greene County queens

Little Miss Greene County Josie Renee Prough (center) Miss Gr. Junior Miss Greene County Danielle Lauren Fraley wave while County Fair Merchant's Parade

North Greene Garden Club meets

Ella Dunphy spoke July 11 at the North Greene Garden Club meeting at the YMCA in Roodhouse. She created natural grape vine wreaths and decorated them.

Bouquets of flowers that will be

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