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Health Department Accepting Nominations for 2014 EnviroStar Awards
Recipients to be Recognized for Voluntary Efforts to Cut Pollution

PITTSBURGH – The Allegheny County Health Department is accepting nominations for its annual EnviroStar awards which honor local businesses and organizations for voluntary pollution prevention practices undertaken in 2014.

"Pollution prevention not only protects the environment and public health but also benefits the bottom line through waste reduction and conservation of resources," said Health Director Dr. Karen Hacker.

Pollution Prevention is the act of reducing or eliminating waste at the source by modifying production processes, promoting the use of non-toxic or less-toxic substances, implementing conservation techniques, and re-using materials rather than putting them into the waste stream.

Each year, the Allegheny County Health Department recognizes businesses and organizations that undergo voluntary Pollution Prevention activities and incorporate sustainability into their business practices. Winners are recognized as local leaders in their commitment to our communities and our environment.

The purpose of the EnviroStar program is to encourage everyone in Allegheny County to engage in pollution prevention and sustainable practices by publicizing the positive experiences — both environmental and economic — of those organizations that are already doing so.

Businesses and organizations are encouraged to nominate themselves or others for their pollution prevention and sustainable accomplishments.

Nominations are being accepted until March 6, 2015, and may be made by visiting the Health Department's web site at www.achd.net/envirostar/. For more information, please contact Alaina Conner at 412-578-8106 or aconner@achd.net.

The 2014 awards will be announced in conjunction with Earth Day, April 22, 2015.

To learn more about pollution prevention and how it can benefit your business or organization, please visit www.epa.gov/p2/.

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