



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
February 9, 2016

**CONTACT:** Melissa Wade  
Public Health Information Officer  
412-578-8312 office  
412-339-7995 cell  
[mwade@achd.net](mailto:mwade@achd.net)

## **Health Department Accepting Nominations for 2016 EnviroStar Awards**

**PITTSBURGH** – The Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD) is accepting nominations for its annual EnviroStar awards which honor local businesses and organizations for voluntary pollution prevention practices undertaken in 2015.

"Pollution prevention not only protects the environment and public health, but it also benefits the bottom line through waste reduction and conservation of resources," said Health Department 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, ACHD 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 EnviroStar 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 April 1, 2016, and may be made by visiting the Health Department's web site at [www.achd.net/envirostar/](http://www.achd.net/envirostar/).  
For more information, please contact Alaina Conner at 412-578-8106 or [aconner@achd.net](mailto:aconner@achd.net).

The awards, for actions taken in 2015, will be announced in conjunction with Earth Day, April 22, 2016.

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

###

KAREN HACKER, MD, MPH, DIRECTOR  
**ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT – PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE**  
542 FOURTH AVENUE • PITTSBURGH, PA 15219

PHONE (412) 687-ACHD • FAX (412) 578-8325 • WWW.ACHD.NET

