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### **Health Department Recognizes Voluntary Pollution Prevention Efforts**

**PITTSBURGH** – The Allegheny County Health Department has presented five local businesses and institutions with Enviro-Star awards for voluntarily adopting significant pollution prevention practices and for incorporating sustainable environmental policies and educational activities in 2013.

Pollution prevention not only protects the environment and public health but also benefits the bottom line through waste reduction and conservation of resources.

Pollution prevention measures include eliminating or reducing waste by modifying production processes, using non-toxic or less-toxic substances, implementing conservation techniques and re-using materials rather than putting them into the waste stream.

The award winners for 2013 are:

- University of Pittsburgh Medical Center – for diverting 18% of its total material waste stream to secondary materials reuse, reducing paper use, providing employees with clean compressed natural gas-fueled shuttle service and offering 10 electric vehicle charging stations and having plans to install 10 more.
- Environmental Charter School – for being the first school in Allegheny County to implement the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s School Flag Program, having a robust science and nature curriculum and 92% student proficiency in science.
- Kenny Ross Toyota – for earning LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification, in part, by reducing water usage 80%, installing a rain garden to offset paved lots, switching to a recycled oil heating system and reducing utility costs by 40%.
- Upper St. Clair Boyce Middle School – for being one of the first public schools in Allegheny County to earn LEED certification, in part, by reducing water usage, improving indoor environmental quality and reducing utility consumption. The school is now used as a teaching tool for environmental learning.
- The National Aviary – for managing hard-to-recycle collections for employees, discouraging waste production among staff, purchasing recycled products and providing a thorough environmental education program for employees and the community.

To learn more about pollution prevention and how it can benefit the environment and a company’s bottom line visit [www.epa.gov/p2/](http://www.epa.gov/p2/).

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