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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### Governor Strickland and Ohio EPA Select Nine Organizations to Receive the 2008 Governor's Award for Outstanding Achievement in Environmental Stewardship

Governor Ted Strickland today presented the Governor's Award for Outstanding Achievement in Environmental Stewardship to nine organizations including several businesses, a hospital and a university.

"These companies are leaders in protecting Ohio's natural resources while implementing innovative approaches that reduced the cost of doing business, improved company efficiency, and enhanced the quality of life and the environment in their communities. I commend their efforts," said Governor Ted Strickland.

"I'm honored to recognize these forward-thinking award winners, which have all demonstrated cutting-edge achievements and a commitment to environmental stewardship in Ohio," said Ohio EPA Director Chris Korleski.

Recipients of this year's awards are:

- Anheuser-Busch - (Columbus, Franklin County) for its environmental management system and its resource conservation and recycling program. Its applied plastic label recycling project diverted more than 226 tons of the material from Ohio landfills during 2007.
- Ben Venue Labs - (Bedford, Cuyahoga County) for its environmental, health and safety management system that strives to promote a safe and healthy manufacturing environment, including brownfield reuse and re-development, LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification attempt, recycling and reuse, energy saving, and water conservation.
- Bowling Green State University - (Bowling Green, Wood County) for its elemental mercury collection and reclamation program. Since 1998, more than 19,500 pounds of mercury has been removed from a variety of sources throughout Ohio as well as other states, eliminating the potential for exposure hazards associated with mercury. The university has implemented measures that have resulted in more efficient and cost-effective processing of mercury and mercury-containing items they have collected.
- Christ Hospital - (Cincinnati, Hamilton County) for its implementation of an environmental health mission statement, including its natural resource conservation, waste management, air quality improvement, and recycling/reuse programs. Its chiller optimization program accomplished payback of the system during the first year of operation and saved more than 2 million kilowatt hours of electricity compared to the prior year.
- Crown Equipment Corp. - (New Bremen, Auglaize County) for its comprehensive environmental sustainability program, which includes a comprehensive pollution prevention program, comprehensive reuse and recycling program, brownfields redevelopment, energy management, product development initiatives, and other projects. Its zero-discharge plating facility and powder-coating operation are two examples of large capital investment projects that reduced pollution.

- DesignGroup - (Columbus, Franklin County) for its integration of the core principles of sustainable design into the process of every project, taking advantage of orientation, optimizing daylight, using "green" materials, optimizing the performance of air conditioning systems, and employing sustainable site techniques, while providing building users with comfort and desired features. More than 75 percent of the firm's technical staff has passed the LEED- accredited professional examination demonstrating knowledge of sustainable design principles.
- Frito Lay - (Wooster, Wayne County) for its environmental management system and "Green Team" to drive not only environmental compliance but also environmental stewardship at work and in the community. Since 2004, the company reduced natural gas usage by 4.9 percent, water usage by 25.8 percent, and electricity usage by 13.9 percent. Solid waste was reduced by 22 percent since 2005.
- Lube Stop - (Berea, Cuyahoga County) for its ongoing sustainability program. In May 2008, it launched a program to use re-refined oil, derived from recycled motor oil, becoming the first chain in the nation to do so in its entire market. Annually, Lube Stop uses approximately 29,121 gallons of re-refined 50/50 green antifreeze and recycles more than 400,000 gallons of waste oil and more than 37,000 gallons of antifreeze.
- Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A. - (Cincinnati, Hamilton County) for its environmental management system and commitment to continuous improvement. Notable examples include lighting fixture changes that saved 13 percent on energy bills, increasing returnable cage packaging usage that saved 7 million pounds of wood and 2.7 million pounds of corrugated cardboard, and reducing total water cost and usage by about two thirds.

Award winners were selected based on a sound track record of environmental compliance and a commitment to go above and beyond regulations to improve environmental performance; a mature environmental management system that has been integrated into core business functions; aggressive environmental performance goals; and a process for communicating with the local community about program activities and progress on performance goals. More information about the award program is available at <http://www.epa.state.oh.us/ocapp/stewardship.html>.

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