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Re: NEPA Technical Inquiry 0044 - Environmental Success Stories

Dear NEPA Call-In User:

This letter is in response to your March 17, 1997 request for success stories from the GSA regions. Specifically, you are looking for success stories on recycling, the improvement of indoor air quality, energy conservation, new initiatives (new items identified to recycle), and energy conserving products. You will include these success stories in an accomplishments report for GSA.

NEPA Call-In contacted Environmental Quality Advisory Group (EQAG) Point of Contact, New England Region (Region 1), GSA, who referred us to an Engineer, Facility Property Management Center North. We contacted the Engineer who provided "Environmental Benefits," a summary of energy conservation and successes, and "FY 96 Accomplishments" (enclosed).

We then contacted an EQAG Point of Contact, Northeast and Caribbean Region (Region 2), who referred us to the Director of Property Management. We contacted the Director who provided a nomination for the Environmental Awards Program for Acquisition, Recycling, and Waste Prevention. The nomination and supporting documentation (enclosed) describes a cooperative effort between GSA and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). GSA and EPA designed a pilot "green housekeeping" program to minimize the impact of cleaning agents on indoor air quality.

NEPA Call-In contacted an EQAG Point of Contact, Mid-Atlantic Region (Region 3), who referred us to a Regional Energy Coordinator, Portfolio Management; and Asset Manager, Portfolio Management. We contacted the Regional Energy Coordinator who provided a summary of an energy efficient lighting project at the James A. Byrne Courthouse in Philadelphia; and an energy reduction project at the Internal Revenue Service National Computer Center, Martinsburg, West Virginia (enclosed). We then contacted the Asset Manager who had already forwarded success stories to your office.

We then contacted an EQAG Point of Contact, Southeast Sunbelt Region (Region 4), who referred us to the Regional Energy Coordinator, Property Management; and the GSA Environmental/Recycling Coordinator, Property Management. We contacted the Regional Energy Coordinator who provided a summary of their energy conservation program (enclosed). We contacted the GSA Environmental/Recycling Coordinator who stated they are is compiling success stories which they will forward directly to you.

NEPA Call-In contacted an EQAG Point of Contact, Great Lakes Region (Region 5), who stated they did not have any success stories to submit at this time.

We then contacted an EQAG Point of Contact, The Heartland Region (Region 6) who referred us to the Building Management Specialist, Property Management. We contacted the Building Management Specialist who stated they had already forwarded success stories from their region to you.

NEPA Call-In contacted EQAG Point of Contact of the Greater Southwest Region (Region 7) who referred us to the Director of Property Management.

We attempted to contact the Property Management Office, but have not spoken to them to date. We will continue our efforts to contact in contacting the Property Management Office and forward any information received in a follow up to this letter.

We then contacted EQAG Point of Contact of the Rocky Mountain Region (Region 8) who referred us to the Occupational Safety & Health Specialist, Portfolio Management; and the Recycling Coordinator, Operational Support Staff. We contacted Occupational Safety & Health Specialist who provided success stories for ground water containment, energy conservation, water conservation, and indoor air quality (enclosed). NEPA Call-In then contacted the Recycling Coordinator who stated she did not have any success stories to submit at this time.

NEPA Call-In contacted EQAG Point of Contact of the Pacific Rim Region (Region 9), who referred us to the Regional Equipment Manager, Property Management. We contacted the Regional Equipment Manager who referred us to the Regional Recycling Coordinator. We contacted the Regional Recycling Coordinator who provided the Pacific Rim Region's list of environmental accomplishments for fiscal year (FY) 96 (enclosed). This list includes input from the GSA Environmental Coordinator, and the Regional Energy Coordinator.

We then contacted a former EQAG Point of Contact, Northwest/Arctic Region (Region 10) who stated she is no longer the EQAG Point of Contact for Region 10, but referred us to the Project Manager, Energy Conservation. We contacted the Project Manager who stated they do not have any success stories to submit at this time.

Lastly, NEPA Call-In attempted to contact EQAG Point of Contact of the National Capital Region, who is on leave for the next two months. We then attempted to contact another EQAG Point of Contact of the National Capital Region. To date, we have not spoken to them, but will continue our efforts and forward any information received to you in our follow up letter.

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Sincerely,

(Original Signed)

NEPA Call-In Researcher