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DNR Green Tier program welcomes Phillips Plastics Corporation

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Two more facilities of Phillips Plastics Corporation® were welcomed today as participants in the Wisconsin Green Tier program, bringing the total to nine facilities this major state corporation has enrolled in the voluntary program dedicated to outstanding environmental compliance.

“Phillips Plastics Corporation certainly belongs in the same category with other leading businesses in Green Tier. By sharing their sustainability efforts, they not only serve their community well, but also add value to other businesses seeking to do the same,” Department of Natural Resources Matt Frank said. “With a proven track record toward sustainability, we look forward to continuing to work with the company as they progress.”

Born from an idea that began in a northern Wisconsin creamery in 1964, Phillips Plastics has evolved into a state-of-the-art injection molder with 14 facilities statewide. Three years later, the corporation opened its first production facility, later identified as Custom. This facility has a variety of capabilities ranging from small parts molding, insert molding and custom molding, painting, to in mold decorating/labeling and lens molding/decorating.

In 1999, Phillips Plastics Corporation expanded its operations into a new state-of-the-art production facility known as Custom II. This facility provides services for medium to high volume injection molded components and assemblies. The two facilities serve medical, defense, automotive, and consumer markets and employ 250 people.

From investments in technology to training programs for their people, the corporation simultaneously eased its impact on the environment while building on a sustainable future. The corporation has also implemented an environmental management system certified to the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 14001.

In 2007-08, the company voluntarily revoked its traditional air pollution permit by committing to reduce its Volatile Organic Compound emissions limits from 100 tons per year to 25 tons annually. In addition, it has committed to reducing hazardous air pollutants (HAPS) emission limits from 25 tons to 2.5 tons per year.

So far efforts to reduce energy consumption have resulted in a savings of 578,446 kilowatt hours (kWh). This equates to preventing 415 tons of carbon dioxide from going into the atmosphere. The company has identified additional energy reduction projects that could result in savings of more than 400,000 kWh. Both recycling and waste reduction are also significant parts of the company's efforts. The people at Phillip Plastics Corporation play a significant role in helping the company achieve its objectives.



A special flag (above) now flies at Phillips Plastics Corporation Custom I & II facilities in celebration of the company's participation in Green Tier. Above: Phillips Plastics employees are pictured with some of the officials that attended the ceremony on August 13 in Phillips including ; State of WI Rep. Mary Williams; Mark McDermid, Mark Harings and John Gozdziwski, DNR; Jason Grendahl, Dan Andersen and Mark Kind, Phillips Plastics Corporation (also pictured right with Custom I and Custom II Green Tier Certificates); Phillips Mayor Jeffrey Fahl; DNR; and Judy Boers, Executive Director of Phillips Area Chamber of Commerce and other Green Tier and Phillips Plastics Corporation officials. Staff photos

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