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West Central Region**

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SUBJECT: Phillips Plastics seeks Green Tier status for Eau Claire facility

EAU CLAIRE – The state Department of Natural Resources is seeking public comment on an application by Phillips Plastics Corporation’s Magnesium Injection Molding facility to be accepted into Wisconsin’s innovative Green Tier program.

The facility, located at 2930 Mondovi Road in Eau Claire, uses an advanced molding process that combines the best of plastic injection molding with more traditional die casting. This emerging, environmentally friendly technology incorporates design flexibility into product components manufactured to extremely precise dimensions.

The Green Tier program encourages a collaborative approach to environmental performance between the DNR and Wisconsin businesses. As part of Green Tier, Wisconsin organizations voluntarily commit to superior environmental performance.

The Magnesium Injection Molding facility reduced energy consumption in 2008 by 398,771 kWh. Many savings were achieved by encouraging workers to submit creative ideas. One project alone, involving the use of compressed air, reduced energy consumption by \$21,000 a year.

Magnesium Injection Molding will continue to use an environmental management system to establish objectives and assist with the tracking of both regulated and non-regulated environmental performance. The Phillips Plastics Corporation Multi-Shot facility in Eau Claire and other Phillips Plastics facilities have previously earned Green Tier status.

The DNR will accept public comments on the company’s Green Tier application through Sept. 15. Specific information on this application and on the Green Tier program can be accessed on the Internet at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cea/environmental/comment/index.htm>

Comments can be directed to Mark Harings at DNR, 1300 W. Clairemont Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54702 or at Mark.Harings@Wisconsin.gov or by calling 715-831-3263.

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