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Salt Lake City Public Safety Building Receives Pollution Prevention Award

Utah businesses and organizations recognized for excellence in pollution reduction practices

SALT LAKE CITY — The Utah Pollution Prevention Association and Clean Utah recognized Salt Lake City today for its new Public Safety Building, the first building of its kind in the nation to achieve a net zero energy rating.

Salt Lake City received the 2013 Outstanding Award in Pollution Prevention at a luncheon attended by business and community leaders at the forefront in reducing pollution in Utah. The award recognizes the innovative technologies and energy efficient strategies employed in the design of the new Public Safety Building, including the use of roof canopy solar panels, an off-site solar farm, strategic use of natural light and florescent or LED low energy lights, a solar hot water heating system, and energy monitoring systems.

“Salt Lake City has made an important investment in Utah’s community,” said Amanda Smith, executive director of the Utah Department of Environmental Quality. “Their demonstrated commitment to protecting the environment is motivating others to take big and small actions to help ensure that Utah remains a great place to live and work.”

A traditional building of comparable size produces approximately 2670 metric tons of greenhouse gases each year. Salt Lake City’s Public Safety Building has an Energy Star performance rating of 100 (the highest possible), with an 80 percent savings in energy use and emissions. The building itself will produce just 524 metric tons per year, which will be offset by solar power to reach the net zero goal. The energy savings from the building will pay back the initial investment within five years.

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Meritorious Awards for Pollution Prevention were awarded to Momentum Recycling and Northrop Grumman. Momentum Recycling, a Salt Lake City-based company, expanded its recycling services for glass, and green and mixed waste; and upgraded two fleet vehicles to compressed natural gas. Northrop Grumman, one of the world's largest defense and commercial aerospace companies, replaced a circuit card inline cleaner resulting in water and electricity savings.

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About Utah Pollution Prevention Association

The Utah Pollution Prevention (P2) Association is a non-profit organization with the mission to find common ground between industry and regulators, and identify pollution prevention projects in Utah through education and outreach programs. For more information, call Paul Harding at 801-536-4108 or visit www.deq.utah.gov/Pollution_Prevention/p2_association.htm.

About Clean Utah

Clean Utah is a voluntary statewide environmental leadership and recognition program, administered by the Utah Department of Environmental Quality's Pollution Prevention Program. The program's goal is to incorporate pollution prevention practices into all aspects of operations resulting in environmental improvements. Clean Utah encourages and rewards Utah businesses and other permit holders for going beyond compliance to preserve and protect Utah's environment. For more information, call Paul Harding at 801-536-4108 or visit <http://www.deq.utah.gov/Subsites/cleanutah>.