

FEDERAL NEWS WEEKLY SUMMARY CONTINUED



Secretary of Energy Hazel R. O'Leary presented six "Best in Category" awards in each of the following categories:

- Federal Energy Activities, Tinker Air Force Base Renewable Energy Program, Tinker AFB, Okla.;

- Building Technology, Renewable Energy Conservation Account, Utilities Department, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.;

- Industrial Technology, Praxair Oxy-Fuel Fired Glass Furnace Program, Praxair, Inc., Tarrytown, NY;

- Transportation Technology, Alternative Fuel Infrastructure Development and Vehicle Procurement Program, Massachusetts Port Authority-Aviation Department, Boston, Mass.;

- Utility Technology, Texas Wind Power Project, Texas General Land Office and Lower Colorado River Authority, Austin, Texas; and

- Energy Technology and Education, Partners in Environmental Science: Towards a Sustainable Energy Future, West Branch Middle School, West Branch, Iowa.

Projects were evaluated on the basis of the following criteria: program effectiveness, natural resource conservation, economic progress, and energy education and awareness. The projects must have been operational for one year to allow documentation of energy savings and program results. The projects are reviewed by State Energy Offices, as well as an independent panel of judges representing national energy-related organizations.

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UNDER-UTILIZED OIL RESERVE FACILITIES TURNED INTO FEDERAL REVENUES

■(WASHINGTON) The Department of Energy (DOE) is turning under-utilized facilities at its Strategic Petroleum Reserve into a source of revenue for the U.S. Treasury.

DOE announced last week that it has signed agreements with two commercial pipeline companies to sell or lease Strategic

Petroleum Reserve oil pipelines and a government-owned marine terminal that it no longer needs or doesn't intend to use on a full-time basis.

The sale of one pipeline will generate \$22 million this fiscal year, while leasing a second pipeline and the marine terminal could ultimately provide revenue and cost savings totaling as much as \$16 million per year.

In one agreement, DOE will sell its 67-mile-long, 36-inch diameter Weeks Island pipeline to Louisiana Intrastate Gas Company L.L.C., an Equitable Resource Company, of Alexandria, LA, for \$22 million. Ownership of the pipeline will likely transfer within the next six to seven months as soon as DOE finishes transferring oil from its Weeks Island oil storage site near New Iberia, LA. The site is being taken out of service, and DOE will no longer need the pipeline.

In the other agreement, the department will lease its St. James Terminal on the Mississippi River and a 37-mile-long, 36-inch diameter pipeline to its Bayou Choctaw oil storage site in Louisiana to Shell Pipe Line Corporation of Houston, TX. The lease agreement will bring in approximately \$5 to \$8 million per year in payments to the Treasury within the next four years, based on Shell's usage projections. The arrangement also will save DOE approximately \$8 million per year in operation and maintenance costs.

The leases with Shell will contain provisions for the federal government to use the terminal and pipeline to distribute crude oil from the reserve in the event of an energy emergency.

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ENVIRONMENT

NEW LABELING REQUIREMENTS FOR PESTICIDE PRODUCTS USED ON CATS AND DOGS

■(WASHINGTON) The Environmental Protection Agency is requiring improved label directions on pesticide products (such as flea and tick dips, sprays, powders and collars) used on cats and dogs to reduce risk to pets as well as the pet owners. The new requirements include more specific use directions aimed at ensuring that pet pesticide products are used safely, reducing potential

adverse effects on animals and people.

Reports of adverse effects from veterinarians, consumers and manufacturers of pet pesticide products have indicated that improved labeling is necessary. EPA's revised policies reflect comments received on a draft proposal issued last year. Since that time, EPA has been working with the Chemical Specialties Manufacturers Association, public interest groups and other interested parties to improve the label language on these pet products.

The new regulations are contained in a notice issued to pesticide registrants, manufacturers and formulators (PR Notice 96-6). All cat and dog pesticide products released after Oct. 1, 1998 must include the additional statements outlined in the notice.

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HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

NATIONAL ACTION PLAN ON BREAST CANCER INTERNET WEB SITE LAUNCHED

■(WASHINGTON) On Oct. 27, President Clinton launched the National Action Plan on Breast Cancer (NAPBC) Internet web site. The web site, developed by a public/private partnership and coordinated by the Department of Health and Human Services' Offices on Women's Health, is designed to serve as a gateway to information on breast cancer research, treatment, and prevention.

The NAPBC web site provides answers on frequently asked questions about breast cancer, as well as information on the NAPBC, breast cancer clinical trials and research, breast cancer organizations and advocacy groups, educational conferences, publications, and government and private resources.

The NAPBC is co-chaired by Susan J. Blumenthal, M.D., M.P.A., Deputy Assistant Secretary for Women's Health and Assistant Surgeon General, and Fran M. Visco, Esq., President of the National Breast Cancer Coalition.

"With the needs of consumers in mind, we designed a web site that is easy to navigate," Visco explained. "We hope that many people will use this site as a resource to learn about breast cancer and the many resources available to them."

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"Those who are fond of setting things to rights have no great objection to setting them wrong."

William Hazlitt