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Picture Caption: Industrial companies that received state awards for energy efficiency were represented at the awards ceremony. From l to r, Fort Collins Water Reclamation, Rocky Mountain Metal Container, Greeley Wastewater Treatment Plant, Amgen, Advanced Energy and New Belgium Brewing.

Colorado Industrial Companies Get State Recognition for Big Energy Savings

DENVER—Seven major Colorado industrial companies were recognized for significant improvements in energy efficiency in a noon ceremony Thursday, Oct. 17, at the Denver Center for Performing Arts.

The companies saved a total of \$1.1 million on their annual energy costs from 2011-2012, achieving energy savings of an average 7.1% of their total consumption. The companies are participants in a program of the Colorado Energy Office, the Colorado Industrial Energy Challenge (CIEC), which helped facilitate the companies' energy-saving achievements.

"This program provides an opportunity for large industries in our state to share information and support one another's efforts to reduce significant amounts of their total energy use, save money and reduce emissions," said Jeff Ackermann, director of the Colorado Energy Office. Ackermann presented the awards on behalf of Gov. John Hickenlooper.

Emissions of carbon dioxide, a primary contributor to climate change, were reduced by the companies by almost 15,000 metric tons annually, the equivalent of 3,400 fewer cars on the state's roads.

The top achievement award was presented to Greeley's Wastewater Treatment plant for reducing energy consumption per gallon of water treated by 11.5.

Three companies received Excellence in Energy Efficiency awards for achievements from 2011-



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2012:

- Rocky Mountain Metal Container, Golden, for reducing energy consumption per unit of product by 7.1%;
- Owens-Corning Asphalt, Denver, for reducing energy consumption per ton of asphalt produced by 5.6%; and
- Fort Collins Wastewater Treatment plant, for reducing energy consumption per gallon of water treated by 15%.

The companies were judged on three criteria, including percentage of energy savings achieved, number and types of energy-saving projects, and elements in place to achieve continual improvements in energy efficiency over time. The judges looked for evidence of a continuous or strategic approach to energy management such as high-level support for a long-term goal, an energy champion and energy team, an energy management plan, and methods and systems to measure progress towards the goal.

“These are important energy saving achievements for these companies, which also set an example for achievable reductions for other industrial facilities in Colorado,” said Neil Kolwey, senior associate at the Southwest Energy Efficiency Project (SWEEP) and manager of the CIEC program.

Other companies that received awards at the ceremony include:

- Advanced Energy, Fort Collins - achieved a 7% reduction in total consumption from 2010-2012 due to energy efficiency efforts, achieving its goal;
- Amgen, Longmont and Boulder - achieved a total reduction in consumption of 20.9% from 2007-2012, achieving its five-year goal; and
- New Belgium Brewing, Fort Collins - achieved an energy reduction of 11.6% over two years 2010-2012 and surpassing its second-year goal for the program.

The CIEC is a voluntary annual program managed by the Southwest Energy Efficiency Project on behalf of the Colorado Energy Office.

The Southwest Energy Efficiency Project is a public interest group that advances energy efficiency in



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