

And the econrg Award Goes to...

NRG Harrisburg for environmental stewardship

EVERY DAY, NRG EMPLOYEES nationwide work to improve our environment. At NRG Energy Center Harrisburg, we do our part by participating in numerous community activities that help make Harrisburg an even better place to live.

In 2012, NRG recognized us for our efforts in a companywide competition. In fact, we came out on top, receiving the 2012 econrg Environmental Stewardship award—the first ever for an NRG Energy Center.

"This is extremely exciting for us here at NRG Harrisburg," says Plant Manager Dan Quinn. "We are a small plant and don't have a whole lot of people compared to other locations. But everybody is very dedicated to the environment and helping out the community. We perform many projects every year, and they're all a team effort. I thank everyone here at the facility for making the award possible—and NRG for honoring us."

2012 was definitely a year of accomplishments on the environmental front at NRG Harrisburg. During the year, we:

- ✦ Led a group of 40 high school students in the cleanup and revitalization of a 10-block area of downtown;
- ✦ Reduced emissions from plant equipment (installed catalysts on two units and a catalytic muffler on a backhoe);
- ✦ Introduced a project that is reducing soft water use at the plant by more than one million gallons per year;
- ✦ Built 20 birdhouses from recycled wood

- ✦ pallets and old NRG hardhats and placed them on site and in the community;
 - ✦ Purchased sunflower seeds and planted them along the Greenbelt as a food source for wildlife; and
 - ✦ Installed LCD lighting in the plant to replace lower-efficiency lighting.
- NRG's Arthur Kill plant, an 865-megawatt

(MW) generating plant on Staten Island, received honorable mention in the competition for planting sunflower seeds, recycling and reducing water consumption. NRG Harrisburg intends to be in the running once again in 2013 as we continue our environmental improvement efforts in our community.



Courtesy NRG.

NRG Harrisburg's Dan Quinn (center) traveled to corporate headquarters in February to receive the "Green Glass" 2012 econrg Environmental Stewardship award from NRG's Vice President, Environment Walter Stone (left) and Chief Operating Officer Mauricio Gutierrez.

Get Ready for Summer

Time to shut off steam valves

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR again—time to put winter behind you and embrace the warmer temps. But before you do, NRG Harrisburg wants you to make sure that the valves that control your steam service are completely turned off. If they aren't, you may be surprised next fall when you are billed for that trickle of steam that added up during the summer months.

There are two steam valves between NRG Harrisburg's piping in the street and the occupied areas of your building: the shut-off valve and the regulating valve, both of which belong to you. Although NRG Harrisburg often helps close the shut-off valve, you are responsible for making sure that everything is properly shut down for the season.

Even if the shut-off valve is closed, steam may still be leaking through. If that's the case,

the pipe after the shut-off valve will be warm or hot. To check the pipe's temperature, ensure your safety by just "hovering" your hand above the pipe—do not directly touch it! If the pipe appears to be warm or hot, report it to NRG Harrisburg for servicing.

To make doubly sure you're not consuming any steam, also close your regulating valve—the valve controlled by your thermostat.

If you have any questions or would like assistance closing your valves, contact us at 717.234.4600. Let's put winter behind us!



Rate Increase Requested. As we shared in an April letter to all of our customers, NRG Harrisburg has filed a request with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC) to increase steam rates 12%. To find out how the increase may affect your district heating bill, you may contact us to request a copy of the material we filed with the PUC. If you would like more information or are a customer who does not recall receiving the letter, please contact us at 717.234.2600. Thank you.

Making Technology Tick for 27 Years

LOUIS WEGRZYNIAK, Instrument Technician, has been with NRG Harrisburg since 1986. But guess what he likes most about his job: No one day—or year—is ever the same.

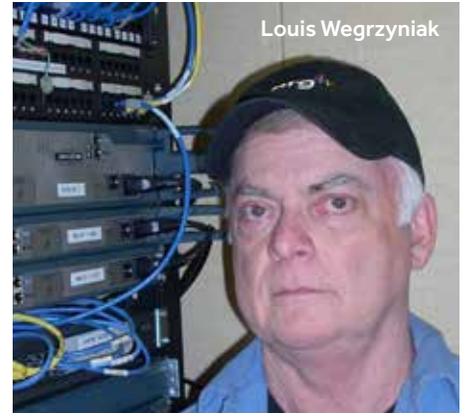
"When it comes to instrumentation technology, you can always be sure it's going to change," says Louis. "It's important for us to be on top of it and make sure everything runs smoothly with no service disruption to our customers."

The past few years have been especially exciting as NRG Harrisburg invested over \$2 million in control and equipment efficiency upgrades that have transformed operations.

"The new controls have put so much information at our fingertips," says Louis. "It took a lot of training to get up to speed, but it was well worth it."

In addition, Louis calibrates all plant equipment and customer meters, and maintains the control systems for our boilers, chillers, diesel engines and alarms. He also enjoys the "investigative" side of his job, figuring out why something isn't working as it should and then making it right.

Thanks, Louis, for tackling this vital job day in and day out.



Louis Wegrzyniak



FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Committed to Harrisburg and Our Customers



NRG ENERGY CENTER HARRISBURG has been a part of the NRG family for 13 years. Yet our steam system's history in Harrisburg goes back to the late 1800s. The system has

grown along with the city and serves both the central business district and the Capitol Complex. We're committed to supporting our community.

That's one of the reasons we participate in initiatives to benefit our city's environment every year. I'm proud to say that NRG recently recognized our efforts (see lead story) with an econrg Environmental Stewardship award for 2012. Our employees deserve the accolades, as they recommend which projects we should tackle and make them happen. The competition will be even stiffer for 2013 as NRG continues to grow, and more generating plants are in the running for the award.

In December 2012, NRG Energy, Inc., merged with Houston-based GenOn Energy, Inc., creating the largest competitive power generator in the United States. NRG is also the nation's largest developer of solar power

and built the country's first privately funded electric vehicle infrastructure. It's an exciting time to be a part of the NRG family.

With a solid corporate foundation and an eye on the future, our goal is to continue to provide cost-effective, environmentally responsible and reliable district energy,

which includes heating, cooling and electric generation services. We appreciate your business and value our energy partnership. You, too, are part of the family.

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From left to right, Rich Pugh, Mike Elicker and Tim Kauffman helped put up just one of dozens of birdhouses our crews made in 2012.

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