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State seeks environmental leaders worthy of Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards

Hoosiers in every part of the state are working aggressively -- as individuals or as parts of groups and businesses -- to improve our quality of life.

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), on assignment by Governor Mitch Daniels, wants to know exactly who these environmental leaders are. The governor will reward the best of the best of these leaders with 2005 Governor's Environmental Excellence Awards in a ceremony this fall.

Those eligible for the awards include Indiana businesses, agricultural producers, state, federal and local units of government, technical assistance organizations, individuals, educational groups, service groups and nonprofit organizations.

Nominations -- due to IDEM by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 31, 2005 - cover the following categories:

5-Years' continuous environmental improvement;
Energy/renewable resources;
Greening the government;
Land use;
Outreach or education;
Pollution prevention/source reduction; and
Recycling/reuse.

Nomination forms are available at: www.IN.gov/idem/oppta/govawards or by calling (800) 988-7901. The awards are sponsored by the Governor's Office, IDEM, the Indiana Department of Administration, the Indiana Lieutenant Governor's Office of Energy Policy and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

IDEM (www.IN.gov/idem) implements federal and state regulations regarding the environment. Through compliance assistance, incentive programs and educational outreach, the agency encourages and aids businesses and citizens in protecting and improving Indiana's environment. IDEM pursues enforcement action when a party disregards safety and endangers human health.

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