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IOGCC 2010 Chairman's Stewardship Award Winners Announced

Oklahoma City, Nov. 19, 2010 -- There are many positive programs initiated by domestic oil and natural gas organizations and industry, and three of those award winning programs were recognized with the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission's Chairman's Stewardship Award during the IOGCC Annual Meeting, Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2010 in Tucson, AZ.

Nominations were accepted in four different categories, Large Company, Small Company, Energy Education, and Environmental Partnership.

The winner of this year's Large Company category is Anadarko Petroleum Corp./Kerr-McGee with their Anadarko's Completion Transport Systems (ACTS) program. How a company manages water in an oil field located in the parched climate of the second driest state in the nation is a challenge. Anadarko Petroleum Corporation introduced in eastern Utah's Greater Natural Buttes oil field an innovative program known as ACTS. The program successfully reduced water truck traffic 85 percent, fluid truck traffic 50 percent, and fresh-water consumption 70 percent, or more than 1.6 million barrels of fresh water in 2009.

"We continue to stress the importance of innovative water-management solutions across all of our operations," Anadarko General Manager Brad Miller said. "The Anadarko Completions Transportation System (ACTS) in our Greater Natural Buttes area is a great example of our ongoing commitment to work with our stakeholders to design and implement environmentally sound solutions that conserve water, reduce truck traffic and improve air quality."

This year's winner for the Energy Education category is Energize West Virginia for their Informing and Educating the Public about Natural Gas Benefits program. Energize West Virginia with Natural Gas is a non-profit alliance established in 2006 to gain statewide understanding of natural gas industry in West Virginia. It is a cooperative venture between two of West Virginia's leading energy associations: West Virginia Oil and Natural Gas Association (WVONGA) and Independent Oil and Gas Association of West Virginia (IOGA).

"Energize West Virginia is delighted to accept this prestigious award from the IOGCC," said Kim Lawrence, Executive Director, Energize West Virginia. "Our efforts to share information with our citizens about the great benefits of natural gas have

been a tremendous success. We are honored to be recognized for our work on a national stage."

The winner of this year's Environmental Partnership is East Resources, Inc. for their Remote Water Quality Monitoring Network. Environmental organizations and local watershed groups have expressed concerns over the potential impact of Marcellus Shale natural gas development on public water supplies and water quality in the Upper Susquehanna River Basin. East believes that the Marcellus Shale can be developed with little impact on water resources.

"We recognize the importance of the natural gas industry to Pennsylvania and to the local communities and believe that this partnership with the Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) would demonstrate that the development of the Marcellus Shale could be done in an environmentally safe manner." William Fustos, Chief Operating Officer, East Resources, Inc. said. "We are confident as a company and as an industry that there will be no detrimental effects due to our development and this project will go a long way toward showing that."

The IOGCC would like to express their appreciation to the companies and organizations for their 2010 award winning programs. Part of the IOGCC's mission is to promote the conservation and efficient recovery of domestic resources while protecting the environment. Year after year there are companies and organization that are voluntarily doing their party, and we would like to than you.

For the past 75 years, the IOGCC, a multi-state government agency whose mission is to promote the conservation and efficient recovery of the nation's domestic oil and natural gas resources while protecting health, safety and the environment, has grown to be the largest, and oldest state compact in the nation today.

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