

PIPE MAKER JM EAGLE RECOGNIZED FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY

FOUR FACILITIES MEET EPA'S AMBITIOUS CHALLENGE

Los Angeles — May 3, 2011 — JM Eagle, the world's largest manufacturer of plastic pipe, was honored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for achieving ambitious energy efficiency goals at four of its facilities.

The news comes as the EPA released the results of the "Energy Star Challenge for Industry," an initiative it began last year to encourage U.S. manufacturers to improve energy efficiency. JM Eagle submitted three facilities to the challenge, but, in fact, was credited for meeting reduction goals at four of its facilities.

"At JM Eagle, we are deeply committed to a cleaner, greener environment," said Neal Gordon, JM Eagle's vice president for marketing. "Today's news underscores how devoted we are to improving energy efficiency and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. We are delighted that four of our facilities are among the very few manufacturing sites in the nation that were able to meet the extremely rigorous Energy Star Challenge."

According to the EPA, the Energy Star Challenge is "a national call-to-action to improve the energy efficiency of America's commercial and industrial buildings by 10 percent or more." The EPA's goal is for manufacturers to improve their energy efficiency by at least 10 percent over the next five years.

"The principles we have learned through the Energy Star Challenge over the last year are extraordinary,' said Neal Gordon. "We are working to incorporate those practices in all of our facilities across the nation."

Some 240 manufacturing sites have signed up for the challenge so far, but just 34 facilities – including JM Eagle's four - met the emission reduction goals, according to the EPA. JM Eagle's facilities achieving the recognition are based in Hastings, Neb.; Wharton, Texas; Butner, N.C.; and Stockton, Calif.