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WVDP recognized by Green Electronics Council



West Valley Demonstration Project team members stand behind newly purchased electronic equipment that meets EPEAT standards. Pictured (from left): Regulatory Strategy Manager Elizabeth Lowes; Contract Specialist Cheryl Pavone; Regulatory Strategy Principal Environmental Regulatory Specialist Julie Sansone; **CHBWV** President Jason Casper; Senior Subcontract Administrator Paul Carlone; and Subcontract Staff Specialist Michelle Schweickert.

WEST VALLEY — **CH2M HILL BWXT West Valley (CHBWV)**, the prime contractor to the U.S. Department of Energy at the **West Valley Demonstration Project**, was recently announced as a Leader in Sustainable Electronics Procurement with a 2023 EPEAT Purchaser Award, celebrating leaders in sustainable electronics procurement.

The award comes from the Global Electronics Council (GEC), the non-profit organization that manages the EPEAT ecolabel. EPEAT allows **CHBWV** to efficiently address the lifecycle impacts of the electronics they purchase, including computers, displays, printers, copiers, network equipment, mobile phones, servers, photovoltaic modules, inverters and televisions.

CHBWV uses EPEAT in purchasing contracts to require that our vendors only provide electronics that meet strict sustainability criteria. These products are more energy efficient, less toxic, longer lasting and easier to recycle than products that do not meet EPEAT criteria while addressing labor and human rights issues along the entire supply chain.

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According to the Green Electronics Council, the 110 electronics purchased by CHBWV in 2023 will result in several environmental and energy-saving over their lifetime and include:

- A reduction of 4,440 kilograms of CO2 equivalents, the same as taking two cars off the road for a year.
- A savings of 12,427 kWh of electricity, the same as the annual electric consumption three households.
- A savings of 20,610 liters of water.

Participation in the 2023 EPEAT Purchaser Awards program is particularly noteworthy in that it is a voluntary program and demonstrates a commitment to excellence, reflecting well on the Department, EM, CHBWV and WVDP.

“Participating in this program is part of our commitment to be stewards of the environment,” said Julie Sansone, Regulatory Strategy Principal Environmental Regulatory Special. “Our volunteer efforts in this program help to protect the environment and save money for taxpayers and the government. It is the right thing to do.”

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