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## **Mobile Home Residents to Benefit from Free Energy-Efficiency Improvements**

**MENOMONIE, Wis. (June 14, 2010)** — Mobile home residents in the Dunn County area may now qualify for a free home energy evaluation and free energy-efficiency improvements. This initiative, called the Mobile Home Duct Sealing Pilot, is part of Focus on Energy's Home Performance with ENERGY STAR® Program. It is being offered to mobile home residents who purchase their gas or electric heating from utilities who participate in the Focus on Energy Program, including Xcel and We Energies. The pilot was designed to create cost-effective energy savings in mobile homes by testing for and correcting a certain set of inefficiencies, primarily leaky duct work. All testing and work is free to eligible mobile home owners, and the entire process can be completed in one day.

The Mobile Home Duct Sealing Pilot, like the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Program, uses the most advanced, state-of-the-art equipment to test homes, identify problems, and implement recommended improvements. Duct sealing and other improvements are then tested to ensure the work meets program standards. Partnering consultants and contractors delivering the pilot were selected through a competitive bidding process.

### **What Mobile Home Residents Can Expect**

The first step is to schedule an in-home evaluation with the area's selected consultant—Aaron Riendeau of St. Croix Energy Solutions. Riendeau can be reached at 715.220.4818.

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Riendeau will inspect the heating and cooling systems of the mobile home, identify energy-related problems, and implement the recommended improvements, such as sealing ducts to reduce air leaks. These improvements can provide significant energy and cost savings, as research has shown that, in most cases, duct leakage is the number one source of energy loss in mobile homes and a major source of comfort complaints. Once the work has been completed, Riendeau will retest the mobile home's systems to ensure the improvements were effective.

Because this is a pilot project, there is no charge to the homeowner. All that is required of the homeowner is to sign a release form so Focus on Energy can perform the work and obtain the following information:

- Records of energy usage before and after the work is performed
- Permission to anonymously use the homeowner's experience in reporting the pilot's results

**Learn More**

For details on scheduling a mobile home energy evaluation, call Aaron Riendeau of St. Croix Energy Solutions at 715.220.4818. To find out more about the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Program, visit [focusonenergy.com](http://focusonenergy.com).

**About Focus on Energy**

Focus on Energy works with eligible Wisconsin residents and businesses to install cost-effective energy efficiency and renewable energy projects. Focus information, resources, and financial incentives help to implement projects that otherwise would not be completed, or to complete projects sooner than scheduled. Its efforts help Wisconsin residents and businesses manage rising energy costs, promote in-state economic development, protect our environment, and control the state's growing demand for electricity and natural gas. For more information, call 800.762.7077 or visit [focusonenergy.com](http://focusonenergy.com).

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