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Mobile Home Residents to Benefit From Free Energy Efficiency Improvements

AMERY, Wis. (Nov. 2, 2009) — Mobile home residents in the Polk County area who purchase their gas or electric heating from utilities who participate in the Focus on Energy Program, including Xcel, We Energies, Northwestern Wisconsin Electric Company, Centuria Utilities and New Richmond Utilities, have the opportunity for a free home energy evaluation and possible 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, and is 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 the mobile home owner.

The Mobile Home Duct Sealing Pilot, like Home Performance energy evaluations, 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 is done to program standards. Partnering consultants and contractors delivering the Pilot were selected through a competitive bidding process. All the services are free to the homeowner, and the entire process can be completed in one day.

What Mobile Home Residents Can Expect

The first step is to schedule an in-home evaluation with the area's selected consultant delivering this Pilot — 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 associated with leaky duct work and large air leaks, and implement the recommended improvements. For example, improvements may include sealing ducts for air leakage reduction. These improvements can prove to be significant, as research studies have determined in most cases duct leakage is the number one source of energy loss in mobile homes and a major source of comfort complaints. Finally, Riendeau will test the mobile home's systems again 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

To find out more about the Home Performance with ENERGY STAR Program, visit focusonenergy.com. For details on scheduling a mobile home energy evaluation call Aaron Riendeau of St. Croix Energy Solutions at (715) 220-4818.

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.

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