

EPA Releases Expanded Lists of Top U.S. Organizations Using Most Green Power

Today the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released its updated lists of the top Green Power Partnership (GPP) organizations choosing to use clean, renewable electricity.

For the first time, the National list expanded from the Top 50 to the Top 100 Partners using green power, and several of the sector-specific lists expanded from Top 20 to Top 30. The expanded lists help further recognize leading organizations committed to using green power and reflect recent growth within the Partnership - the GPP now includes more than 1,500 organizations that are collectively using more than 28 billion kilowatt-hours (kWh) of green power annually.

Combined, the top 100 partners use nearly 24 billion kWh of green power annually. Through their use of green power, these top organizations are avoiding carbon pollution equal to that created by the electricity use of more than 2.5 million average American homes each year.

The top 10 partners appearing on the Top 100 list include:

- 1. Intel Corporation
- 2. Microsoft Corporation
- 3. Kohl's Department Stores
- 4. Whole Foods Market
- 5. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.
- 6. U.S. Department of Energy
- 7. Staples
- 8. City of Houston, TX
- 9. Starbucks Company-Owned Stores
- 10. Apple Inc.

In addition, the Green Power Partnership kicked off the 2013-2014 College & University Green Power Challenge today by updating the rankings of the 32 competing conferences. Throughout the 2013-2014 academic year, the GPP will track the collegiate athletic conferences with the highest combined green power usage in the nation. The Big Ten conference, Big 12 conference and the Ivy League lead the current standings.

For more on the Top Rankings visit www.epa.gov/greenpower/toplists/index.htm.

For more on the College & University Challenge visit www.epa.gov/greenpower/initiatives/cu challenge.htm.

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