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3M Exceeds U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emission Goal – Receives Recognition From U.S. EPA

ST. PAUL, Minn – In 2003, 3M joined the EPA’s Climate Leaders initiative and pledged to reduce its 2002 absolute greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) by 30% in 2007. 3M exceeded its pledge and reduced GHG emissions by 60% from 2002-2007. On October 8, 2008, the EPA commended 3M and six other companies for meeting or exceeding their voluntary emissions reduction targets at an event in Chicago.

“I am honored to accept this recognition from the US EPA on behalf of 3M and our work in the U.S. to reduce GHG emissions”, said Jean Sweeney, 3M Vice President for Environmental, Health and Safety. “This reduction is part of a larger 3M effort to reduce GHG emissions and improve energy efficiency. Globally we have reduced GHG emissions 62% from a 1990 base year”, Sweeney added.

3M’s corporate energy conservation efforts began in 1973 and energy efficiency remains an important component of 3M’s operational strategy. The company has reduced U.S. energy consumption indexed to net sales by 77% and has saved over \$100 million (from a 1990 base year). These results helped the company win the EPA’s ENERGY STAR Sustained Excellence Award the last four years (2005-2008).

In addition to 3M’s corporate programs to reduce the company’s own carbon footprint, 3M has products on the market to help 3M customers reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and save energy. Some examples are 3M Window Films, 3M Novec™ 1230 Fire Protection Fluid, and Filtrete™ Filters.

In honoring seven companies that achieved their GHG goals, EPA Administrator Stephen Johnson said, “These companies are reducing their climate footprints in cost-effective ways and contributing to this county’s energy independence.”

The EPA Climate Leaders Program began in 2002 and is an industry-government partnership to develop comprehensive climate change strategies. Partner companies commit to reducing their impact on the global environment by completing a corporate-wide inventory of their greenhouse gas emissions and setting aggressive reduction goals. The companies also report their progress annually to the EPA.

About 3M

A recognized leader in research and development, 3M produces thousands of innovative products for dozens of diverse markets. 3M's core strength is applying its more than 40 distinct technology platforms – often in combination – to a wide array of customer needs. With \$24 billion in sales, 3M employs 79,000 people worldwide and has operations in more than 60 countries. For more information, visit www.3M.com.