

## **3M Sustainability News**

### **Earth Day - 2012**

*3M Receives a Record Eighth Sustained Excellence Award from US EPA  
Award symbolizes 3M's world class sustainability performance and customer solutions*

**St. Paul, Minn. – April 20, 2012** – Through 3M's benchmark energy savings projects, the company has again received the US EPA's Energy Star program's highest honor, The Sustained Excellence award. This was the company's eighth consecutive award from the U.S. EPA. Its company-wide programs to save energy resulted in \$8.2 million in actual savings.

"Our energy savings program is just one of many initiatives that 3M has in place to help the company be more sustainable – and yet we are very proud of the recognition from the U.S. EPA", said Jean Sweeney, vice-president, 3M Environmental, Health and Safety Operations.

"No other industrial company has received the Sustained Excellence award in as many years – and it is a testament to 3M's culture of sustainability," Sweeney added.

"Our success in reducing our own energy use has led to the creation of technologies and products to help our customers. We have an ever-growing catalog of products crossing several markets and industries," Sweeney said.

In fact, 3M has a business unit devoted entirely to renewable energy. Part of this business focuses on energy-saving window films for commercial, residential and automotive applications. For example, the company's Prestige Series window films use non-metalized nano-technology to create reflectivity that's actually lower than glass. Homeowners' views remain true; the films do not distort the interior or exterior aesthetics of a building. These innovative films comprise hundreds of layers, yet are as thin as a Post-it<sup>®</sup> Note. They reject up to 97% of the sun's heat-producing infrared (IR) light and 99.9% of ultraviolet (UV) rays to keep occupants cool and comfortable.

3M doesn't stop here. All six of its major businesses offer products that help customers reduce their energy use and environmental footprint. Some other examples: Architectural lighting, energy generation through solar films, sustainable fire protection fluids and hundreds of

consumer products that are sourced from more sustainable raw materials. The entire catalog of 3M's solutions can be found at [www.3M.com/sustainability](http://www.3M.com/sustainability).

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