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RUTGERS RECOGNIZED FOR COMBINED HEAT PROJECT
Receives certificate for avoided greenhouse emissions

Rutgers University was recently awarded a certificate for its successful participation in the United States Environmental Protection Agency Combined Heat and Power Partnership (CHP). The voluntary program seeks to reduce the environmental impact of power generation by promoting the use of CHP.

Joseph Witkowski, Executive Director, Utilities Operations, coordinated the effort for University Facilities & Capital Planning. "Since 2009, when we joined the program, we successfully avoided emissions totaling some 780,000 metric tons that would have occurred were we to purchase power generated from other sources, rather than producing the power in our co-generation facility."

The figure includes the 2013 total of 38,800 metric tons in avoided emissions, which is the equivalent of annual electric use of some 5300 homes.

Witkowski explained that in addition to being a CHP partner, University Facilities also maintains a memorandum of understanding with the Environmental Protection Agency to reduce emissions and lower its carbon footprint. "Every six months we submit data to the EPA and they calculate our rate of success. We also submit data which details all of our plans, not just for offsetting emissions, but also for waste reduction, recycling, and overall conservation and energy reduction efforts."

"Kudos to Joe and his team for their efforts in emissions reductions and the other initiatives that create a more sustainable campus," said Anthony Calcado, Vice President, University Facilities & Capital Planning. "In a campus this size, all of these efforts make a difference."

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Rutgers University is comprised of five campuses for a total of 27 million square feet and 1,015 buildings throughout the state. The University Facilities & Capital Planning organization is the primary agency responsible for the construction, renovation, maintenance and repair of all buildings and grounds found within the campus perimeters.