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DEP Secretary: Federal Recovery Act Creates Orders for Lawrence County Lighting Company, Saves Ellwood City Taxpayers Money

Ellwood City, Lawrence County – Environmental Secretary John Hanger today pointed to a Lawrence County manufacturing plant that, through the help of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding, is boosting the local economy by putting people to work producing energy-saving light fixtures while reducing costs to local taxpayers.

Hanger's tour of Appalachian Lighting Systems marked the first anniversary of the federal Recovery Act.

"The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act signed by President Obama one year ago is creating opportunities in every corner of Pennsylvania in communities just like Ellwood City," said Hanger. "The Ellwood City project is especially exciting because the new LED streetlights that the borough will install will be produced at the local Appalachian Lighting Systems, which helps ensure more of this investment is circulated back into the community that the company and its workers call home."

Ellwood City received a \$250,000 ARRA Conservation Works grant to purchase 250 LED streetlights to replace existing, inefficient mercury vapor lights throughout the borough. The new streetlights will reduce the borough's electric use by 181,500 kilowatt hours per year, saving taxpayers \$19,783 a year on energy costs.

Appalachian Lighting Systems currently has 10 employees and this project will create or retain four jobs.

"Creating jobs is precisely what the Recovery Act was intended to do," added Hanger. "To date more than \$5.7 billion of this funding has been infused into Pennsylvania's economy and more than 4,200 jobs have been created or saved in Pennsylvania as a result. Lawrence County, alone, has received more than \$42 million."

The secretary noted that the county's share of federal stimulus dollars has supported infrastructure improvements to roads and water systems, aided school districts, and provided tax relief to nearly 43,000 people, among other things.

For more information, visit www.Recovery.Pa.gov.

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