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Ponderay Newsprint Earns 2017 NWPPA Environmental Excellence Award *Mill honored for focus on emission control, energy and water conservation*

OLYMPIA — Citing a sustained commitment to the environment, the Northwest Pulp & Paper Association has awarded the Ponderay Newsprint Company its 2017 Environmental Excellence Award. The honor was presented at the association's annual meeting in Stevenson.

Chris McCabe, executive director of the Northwest Pulp & Paper Association, said industry-wide, Washington's pulp and paper mills' predominant use of carbon-neutral biomass and zero carbon-emitting hydroelectric power to fuel mill operations has resulted in a 300,000 metric ton reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuels since 2004. That's the equivalent of removing 64,000 cars from the road for one year, McCabe said.

"Washington's pulp and paper sector contributes less than one-percent of total greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuels in Washington state. Ponderay is an excellent example of how these practices impact every day operations in our state," added McCabe. "The team at Ponderay has worked hard to implement these protocols and we are proud to present them with this year's award, honoring those efforts."

Since 2000, Ponderay Newsprint Company has reduced the mill's greenhouse gas emissions by 82 percent. During this same time, the mill has also employed a variety of conservation projects, such as lighting upgrades, to reduce indirect greenhouse gas emissions by 77 percent.

Additionally, 97 percent of the mill's total electricity is produced via zero carbon-emitting hydroelectric operations. The mill has also reduced overall water consumption by more than 25 percent since 2010.

"It is an honor to be selected for this award and to be recognized for all of our environmental efforts," said **Myron Johnson**, Ponderay's mill manager. "Everyone in our mill shares in this award, because we all have taken steps to contribute to these environmental reductions. We are proud of our team and what this means for our facility and the environment."

Laura Verity, Ponderay's environmental manager, echoed Johnson's praise for the mill staff.

"Everyone at Ponderay shares a concern for the environment and is personally invested in the performance of this mill," said Verity. "This award recognizes those efforts, and the overall commitment of Ponderay to operate in the most environmentally efficient manner. Going forward, we will always look for ways to be more efficient, but this honor is a nice recognition of our efforts to date."

About the Northwest Pulp & Paper Association

Formed in 1956, the Northwest Pulp & Paper Association (NWPPA) represents 12 member companies and 14 pulp and paper mills in Washington, Oregon and Idaho. For more information, visit www.nwpulppaper.org.