

Scott Southall and Sandy Camargo Receive Environmental Leadership Awards

*FRANKFORT, Ky. (Oct. 10, 2008) – The Department for Environmental Protection presented its **Environmental Leadership Awards** this week during the **Governor’s Conference on the Environment in Lexington.***

Energy and Environment Cabinet Secretary Len Peters says the three award recipients promote environmental stewardship through example. “I’m very impressed with the commitment of these individuals and their organizations in being good stewards of the environment. These awards are given to celebrate their bold efforts in becoming champions of the environment.”

The award recipients are:

David Ellis, superintendent of **Prestonsburg City Utilities**, for his willingness to help neighboring counties in time of need. Ellis agreed to operate temporarily five wastewater treatment plants in Johnson County. Ellis also has sent crews to the cities of Hindman, Martin and Hazard for assistance.

Mayor Gene Zick and the city of **Russellville** for ‘going green.’ Mayor Zick has made environmental concerns a priority in his administration. The mayor has implemented a contest for residents paying water bills to win a free rain barrel. To set an example, Mayor Zick ordered 25 rain barrels to be used at city departments and in commercial and residential areas to lead the charge. In addition, Mayor Zick has visited Brentwood, Tenn. to get information on wind power.



Sandy Camargo, Scott Southall and CDP Engineers, Inc. of Lexington for sustainability efforts and for embracing low-impact, green development in project-related and community service arenas. Recent projects have incorporated rain gardens, rainwater harvesting, stream restoration, conservation easements and pervious pavements.