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Cub Foods Store Earns Gold from EPA's GreenChill Partnership

Recognition given for using green refrigeration technology

STILLWATER, Minn. – Oct. 30, 2008 – The Environmental Protection Agency's GreenChill Partnership today awarded its Gold-Level Certification to the new Cub Foods supermarket in St. Paul, Minn. The Cub Foods store is the first store in the nation to receive GreenChill certification as part of GreenChill's new program to recognize superior refrigeration management practices and use of green refrigeration technology. The Cub Foods store has reduced its refrigerant charge by 65 percent versus the industry standard. In addition, the store is completely leak-tight at installation.

The GreenChill Advanced Refrigeration Partnership is an EPA cooperative alliance with the supermarket industry to promote advanced technologies, strategies and practices that reduce emissions of stratospheric ozone-depleting substances and greenhouse gases.

GreenChill partners in the food retail business have refrigerant emissions rates nearly 50 percent lower than the EPA-estimated industry average. Since launching in November 2007, the GreenChill Advanced Refrigeration Partnership has prevented emissions of 2.5 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent, equal to the annual emissions of almost 500,000 cars. To qualify for Gold Certification, a store's refrigeration systems and management practices must meet rigorous environmental standards.

The EPA works with GreenChill partners to transition to using only non-ozone-depleting refrigerants, reduce refrigerant charges, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote the adoption of advanced refrigeration technology, which reduces supermarkets' impact on the earth's ozone layer and climate change.

"EPA's GreenChill Partnership is excited to award Cub Foods our gold-level certification for green refrigeration technology," said Keilly Witman, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Representative, Stratospheric Protection Division. "Cub is the very first supermarket in the nation to earn this certification, which sets an example for the grocery industry, and we're proud of the commitment they've made to their customers and the environment."

"Cub Foods is looking for ways to reduce our carbon footprint," said Brian Huff, president of Cub Foods. "The partnership with the EPA GreenChill Program came just as we began construction on our first LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environment) certified store. This additional certification is an added bonus, and we know we're doing the right thing for our business, our customers and the environment."

Cub Foods provides consumers with the freshest produce, widest selection and greatest value available today. In addition to innovative natural, ethnic and certified organic food sections, Cub stores offer shoppers added conveniences, such as in-store pharmacy and banking. Cub Foods was established in 1968 as one of the nation's first discount grocery stores. The organization was purchased in 1980 by SUPERVALU and currently operates 57 stores in the Twin Cities.