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GIANT EAGLE® RECEIVES THREE AWARDS FROM U.S. EPA'S GREENCHILL ADVANCED REFRIGERATION PARTNERSHIP

CLEVELAND – Supermarket retailer Giant Eagle® Inc., received three awards from the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) GreenChill Advanced Refrigeration Partnership at the August 18 Food Marketing Institute's Sustainability Summit held in San Francisco.

EPA GreenChill Environmental Awards

Giant Eagle received GreenChill's 2008 Best Partner Emissions Rate Award for achieving the lowest refrigerant leak rate of the GreenChill partners; GreenChill's 2008 Exceptional Goal Achievement Award for exceeding GreenChill standards in reductions of refrigerant emissions and, finally, GreenChill's 2008 Superior Goal Achievement Award for achieving GreenChill's target rate for overall emissions.

"We're honored to help lead our industry in refrigeration management by advancing new technology and best practices. Our team members are dedicated to ensuring that Giant Eagle remains a good steward of the environment and it is through their hard work that we are recognized today," said Kevin Shelton, VP of Store Planning, Equipment Buying and Engineering, and Aetos Construction, Giant Eagle.

The GreenChill Advanced Refrigeration Partnership is an EPA program in which participating supermarkets, refrigeration equipment manufacturers and other stakeholders work together to help reduce refrigerant leaks and potentially damaging emissions. Giant Eagle became a founding member GreenChill partner in 2007.

"As the winner two years in a row of GreenChill's "Best Emissions Rate" award, Giant Eagle is setting the pace in the supermarket industry for refrigerant leak rate reductions," said Keilly Witman of EPA's GreenChill Partnership. "With a corporate-wide refrigerant leak rate below 8%, Giant Eagle continues to set a stellar example for industry."

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About Giant Eagle

Giant Eagle Inc., ranked 39 on *Forbes* magazine's largest private corporations list and recipient of *Grocery Headquarters' 2007* Retailer of the Year Award and the EPA's ENERGY STAR Sustained Excellence Award, is one of the nation's largest food retailers and food distributors with approximately \$8 billion in annual sales. Founded in 1931, Giant Eagle, Inc. has grown to be the number one supermarket retailer in the region with 160 corporate and 60 independently owned and operated supermarkets in addition to 153 fuel and convenience stores throughout western Pennsylvania, Ohio, north central West Virginia and Maryland.

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