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## **SAD 17 Recognized As Energy Efficiency Leader in New England**

***PUC's Efficiency Maine Program Congratulates SAD 17  
for Commitment to Energy Reduction***

Augusta, Maine (May 2007) – School Administrative District 17 in Oxford is one of eight organizations that was recognized in Rhode Island as a Business Leader for Energy Efficiency by the Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships (NEEP).

The District completed several lighting and energy projects to significantly reduce electricity usage and costs. The initiatives are expected to save about 987,389 kilowatt hours (kWh) of electricity and benefit the environment by keeping 629 tons of carbon dioxide out of the earth's atmosphere – the equivalent of taking 109 cars off the road.

The school district was recognized by Efficiency Maine earlier this year and presented with \$169,185 in cash rebates for certain equipment purchases which will help defray projects costs and reduce the payback period.

SAD 17 includes the towns of Oxford, Harrison, Hebron, Otisfield, South Paris, West Paris, Norway and Waterford.

Efficiency Maine is a statewide program to promote the more efficient use of electricity, help Maine businesses and residents reduce energy costs, and improve Maine's environment. Free advice is available to Maine businesses of all sizes, and cash incentives up to \$200,000 are available for qualifying equipment purchases.

More information about the program is available by calling toll-free 1-866-376-2463 or on the website at [www.energymaine.com](http://www.energymaine.com).

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