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DEP ANNOUNCES POLLUTION PREVENTION STRATEGIC GOALS PROGRAM

CONSHOHOCKEN (Sept. 27) - Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Secretary James M. Seif and Deputy Secretary Terry R. Fabian today unveiled the department's Strategic Goals Program - a partnership between the electroplating industry, DEP, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and local regulators, focusing on pollution prevention for the industry.

The electroplating and metal finishing industry in Pennsylvania consists of over 500 companies, many of them small businesses. Common types of electroplating include chrome, nickel, cadmium, zinc, and precious metals plating.

Representatives of EPA, the Philadelphia Water Department and the electroplating industry were also on hand to participate in this important event.

Following the announcement, made at a Regional Roundtable Meeting dedicated to pollution prevention for the month of September, DEP Pollution Prevention Director of Program Operations Edwin Pinero discussed the department's commitment to pollution prevention and how DEP, and Pennsylvania government in general, leads by example.

For more information about Pollution Prevention, visit DEP through the Pennsylvania homepage at www.state.pa.us or directly at www.dep.state.pa.us (choose Subjects/Pollution Prevention and Compliance Assistance).

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