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Did You Know?!?

Approximately 40% of California's peak energy demand is residential and commercial air conditioning and commercial lighting.

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Welcome PEAK Northern Illinois and new Program Coordinator, Rachel Nalepa

The Energy Coalition is very pleased to announce the expansion of PEAK Student Energy Actions to Northern Illinois! Through grant funding from the Northern Illinois Energy Partnership (NIEP), over 6,000 students from 20 schools in Northern Illinois will become "Smart Energy Managers" through their participation in PEAK over the course of the next three school years.



We welcome the newest addition to the PEAK staff, Rachel Nalepa, on board as our Program Coordinator for PEAK Northern Illinois. Bringing with her previous experience in the nonprofit and educational fields and a recently completed Masters Degree in Environmental Studies from Monterey Institute, she is well-equipped to get PEAK Northern Illinois underway. Rachel will work out of our Chicago-based office located in West Bucktown, and can be reached by email at RNalepa@energycoalition.org.

PEAK Energy Challenge Software is LIVE!!

The completed PEAK Energy Challenge software is now online! Please visit www.peakstudents.net and click on Games and Quizzes to access the brand-new simulated environment for PEAK students to test out and develop their Smart Energy Management skills.

After completing a one-month "live-run" testing period, a CD version of the PEAK Energy Challenge Software will be distributed to each PEAK student. PEAK students and teachers are welcome and encouraged to comment on the PEAK Energy Challenge during the "live" testing period. Please direct any questions or comments to Anastasia Beckett at peak@energycoalition.org.



Thank you to PixelPushers, Inc. for their attention to detail and commitment to educational integrity while designing the Software, and to Ed Schofield for his leadership and graphic design expertise.

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Swedish Teachers Come to California

For the third consecutive year, PEAK educators from Nacka, Sweden are coming to visit California! Agneta Jorbeck and Jimmy Svenson will lead the delegation of nine Swedish PEAK educators and District administrators visiting California April 16th through April 22nd.



The PEAK Swedes are eager to observe PEAK classrooms in California, share PEAK educational experiences with their American counterparts, and jumpstart ongoing international connections between PEAK teachers and students. If you would be interested in hosting the Swedish educators at your school during a PEAK education day, please contact Sarah Mills at (949) 701-4646 Ext. 115 or SMills@energycoalition.org.

International PEAK Day 2005 Schedule of Activities Online

Starting the month of April, The Energy Coalition is sponsoring a series of events for PEAK students, teachers, and classrooms to participate in simultaneous PEAK activities in a global effort toward energy-efficiency awareness for International PEAK Day 2005.

We are asking PEAK students, classrooms, or schools to submit a 10-minute student-directed video



describing "Your Energy World" to be included as part of an International PEAK Day 2005 compilation CD. Prizes for participation will be awarded, and the deadline for submission is April 22nd.

For information about how to enter and the complete list of International PEAK Day 2005 activities, visit www.peakstudents.net