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**Ohio EPA Director Visits DRS Environmental Systems
To Recognize Staff for Environmental Excellence**

Ohio EPA Director Craig W. Butler visited DRS Environmental Systems in Cincinnati today to recognize the company for its continuing efforts in environmental stewardship. He toured the plant and learned how the company took its unique production process and made it more efficient and sustainable.

Ohio EPA recognized the company's environmental stewardship efforts by naming it one of the first businesses to earn a silver-level award under the Agency's Encouraging Environmental Excellence (E3) program.

DRS Environmental Systems employs more than 100 staff members at its Cincinnati plant where they design and manufacture integrated trailers and shelter solutions for commercial and military applications. They also design and manufacture broadcast and communication systems for these applications. The company is part of DRS Technologies, headquartered in Arlington, Va.

"DRS sets an example for other companies to follow. They have a team of people whose mission is to continuously look for ways to reduce the hazardous wastes produced and natural resources used. And they have proven that efficiencies developed to be more environmentally responsible also can be an economic advantage, and that's good for Ohio's environment, Ohio's economy and Ohio's citizens," Director Butler said.

"When we received this award it represented what our people can do when they care and get involved," said Jim O'Leary, vice president / general manager of DRS Environmental Systems. "Today, our continued efforts towards improving upon our environmental achievements is a significant focus on what we do here. We have no limits and that is what drives us to our ongoing efforts in the E3 program."

DRS's Cincinnati plant switched a polyfoam application process from 55-gallon drums to canisters that allowed equipment to be attached without exposing the material to air. The result is 100 percent of the air-sensitive product is used and the containers are then recycled. This and other projects reduced the company's hazardous waste generation by approximately 4,500 pounds annually.

The company also implemented a more efficient rain intrusion test environment that allows the water used to be recycled, saving more than 72,000 gallons of water a year. The company also installed more efficient toilets and lighting at the plant to save water and energy.

The E3 program acknowledges Ohio businesses and other organizations for completing environmentally beneficial activities and serves as an incentive to commit to ongoing environmental stewardship. To earn a silver-level award, a business or organization must have a good environmental compliance record and complete environmental stewardship activities that show a strong corporate environmental ethic.

To learn more about the E3 program, go to www.epa.ohio.gov/ohioe3.aspx or contact the Ohio EPA Office of Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention at 1-800-329-7518.