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Ohio EPA Celebrates Earth Day with Solar Tour and Local Events

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Director Scott J. Nally today visited a solar home in New Carlisle to highlight how alternative energy can have a positive environmental and economic impact in the state.

“Since today is Earth Day, I wanted to demonstrate how alternative energy projects can have a positive effect on the environment and the economy in Ohio,” Nally said. “The alternative energy industry is creating jobs and energy saving opportunities in our state and Ohio EPA will continue to promote this effort.”

The solar home is owned by John and Alycia Lee, who just installed a 7.4 kilowatt solar system consisting of 40 solar panels. It will produce almost 9,000 kilowatt-hours of clean energy each year.

This is just one example of how Ohio’s citizens can personally invest in alternative energy. While solar energy may not be possible for everyone, you can adopt an environmentally friendly lifestyle if you compost at home, recycle, turn down the thermostat or take other simple actions.

Ohio EPA employees are participating in more than 20 Earth Day events around the state. For a complete list, visit <http://www.epa.state.oh.us/pic/feature/earthday2011.aspx>.

Many Ohio communities are also hosting Earth Day events. To find out what your community is doing, check your local paper or contact your local officials.

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