



*Celebrating 100 years of New Hampshire's working forests*

## **2009 Outstanding Forest Industry Award Northern Wood Power - Schiller Station**

To recognize the crucial role industry partners play in the growth and health of the forest products industry, the New Hampshire Timberland Owners Association (NHTOA) has presented the Outstanding Forest Industry Award. This award, established in 1991, recognizes superior business management, efficiency, productivity, and the quality and marketing of a New Hampshire-based industry. The business may be a sawmill, wood energy plant, secondary manufacturer, pulp or paper mill, or another forest-products industry.

To qualify, nominated firms must be:

- Involved in any wood-using industry -- either primary or secondary manufacturing.
- Participate in civic or service organizations, such as town boards or committees, Rotary Club or Lions Club.
- Participate in industry or trade association activities.
- Be a member in good standing of the NHTOA.

Nominees are reviewed by the NHTOA Awards Committee and approved by a vote of the NHTOA Board of Directors.

The 2010 recipient of the NHTOA's Outstanding Forest Industry Award is Public Service of New Hampshire's (PSNH) Schiller Station in Portsmouth, N.H.

During their review of Schiller Station's operations, members of the Awards Committee found excellent safety procedures and safety record. All trucks that come into the plant are required to have current insurance certificates, which are tracked through Schiller's scale system via license plate numbers. Prior to the start of each shift, all employees attend a "tail board" meeting.

Schiller employees are nominated by their peers for recognition of their on-the-job safety.

Most of the workers at the Schiller plant are from New Hampshire.

In 2009, more than 60 percent of the wood used at Schiller came from New Hampshire. According to the Awards Committee, if the figures had been based on the location of the logger -- i.e., N.H.-based loggers harvesting in Maine, Massachusetts, or Vermont, rather than where the wood was harvested -- this percentage would have been significantly higher. More than 80 percent of the wood supply came from sustainable harvests in 2009.

Each employee may submit an application to PSNH for funding for a non-profit organization in which they participate. These organizations include the Boy Scouts, Little League and public libraries. The company also supports chambers of commerce throughout New Hampshire.

"Schiller Station has a top-notch safety program and actively supports many non-profit organizations," said Rick Evans, a member of the NHTOA Board of Directors. "Its impact on New Hampshire's forest products industry is significant."

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