

Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships, Inc.



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Building operators in Maine receive advanced energy efficiency certification

Training will help save energy and money for their facilities this winter

Augusta, Maine, October 13, 2005 – This year, 19 Maine building operators took steps to lower energy costs at their facilities while improving building safety and occupant comfort at the same time. They did this by learning about advanced building management practices through Level 200 of the Building Operator Certification (BOC) program.

An evaluation of the course has shown that program graduates representing Maine public schools, correctional facilities, hospitals and government agencies can expect each year to save on average:

- 0.35 kWhs (kilowatt hours) of electricity per square foot
- 0.40 MMBtu (million British Thermal Units) of oil per square foot
- 0.34 MMBtu of gas per square foot
- 0.14 gallons of water per square foot

These energy savings represent up to 20 percent on annual facility utility costs.

The Level 200 BOC program is the second of two training courses launched by Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships in 2000. Level 100 program graduates learn how to evaluate energy conservation techniques, HVAC systems, efficient lighting and electrical systems, indoor air quality levels and environmental health and safety regulations. Level 200 students develop competence in preventive maintenance, advanced electrical diagnosis, HVAC troubleshooting, advanced lighting applications and advanced indoor air quality.

The Level 200 class in Maine was offered thanks to the support of Efficiency Maine. “These days, people get plenty of information about the value of using efficient equipment to reduce their energy costs, but not enough information about how simple changes in maintaining their

equipment can provide paybacks that are every bit as favorable,” said Denis Bergeron, Director of Efficiency Maine. “The BOC courses are a great way to get this information out to people who can use it.”

The 2005 Maine BOC Level 200 program graduates included:

Donald Ayers	York County CC
Richard Bacon	Maine PUC
Sam Bradeen	Corrections-CCF/MVYDC
Michael Conrad	Brunswick School Dept.
Daniel Davis	Corrections, MVYDC.
Peter Garcelon	MSAD #56
Michael Garrity	SAU #7 Saco/Dayton
James Goulet	MSAD 16, Hall Dale
Scott Gray	Department of Transportation/MTS
Richard Knowles	Berwick Academy
Thomas Mayo	Colby College
Dale McLaughlin	Millinocket Regional Hospital
Michael Robertshaw	Maine Correctional Center
Carl Rousseau	Colby College
William Rudy	MSAD #40
Steve Runnells	SAD #49
Douglas Sears	MSAD #59
Douglas Sherwood	Portland Public Schools
Richard Wohlenberg	MSAD #72

NEEP will be offering a Level 100 BOC course in Maine this November. For more information please visit <http://www.neep.org/BOC> or call 1-781-860-9177, ext. 16.

About NEEP

Northeast Energy Efficiency Partnerships, Inc. (NEEP) is a regional nonprofit organization founded in 1996 whose mission is to promote energy efficiency in homes, buildings and industry in the Northeast U.S. through regionally coordinated programs and policies that increase the use of energy efficient products, services and practices, and that help achieve a cleaner environment and a more reliable and affordable energy system. For more information, please visit www.neep.org.