

# Hickory business named Environmental Steward

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## HICKORY

Corning Cable Systems' Hickory Cable Facility is the first business in Catawba County to be named an Environmental Steward by the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

The award, presented Wednesday at the Hickory Cable Facility off McDonald Parkway, recognizes the

plant's superior environmental performance, commitment to continued reduction of its environmental impact and demonstrated commitment to exceed compliance.

"These are challenging times for everyone at every level," William G. Ross Jr., secretary of the North Carolina Department of Environment and Natural Resources, said in presenting the award.

"We're seeing that there is a way to be kind to the planet while getting a competitive

edge. You're achieving that."

Hickory-based Corning Cable Systems LLC is part of Corning Incorporated's telecommunications segment. This is the second time a Corning facility has received the Environmental Steward award, which has only been presented nine times. Corning's Wilmington Optical Fiber Manufacturing Facility achieved Steward status in 2005.



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Corning Cable Systems' Hickory Cable Facility was recognized as a 2008 Environmental Steward. Here, Brian Hargreaves (left) and Steve Street (center) with Corning Cable Systems receive the award from William G. Ross Jr. with the N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

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"We are honored to be recognized as a 2008 Environmental Steward," said Clark Kinlin, president and chief executive officer of Corning Cable Systems.

"Recognition for this award goes to our employees for their commitment to protecting our environment. Corning Incorporated constantly strives to be a global leader in environmental performance, and this award is an example of that dedication," he said.

"It's obvious that Corning is a company striving to be a leader in the development of management systems for efficient and environmentally friendly manufacturing," Ross added.

This is the second time in less than a year that the Hickory Cable Facility has been recognized by the state.

In March 2008, the facility earned the Carolina Star certification from the North Carolina Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health division for safety excellence.

In April 2008 the facility also became the first partner in Catawba County's Recycling and Waste Reduction Partnership Program.

Corning Cable Systems has adopted a green strategy to eliminate the use of hazardous substances in its products and manufacturing, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and to recycle. The company is TL 9000 and ISO 9001

## DETAILS

**A 12-member advisory board cited several reasons for the honor:**

- Integrating environmental management into core business operations through processes for internal communication of environmental issues, and driving environmental awareness through efficiency improvement and awards programs.
- Operating well below permitted limits and implementing management techniques beyond those required by regulation.
- From 2006 to 2008, reducing energy usage normalized to production by 22 percent; between 2006 and 2007, increasing plastic material recycling by 17 percent; and from 2004 to 2007, decreasing water consumption at the facility by approximately 59 percent when normalized to production.

certified. The Hickory Cable Facility is also ISO 14001 certified to environmental standards.

The Environmental Steward award was presented during a celebration attended by

Corning officials and representatives of Hickory, Catawba County and area economic development organizations.

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