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***NEWS RELEASE:***  
***BPA employee receives industry award***

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**PORTLAND, Ore.** – A Technology Transfer Award from the Electric Power Research Institute was presented to Nancy DeMond, an employee of the Bonneville Power Administration. EPRI, located in Palo Alto, Calif., is the national research and development arm of the electric utility industry.

Given annually, this award recognizes important applications of environmental research within the electric utility industry. DeMond received the award this year for her efforts in securing a risk based cleanup standard for mineral oil in soil in Washington state. Mineral oil is used by the utility industry as an insulating agent in electrical equipment, like transformers. Previously, mineral oil, which is regarded as environmentally benign, had been subject to the same restrictive cleanup standards as fuel oils.

While this new cleanup standard is expected to benefit all utilities, the BPA expects to save about \$200,000 a year as a result. These savings are especially important to BPA as it faces increased competition in a deregulated industry.

Oregon and Idaho are considering similar changes to their cleanup requirements.

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