



**GOVERNOR'S
ENERGY EXCELLENCE
AWARDS**

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Governor Recognizes Cargill Salt for Reducing Energy Waste

*Best Industrial/Manufacturing Project in Second Annual
Governor's Energy Excellence Awards Competition*

LANSING — Cargill Salt was among eight organizations and individuals that received the Governor's Energy Excellence Award for their successful efforts to reduce energy waste. The award winners were announced by Gov. Rick Snyder and honored at a ceremony at Michigan State University in East Lansing on August 11.

Cargill Salt was selected as Best Industrial/Manufacturing Project for, among other things, replacing its coal-natural gas saturated heat steam boiler and its natural gas package boiler with a single, new 284.4 MMBTU boiler. This change resulted in energy savings of nearly 1.2 million therms, enough to power more than 14,000 homes each year.

“Reducing energy waste will be a critically important part of an energy policy that will preserve Michigan’s comeback and protect our wonderful natural resources for decades to come,” said the governor. “The individuals and organizations honored today should be proud of their innovative efforts, and I encourage all Michiganders to take the necessary steps to be more energy efficient.”

The award for Best Industrial/Manufacturing Project is presented each year to a manufacturing operation that uses energy-efficiency solutions to help reduce energy costs. The other finalist in the category this year was Graphic Packaging International of Battle Creek.

Following is a comprehensive list of the other 2016 honorees by category.

Best Projects — Commercial (Private)

Winner: Odawa Casino Resort, Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians, Petoskey
Finalist: Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Community College, L'Anse
Finalist: Visteon Corporation, Van Buren Township
Honorable Mention: PK Housing and Management, Okemos

Best Projects — Public

Winner: Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo
Finalist: East Jackson Community Schools, Jackson
Finalist: Parchment School District, Parchment
Honorable Mention: Michigan State University, East Lansing

Best Projects — Residential

Winner: Michael Eick, Clinton Township
Finalist: Matthew Grocoff, Ann Arbor
Finalist: Peter McWethy, Kalamazoo
Honorable Mention: Whitney Jonas, Kalamazoo

Best Projects — Agriculture

Winner: Weiss Centennial Farms, Frankenmuth
Finalist: GDW Farms, Holland
Finalist: Miller Family Farm, Carney
Honorable Mention: Coveyou Scenic Farm Market, Petoskey

Contractor of the Year

Winner: Oscar W. Larson Company, Clarkston
Finalist: Bel-Aire Heating and Air Conditioning, Portage
Finalist: Performance Engineering Group, Inc., Livonia
Honorable Mention: Randazzo Mechanical Heating and Cooling, Macomb

Best Communication or Education Program

Winner: Habitat for Humanity of Kent County, Grand Rapids
Finalist: City of Holland
Finalist: Muskegon County Department of Veterans Affairs, Muskegon
Honorable Mention: Michigan Farm Energy Program, East Lansing

Innovator of the Year

Winner: Dennis Schultz — Terra Caloric, Alpena
Finalist: John Slagter — The Mackinac Technology Company, Grand Rapids
Finalist: Venntis Technologies, LLC, Holland
Honorable Mention: Nextek Power Systems, Detroit

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