



Patrick Cudahy Implements ISO 14001 Certified Environmental Management System

April 27, 2006 Cudahy, WI - Patrick Cudahy, Inc. has implemented an environmental management system certified under ISO 14001 standards, the international reference that enables organizations to meet their environmental challenges. These standards were established by ISO, the International Organization for Standardization in Geneva, Switzerland.

Patrick Cudahy's commitment to environmental improvement exceeds compliance standards and has produced tangible results. Over 15 environmental projects and programs have been implemented to conserve natural resources and improve the way the company does business in relation to the environment. These projects include reducing energy use; reducing water use; increasing recycling and reducing waste generation; reducing air emissions from boilers; improving the quality of wastewater discharge to public owned treatment works (POTW); and improving storm water discharge. The ISO 14001 program has saved the company over \$450,000 in a twelve-month period.

The company notes that the benefits of ISO 14001 include an increase in management and employee awareness, a proactive rather than reactive stance on environmental issues, better prioritization of the company's environmental efforts, improved environmental performance, pollution prevention, conservation, increased efficiency and reduced costs.

As a supplier to the foodservice industry, Patrick Cudahy produces fully cooked sausage links and patties, sweet apple-wood smoked bacon; precooked bacon slices, bacon toppings; sliced hams, salami, Portion Perfect® sliced meats, lunch meats, fresh

pork sausage, and specialty sausage. On the retail side, in addition to Wisconsin's number one selling bacon, it offers sliced luncheon meats; Heat & Eat fully cooked sausage links and patties, precooked bacon slices and pieces; dry sausage; ReaLean ham and turkey; and home-style boneless ham. In the deli, look for Patrick's Pride® premium deli meats, German hard salami, cooked hams, Portion Perfect® sliced meats and lunchmeats.

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