

Ducks Unlimited Praises Arch Coal, Presents Wetlands Award to West Virginia Subsidiary

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CHARLESTON, W.Va. - Arch Coal (NYSE: ACI) today announced that Catenary Coal Co., a wholly owned subsidiary, has received the 2003 Ducks Unlimited "West Virginia Wetlands Award" for its outstanding accomplishments in the creation and preservation of wetlands habitat.

"We're proud to be recognized for our environmental commitment by such a respected organization as Ducks Unlimited," says Steven F. Leer, Arch Coal's president and chief executive officer. "We integrate the reclamation process into every phase of mining, and seek to make environmental excellence a hallmark of our company."

Catenary's award-winning reclamation efforts include the creation of hundreds of acres of new wetlands. These new water sources in the high terrain of southern West Virginia - where ponds and wetlands are scarce - attract and sustain an abundance of wildlife. Additionally, Catenary and its Samples Mine have worked with the Cabin Creek and Coal River watershed associations on a number of local improvement projects.

Last year, Catenary received two national awards for its reclamation efforts. Catenary received the "Outstanding Reclamation Award" from the National Association of State Land Reclamationists for leadership efforts in reclaiming mine lands, including the creation of wetlands, the enhancement of wildlife and first-of-its-kind reforestation research. Also in 2003, the Society of American Foresters presented Catenary with the Woodlands West Virginia Award for its reforestation efforts.

Catenary Coal Co., located in Eskdale, W.Va., ships more than 6.5 million tons of coal each year. Arch Coal is the nation's second largest coal producer and mines low-sulfur coal exclusively. Through its subsidiary operations in West Virginia, Kentucky, Virginia, Wyoming, Colorado and Utah, Arch provides the fuel for approximately 6 percent of the electricity generated in the United States. Arch Coal is traded on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: ACI) and maintains its corporate headquarters in St. Louis, Mo.