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Governor Thompson is holding a news conference to announce the administration's new \$50 million, 6-year energy conservation program.

Governor Thompson will announce the program and be available for any questions.

AGENDA

David Ward, UW Vice Chancellor  
Governor Thompson  
Kathering Lyall  
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Governor Thompson's remark  
Wisconsin Energy Initiative Announcement  
Thursday, April 23  
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THANK YOU, DAVID (Ward)

GOOD AFTERNOON. THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING HERE TODAY.

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ANNOUNCE, DURING THIS EARTH WEEK, A NEW INITIATIVE THAT WILL ENHANCE WISCONSIN'S COMMITMENT TO ENERGY CONSERVATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

DURING THIS WEEK, WE ARE OFTEN REMINDED ON HOW WELL WE AS A STATE AND NATION ARE PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT AND SAVING OUR RESOURCES.

WISCONSIN IS FORTUNATE TO BE ABLE TO POINT TO A LONG AND DISTINGUISHED TRADITION OF ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP. IN FACT, IT WAS TWENTY-TWO YEARS AGO WHEN OUR STATE TOOK THE LEAD IN PROMOTING THE FIRST EARTH DAY.

SINCE THEN, WE HAVE LEAD THE WAY IN IMPLEMENTING INNOVATIVE

PROGRAMS TO PROTECT WISCONSIN'S AIR, LAND, AND WATER RESOURCES.

I AM PROUD THAT WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CONTINUE OUR COMMITMENT TO PRESERVING AND PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT THROUGH THE WISCONSIN ENERGY INITIATIVE.

THIS \$50 MILLION, SIX-YEAR ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM IS THE RESULT OF A STRONG PARTNERSHIP THAT HAS BEEN BUILT BETWEEN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR.

IT BRINGS TOGETHER STATE AND UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS, THE UTILITY COMPANIES AND WISCONSIN BUSINESSES CONCERNED ABOUT OUR ENVIRONMENT.

THIS PLAN REPRESENTS THE LARGEST AND MOST COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM IN THE HISTORY OF THE STATE.

IT WILL BUILD UPON THE CONSERVATION EFFORTS ALREADY OCCURRING AT MANY STATE FACILITIES.

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WE ARE CURRENTLY USING RECYCLED PAPER PELLETS AND WOOD CHIPS IN OUR HEATING PLANTS, INCLUDING THE ONE WE ARE AT TODAY. WE ARE ALSO CONDUCTING ALTERNATIVE FUEL RESEARCH ON STATE OUR VEHICLES AND USING HIGH EFFICIENCY MOTORS AND LIGHTS.

BUT MORE NEEDS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED, AND WE HAVE RESPONDED WITH THE WISCONSIN ENERGY INITIATIVE.

BY THE YEAR 2000, OUR EFFORTS WILL REDUCE THE RATE OF ELECTRICAL ENERGY USE IN STATE FACILITIES BY 20 PERCENT, AND OVERALL ENERGY BY 15 PERCENT.

IN ADDITION, IT IS EXPECTED TO SAVE THE STATE \$34 MILLION IN ENERGY PURCHASES OVER THE 6 YEAR PERIOD.

FUNDING FOR THE PROGRAM WILL BE PROVIDED THROUGH STATE BONDING AUTHORITY ... COUPLED WITH 50 PERCENT MATCHING FUNDS FROM WISCONSIN UTILITY COMPANIES THAT PROVIDE SERVICE TO STATE FACILITIES.

THE INITIAL PHASE OF THE ENERGY CONSERVATION PROGRAM PROJECT

WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY.

THE STATE BUILDING COMMISSION TODAY APPROVED \$500,000 IN PLANNING FUNDS TO JOHNSON CONTROLS WHICH WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATING THE PROGRAM WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION (DOA).

INITIAL CONSERVATION PROJECTS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED ON SIX UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN CAMPUSES ... MILWAUKEE, MADISON, STEVENS POINT, EAU CLAIRE, OSHKOSH AND GREEN BAY... AND DOA OFFICE BUILDINGS.

THE PROJECT WILL INCLUDE:

- EXPANDING THE USE OF RENEWABLE FUELS AND ENERGY EFFICIENT LIGHTING RETROFITS,
- EXPANDING RECYCLING EFFORTS OF HEATING PLANT ASH,
- AND, IMPLEMENTING ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARDS FOR ALL STATE FACILITIES.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL THE INDIVIDUALS RESPONSIBLE FOR ENSURING THAT THIS PROGRAM IS A SUCCESS... PARTICULARLY OUR UTILITY COMPANIES, JOHNSON CONTROLS, STATE LEGISLATORS WHO HAVE WORKED ON ENERGY CONSERVATION LEGISLATION, THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM AND MANY MORE.

I AM CONFIDENT THAT THIS A UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP WILL ENHANCE WISCONSIN'S COMMITMENT TO PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH.