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## Uponor Receives 2012 Efficiency Partner Award from Xcel Energy

Uponor recently received the 2012 Efficiency Partner Award by Minneapolis, Minn.-based Xcel Energy® for its outstanding efforts in curbing electric consumption in manufacturing operations. The Efficiency Partner Award honors those who participate in Xcel Energy efficiency programs to lower their energy costs and reduce their impact on the environment.



The 2012 Efficiency Partner Award recognizes local businesses that reduce energy consumption and minimize their impact on the environment.

"We were accepted into Xcel's Process Efficiency Program in 2011 and made significant reductions to our electric consumption over the past year, reducing it by 1.8 million kilowatt hours," says [Dan Hughes](#), Uponor Real Estate and Development Manager. "In addition to the significant energy-cost savings to Uponor, this level of reduction benefits the environment by eliminating the equivalent greenhouse-gas emissions of 243 passenger vehicles per year."

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According to Hughes, the Xcel Process Efficiency Program is a holistic approach to energy management, identifying opportunities for improving business practices associated with energy management processes in addition to identifying potential technical energy-efficiency opportunities that reduce consumption.



**Dan Hughes, Uponor Real Estate and Development Manager (right), explains some of the company's energy-saving measures to a group of employees during an Earth Day sustainability tour in April.**

Uponor currently has Xcel-funded studies in process for even more reductions and is anticipating qualifying for the award in 2013 as well. For more information about Xcel Energy's efficiency programs, visit [www.responsiblebynature.com](http://www.responsiblebynature.com).

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