

## Press release

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### U.S. EPA Administrator Mike Leavitt honors Kennecott Land's Daybreak Project *Touts largest planned Energy Star community in Utah*

**September 11, 2004** -- EPA Administrator and former Utah Governor Michael O. Leavitt returned to his home of Utah to see first hand the early success of Utah's largest planned Energy Star community – Kennecott Land's Daybreak. With the first of 14,000 homes under construction, Kennecott Land has required each of its seven home builders to become 5-Star Energy Star rated. All Daybreak homes meet the stringent energy efficiency standards of EPA.

The ceremonial event was held Saturday, September 11 on site at the Daybreak model home village. Administrator Leavitt recognized Daybreak residents, the seven Daybreak home builders – and one Southern Utah builder not affiliated with the Daybreak Project – for their “energy-wise” leadership and efforts.

Leavitt also talked about the five features of an Energy Star-rated new home. A Daybreak model home was used to illustrate the Energy Star features with five gigantic Energy “Stars” affixed to the outside of the home. The stars highlighted the five features as tight quality construction; tight duct systems; energy-efficient windows; high-efficiency heating and cooling equipment and superior insulation.

According to the EPA's Energy Star website, just one Energy Star qualified new home can keep 4,500 pounds of greenhouse gasses out of our air each year. Homeowners will save an average of \$200-\$400 each year in utility costs. Kennecott Land President Peter McMahon added that by building 14,000 Energy Star homes, Kennecott Land will be preventing 63 million pounds of greenhouse gasses from entering Utah air. That's the equivalent of removing 20,000 cars from Utah highways.

Daybreak builders honored at Saturday's event include Destination Homes, Bangarter Homes, Richmond American Homes, Holmes Homes, Gold Medallion Homes, Rainey Homes and Liberty Homes. Ence Homes of Southern Utah was also honored for its Energy Star efforts in that part of the state.

From a development perspective, Kennecott Land's energy conservation efforts at Daybreak will

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result in a 30% energy savings over traditional communities. As part of Kennecott Land's overall commitment to environmental sustainability, nearly 1,200 acres of Daybreak will be preserved as open space with sensitive areas such as steep slopes, streams and wildlife corridors designated as conservation areas. And a comprehensive water conservation and management plan means that parks and open space will be irrigated with secondary water, high-efficiency irrigation systems will be installed in residential yards and front yard turf will be limited to 60 percent. Conservative estimates show that the development will use 15 percent less water than traditional communities.

Kennecott Land was established in April 2001 to build enduring communities by applying sustainable development principles to Kennecott Utah Copper Corporation's significant non-mineral land and water rights.

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