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Ms. Priscilla Hayes
Director
Rutgers University - Dept. of Agricultural, Food and Resource Economics
55 Dudley Rd.
New Brunswick, NJ 08901-8520

Dear Ms. Hayes:

Congratulations! Your organization has been selected to receive a 2009 U.S. EPA Environmental Quality Award. Each year, we search for those who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment to protecting and enhancing environmental quality in our region.

The Environmental Quality Award is the highest recognition presented to the public by our office. Award recipients come from all sectors of our community, including non-profit, environmental, and community groups, individual citizens, environmental education and business organizations and members of the news media.

EPA will honor this year's Environmental Quality Award recipients at a ceremony on Friday, April 24th. I hope you will join us to celebrate your accomplishments and those of the other award recipients. We will gather for an informal reception at 1:00 p.m. on the 30th floor of our offices at 290 Broadway in Lower Manhattan. The awards ceremony will begin at 2:00 p.m. and continue until approximately 4:00 p.m.

For more information, please contact Chris Sebastian of our Public Affairs Division at (212) 637-3597 or sebastian.chris@epa.gov. We look forward to seeing you!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Pavlou".

George Pavlou
Acting Regional Administrator



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ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AWARDS

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2009

RECEPTION (BEVERAGES & LIGHT SNACKS) - 1:00 P.M.

AWARDS CEREMONY - 2:00 P.M. TO 4:00 P.M.

The reception and awards ceremony will be held at EPA's offices at 290 Broadway (southeast corner of the Duane Street intersection). Subway lines with stops near EPA include the **4 5 6** (Brooklyn Bridge-City Hall), **R W** (City Hall), **1 2 3**, **A C**, and **J M Z** (Chambers Street). See map on reverse.

If you are driving, please be advised that street parking is extremely limited. The closest pay-parking facilities are indoor garages on Worth Street, just east of Broadway, and on Reade Street, also just east of Broadway.

For security reasons, all visitors must pass through a metal detector. We ask your understanding and cooperation. After passing through security, please proceed to the far end of the lobby and take the elevators to the 30th floor.

During the ceremony, you will not be asked to make acceptance remarks. However, when you are presented with your award, a brief citation of your accomplishments will be read and a photographer will record the event. Photos will be mailed to you on a CD at a later date.

We encourage guests at the reception and ceremony. However, as space is limited, please keep your group to no more than six, if possible. Also, please e-mail Chris Sebastian of our Public Affairs Division at sebastian.chris@epa.gov to provide the names and titles of your guests. Please also indicate who will actually accept the award. This will allow us to prepare nametags in advance. Thank you.