

Le Sueur Energy Park Community Update

Energy Education Blooms in Le Sueur

Le Sueur Energy Park continues to move forward. MMPA and Avant Energy are continuing to develop the 6 MW renewable energy facility, which will supply electricity directly to the city of Le Sueur.

One of the values by which we operate is to provide education about energy to our communities. At Faribault Energy Park, MMPA hosts tours of the facility and provides education about power generation to school and community groups. It is our hope that in the future, Le Sueur Energy Park can serve as an additional educational resource for MMPA communities and residents of Le Sueur.



4th grade students learn about Faribault Energy Park's steam turbine in the Observation Room.

Recently, MMPA and Avant Energy hosted a group of Le Sueur 4th graders from the Park and Hilltop elementary schools at Faribault Energy Park. Students toured the facility and learned about the importance of renewable energy from energy professionals. Representatives from the Le Sueur Electric Utility Department also provided a presentation on electricity in the Le Sueur community.

This spring, students participated in the 2010 "Powering Your Home" poster contest. Thank you to all students for their participation and for many impressive entries.

In the spirit of education, some interesting renewable energy facts include:

- The Minnesota State Renewable Portfolio Standard requires that 12 percent of retail electricity sales come from renewable sources by the year 2012.
- The Renewable Standard increases to 25 percent by the year 2025.

The Le Sueur Energy Park will assist MMPA and the City of Le Sueur in reaching this requirement.

MMPA and Avant Energy are pleased to be working closely with the community and will continue to provide project updates.