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## **Rio Tinto Energy America honored with two National Awards and one State Award for Exemplary Community and Environmental Practices**

Rio Tinto Energy America (RTEA) was recently recognized with three awards in the community and environmental arena – on both the national and state levels.

RTEA received the National Silver Good Neighbor Award from the Office of Surface Mining and National Mining Association for successfully working with neighboring communities while completing mining and reclamation activities. Jacobs Ranch Mine was awarded the National Award for Excellence in Surface Mining for the successful reclamation and cooperative approach involved in establishing a conservation easement benefiting the Rochelle Hills elk herd.

Heidi Lowe, Community Relations and Public Affairs Manager received the Wyoming Mining Association's Bob Peck Memorial Award for her community services through RTEA communities work. "Rio Tinto Energy America has a strong focus on implementing community and environmental programs," said Bob Green, Rio Tinto's General Manager of Sustainable Development and External Relations. "It is important to us as a corporate citizen to have these quality support mechanisms in place for sustainable communities, the environment and our employees.

"Our goal is to positively interact with our communities while meeting or exceeding reclamation practices," said Rio Tinto Energy America's Chief Executive Officer Colin Marshall. "We are truly honored that our emphasis on corporate responsibility has been recognized on the state and national levels."

The Rio Tinto Group is a world leader in finding, extracting and processing the earth's mineral resources. RTEA specializes in the production of low sulfur, sub-bituminous coal, and operates five coal mines located in Wyoming, Montana and Colorado. With a combined workforce of more than 2,200 employees, and with the help of hundreds of contractors and suppliers, the company provides fuel to its energy company customers who generate nearly six percent of the nation's electricity.

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