



In the Community

Alcoa helps Stanly Community College train area workers

Stanly Community College continues to provide new job skills to hundreds of local workers through the Displaced Worker Skills Training program, thanks in part to support from Alcoa and the Alcoa Foundation.



The training program was created in response to rising unemployment rates in the community. Since 1990, the area has lost 70% of its manufacturing and textile jobs. As a result, displaced workers are turning to Stanly Community College for short-term training in other occupations.

Hundreds of individuals have taken classes in industrial systems technology (electrical, welding, hydraulics, etc.) since 2002.

A \$20,000 grant received from the Alcoa Foundation in 2005 has allowed Stanly Community College to purchase the latest welding and machining technology. The new equipment enables the college to expand its instruction and better prepare the workers looking for assistance, said Lonnie Swanner, Vice President of Corporate and Professional Education of Stanly Community College.

"Alcoa is pleased to help people in our community acquire new skills and re-enter the workforce with confidence in their abilities," said Tommy Gibson of Alcoa. "We're grateful to have such a valuable resource available locally."

Previous grants from the Alcoa Foundation enabled Stanly Community College to establish a comprehensive training facility, known as the Jim Wentz Industrial Training Lab. Wentz was a retired Alcoa employee who provided leadership to the program.

"Alcoa has been one of the best corporate citizens in this area," Swanner said. "For the 26 years that I have been here, Alcoa and the Alcoa Foundation have always helped us when we needed it."

Yadkin Relicensing News

Relicensing Update

As Alcoa-Yadkin prepares to file its license application with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) in April 2006, it is holding a series of voluntary settlement negotiations meetings with organizations representing recreational lake users, state and federal agencies, environmental groups and other stakeholders. We will provide regular updates on the progress of those meetings in this space.

As part of the formal relicensing process, Alcoa-Yadkin held a meeting with state and federal agencies, along with other stakeholders who provided feedback on the Yadkin Project's Draft License Application. The meeting, held on Tuesday, February 7 at the Alcoa Conference Center in Badin, involved a review of comments that will be submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) as part of the company's Final License Application. Alcoa-Yadkin must file its final application by April 30, 2006.

A settlement negotiations meeting followed on Wednesday, February 8. The meeting included a status report on the development of a Low Inflow Protocol and a subgroup discussion regarding potential enhancements to recreation facilities.

Upcoming Meetings

Settlement Negotiations Meeting
March 7-9, 2006
Alcoa Conference Center, Badin
*Authorized Representatives and Participants Only

Upcoming Events

REMINDER: Alcoa Foundation grant applications due on March 1

Alcoa is now accepting grant applications from local non-profit organizations in Stanly, Rowan, Davidson, Montgomery and Davie counties. Organizations interested in applying for grants from the Alcoa Foundation must submit applications by Wednesday, March 1.

“Every year Alcoa Foundation touches the lives of thousands of people around the world through financial grants,” said Tommy Gibson of Alcoa. “We have the privilege of sharing Alcoa Foundation funding to help improve the quality of life in our local communities.”

Since 1988, Alcoa has donated more than \$2 million to support North Carolina organizations through grants from Alcoa and Alcoa Foundation.

For additional information, contact Lanita Coley at (704) 422-5691 or visit www.alcoa.com.

All About Hydro

During President Bush’s “State of the Union” speech this month, he urged government leaders to look for more sources of domestic energy so we can end the nation’s dependence on foreign oil.

Hydropower represents an excellent opportunity to increase the nation’s supply of affordable, reliable and clean energy — more than 21,000 megawatts of new capacity is available today at hydropower projects and non-hydropower dams across the country. That means hydropower could provide energy to nearly 7 million U.S. households, without the need to build any new dams. (Information from the National Hydropower Association, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Department of Energy.)

Tip of the Month

Conserving energy is a great way to lower your energy bill while helping to protect the environment. Here are some tips on how to conserve energy this winter:

- Make sure you have adequate insulation in your home, especially the attic. If not, add more insulation to keep your home protected.
- Consider using more efficient light bulbs such as compact fluorescents.
- Install a programmable thermostat.
- Lower the setting on your thermostat a few degrees.
- Turn your water heater down to 120 degrees.
- Run your dishwasher and washing machine with full loads.
- Close the fireplace damper when it is not in use.
- Keep your doors shut to keep heat from escaping.
- Open the curtains and blinds on sunny days and close them at night.

“Capture the Spirit of Davidson County”

February 21–28

Arts United for Davidson County
220 South Main Street
Lexington, NC

This photography exhibit highlights the unique attributes of Davidson County and why so many people are proud to call it home. Selected works from the annual Tourism Development Partnership photography contest will be featured. The opening reception will be held on February 21 from 5–7 pm. For more information call 336-249-7862 or visit www.davidsoncountync.com.

Did You Know?

There are approximately 80,000 dams in the United States. These dams are used to provide recreation, flood control, irrigation, water supply and hydropower.

This electronic newsletter is designed to keep the community informed about important issues related to the relicensing of the Yadkin Project.

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