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Ohio Guard to hold ribbon cutting for new solar field

COLUMBUS, Ohio—The Ohio National Guard will conduct an official ribbon cutting ceremony for invited guests and media members at 10 a.m. Tues., July 6, 2010, for a new photovoltaic solar field at the Maj. Gen. Robert S. Beightler Armory, 2825 West Dublin Granville Road, Columbus, Ohio 43235.

The ceremony will also formally acknowledge recently completed solar fields in Toledo and Newton Falls. All three projects, including the 374-panel solar array in Columbus, were funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Rep. Mary Jo Kilroy from Ohio's 15th Congressional District will join Maj. Gen. Gregory L. Wayt, Ohio adjutant general, for the event.

"This solar field is only the latest of the Ohio National Guard's efforts to 'go green' and ultimately, save Ohioans money," Wayt said. "We currently have five solar fields in operation and we are determined to continue our efforts to explore renewable energy sources and move toward energy independence."

The recently completed 75-kilowatt array is expected to save the Ohio National Guard more than \$11,500 and 135,000 kilowatt hours during its first year in operation. The three projects combined represent an estimated first year savings of more than 360,000 kilowatt hours and nearly \$62,000.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: If you plan to attend, please contact 2LT Kimberly Snow with the Ohio National Guard Public Affairs Office at (614) 336-7125 (office) or (614) 202-8968 (cell), or email kimberly.snow@us.army.mil, to coordinate entrance onto the secure facility.