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## **EPA's Pruitt, Co-op Leaders Meet at Missouri Cooperative Power Plant**

**Clifton Hill, Mo.** — National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) CEO Jim Matheson today released the following statement after meeting with EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt at the Thomas Hill Energy Center.

"Affordable and reliable power is fundamental to a successful economy, and I look forward to building on today's productive conversations," Matheson said. "I appreciate Administrator Pruitt visiting with the electric cooperative community. Today's visit is another important step as we work to advance common goals and improve the lives of every rural American."

"The Thomas Hill facility is a clear example of combining reliable electricity production with environmental protection. Associated Electric invested hundreds of millions of dollars in emission control equipment that has made Thomas Hill one of the cleanest coal plants in the nation and Associated Electric was named "Wind Utility of the Year" for its efforts to bring Missouri's first wind farm on line."

Pruitt was joined by Senator Roy Blunt, Congresswoman Vicky Hartzler, leaders from Missouri's electric cooperatives, and others for a tour of the facility and meetings with stakeholders.

The Thomas Hill Energy Center is owned by Associated Electric Cooperative, Inc. It provides power to more than 420,000 households throughout Missouri.

The National Rural Electric Cooperative Association is the national service organization that represents the nation's more than 900 private, not-for-profit, consumer-owned electric cooperatives, which provide service to 42 million people in 47 states.

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