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## **Companies receive Colorado Environmental Leadership Awards**

On Tuesday, Oct. 4, Gov. John Hickenlooper recognized more than 125 companies for their outstanding environmental achievements that help keep Colorado a popular place for people to work and to live.

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, in cooperation with the Pollution Prevention Advisory Board and the Colorado Environmental Partnership, presented the 12th annual Environmental Leadership Awards at the Seawell Grand Ballroom at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts. The awards recognized Colorado organizations with Gold, Silver and Bronze designations for voluntarily going beyond compliance with state and federal regulations and for their commitment to continual environmental improvement.

This year's program recognized 11 new Gold Leaders, including the City of Aspen, ddpix, LLC, and the U. S. Air Force Academy, which join 51 other companies and organizations already designated as Gold Leaders. There currently are an additional 44 companies designated as Silver Partners and 20 companies designated as Bronze Leaders.

In addition, Gov. Hickenlooper presented the "24-Karat Gold Award" this year to Gary Horton of Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mining Company. This award is determined each year by the other Gold Leaders. Each Gold Leader company was asked to nominate an individual or team from their company who has gone above and beyond required job duties in the creation and implementation of a program or initiative that has made a measurable contribution to the environment, the economy and society.

The Colorado Environmental Leadership Program is a statewide environmental recognition and reward program administered by the Department of Public Health and Environment's Office of Environmental Integration and Sustainability. The program is open to all Colorado businesses, industries, offices, educational institutions, municipalities, government agencies, communities, nonprofits and other organizations.

For a complete list of the Gold, Silver and Bronze leaders and summaries of their environmental efforts, please contact Lynette Myers, Environmental Leaders Program manager at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, at [lynette.myers@state.co.us](mailto:lynette.myers@state.co.us).