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## **Kohl's Earns Environmental Protection Agency's Energy Star Label at 50 Stores**

*Kohl's recognition marks largest group of retail buildings to receive designation*

MENOMONEE FALLS, Wis. July 31, 2008 – [Kohl's Department Stores](#) (NYSE: KSS) has earned the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) prestigious [Energy Star](#) label for 50 of its stores nationwide, marking the largest group of retail buildings (non-supermarket) to earn the label in Energy Star history. The EPA's Energy Star program designates commercial buildings and industrial plants that rate in the top 25 percent of facilities in the nation for energy efficiency. Kohl's stores earning the Energy Star designation are located in Colorado (7), Illinois (14), Minnesota (8), New York (12), Utah (4) and Wisconsin (5).

Kohl's incorporates energy efficient systems and practices into all of its buildings. Features include:

- centralized energy management control systems;
- occupancy sensor lighting for stockrooms, break rooms and offices;
- high-efficiency lighting; and
- high-efficiency heating and cooling systems.

"As an environmentally responsible retailer, Kohl's is proud to have 50 Energy Star stores in its network," said Ken Bonning, executive vice president of logistics for Kohl's. "The Energy Star label showcases how Kohl's is incorporating environmentally friendly practices that are also fiscally responsible; we are able to reduce our carbon footprint and reduce energy costs while maintaining a comfortable shopping environment for our customers."

Kohl's supports its green mission by maximizing energy efficiency, minimizing waste, improving new building design, reducing climate damaging emissions, and encouraging environmental values. Green activities and honors include:

- Beginning this fall, Kohl's will pursue LEED certification (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) from the U.S. Green Building Council for all stores built from the ground up.
- Kohl's state-of-the-art photo studio, which opened in Milwaukee in January, was constructed using LEED criteria as well.
- In its May issue, *Working Mother Magazine* recognized Kohl's as one of the Best Green Companies for America's Children.
- Kohl's is the largest retail host of solar power – its distributed solar program, which spans five states, is the largest in the world among retailers.
- The EPA honored Kohl's with a Green Power Leadership Award for being the No. 2 retail purchaser of renewable energy.
- Kohl's became an EPA Energy Star Partner in 1998.

Energy Star was introduced by the EPA in 1992 as a voluntary, market-based partnership to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through energy efficiency. The EPA's national energy performance rating system provides a one to 100 scale that helps organizations assess how efficiently their buildings use energy relative to similar buildings nationwide. A building that scores a rating of 75 or higher may be eligible for the Energy Star. Retail buildings became eligible for the Energy Star in October 2007. In addition to retail, other commercial building types eligible for the Energy Star include supermarkets, offices, banks, financial centers, retailers, courthouses, hospitals, hotels, K-12 schools, medical offices, dormitories and warehouses.

### **Kohl's Department Stores**

Based in Menomonee Falls, Wis., Kohl's (NYSE: KSS) is a family-focused, value-oriented specialty department store offering moderately priced, exclusive and national brand apparel, shoes, accessories, beauty and home products in an exciting shopping environment. Kohl's operates 957 stores in 47 states and will celebrate the opening of its 1,000th store in the fall. A company committed to the communities it serves, Kohl's has raised more than \$102 million for children's initiatives nationwide through its Kohl's Cares for Kids® philanthropic program. For a list of store locations and information, or for the added convenience of shopping online, visit [www.kohls.com](http://www.kohls.com).

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