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## **Local Desert Kindergarteners Look Into Wind Energy**

PALM SPRINGS, Calif.. – Approximately 100 Cahilla Elementary School kindergarteners will participate in fun-filled science activities during tours this week at the Mountain View III Wind Power Plant which has been in operation since 2003.

The tours will be conducted by PPM Energy, one of the leading providers of wind power in the United States, and Wintec Energy, Ltd.,. Kindergarteners and their chaperones will go on a wind-tour nature walk, see how wind is created by the sun and how wind turbines create electricity without producing pollution. The students will also have an opportunity to see a wind turbine up close and guess how many of them can stand around the base.

“PPM Energy frequently hosts wind farm tours for all ages,” said Ty Daul, PPM’s vice president of wind development. “Our wind farms are beautiful, clean, safe and a point of pride for us and the communities where we do business. We love showing how wind energy works. One of the most important things students learn about wind energy is that it helps reduce smog and greenhouse gas pollution – so that we can all breathe cleaner air. This helps give the wind farms they see when they drive down Interstate 10 a much bigger meaning. Suddenly, they start understanding how renewable energy helps their community.”

### **Quick Facts on Wind Energy**

- Wind energy is renewable and counts towards California’s renewable energy mandates.
- Fights against smog and greenhouse gas pollution.
  - Reduction in carbon dioxide emissions is equivalent to removing 10,819 cars from the road.
- Provides a reliable and efficient source of energy.
- Funds and improves public services.
  - Over the project’s life it will contribute more than \$12 million in property tax payments.
- Creates job opportunities.
- Preserves more of the natural desert landscape.
- Reduces the nation’s dependence on foreign oil.

For more information on wind power please visit [www.ifnotwind.org](http://www.ifnotwind.org), [www.windenergyworks.org](http://www.windenergyworks.org) and [www.awea.org](http://www.awea.org). For scheduling a wind farm tour with your group or requesting Wind Power is Cool coloring materials, call (866)753-5577.

B-roll videotape in Beta SP format and high-resolution still photos of the facility are available.

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