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## **Educators from 22 counties across state learn about power production at Santee Cooper's 25<sup>th</sup> Energy Educators Institute**

MONCKS CORNER, S.C. — For 25 years, Santee Cooper has provided hands-on experience in critical fields of the energy industry to South Carolina educators through its Energy Educators Institute in Pinopolis, S.C.

More than 80 educators from across the state participated this year in the graduate level course, receiving planning materials and gaining knowledge about the production of electricity and the opportunities and challenges of renewable energy. This was illustrated through field experiences and tours of Santee Cooper facilities. Santee Cooper held three institutes this summer.

“I have gained a new understanding of the process that goes into producing energy and a new appreciation for Santee Cooper's efforts to conserve power,” said Alan Ingram, a math teacher at West Ashley High.

Each of the four-day institutes included trips to Santee Cooper's Jefferies Generating Station, the Old Santee Canal Park and industrial customer Alcoa-Mt. Holly, hands-on learning activities and unit planning sessions. Santee Cooper experts addressed topics such as energy efficiency and conservation, renewable energy, environmental resources, power generation, transmission, distribution, electrical safety, water quality and utility economics.

“I will now be able to share information and activities with my students on more subjects than I can count. I am now prepared to teach my students about energy, electricity, nature, geography, water and Santee Cooper's resources,” said Cheryl Bowers, a Special Education teacher at Myrtle Beach Middle.

“The Energy Educators Institute provides engaging standards-based lesson plans in an environment that promotes networking problem-solving with fellow educators,” said Barbara Allen, Santee Cooper's director of educational programs. “Not only do they learn from the curriculum that Santee Cooper offers, but they learn from each other.”

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Teachers from 22 counties attended the Institute: Margaret Farner and Jenny Seawright from Abbeville; Elizabeth Noffsinger from Aiken; Hollis Fenn from Barnwell; Marianne Blake from Beaufort; Allison Crawford, Steve Gabriel, Susan Haltiwanger, Trebor Keffer, Sheri Jenkin, John Stephens and Bonnie Steedly from Berkeley; Ronnie DuPre, Harold Fallis and Alan Ingram from Charleston; Julia Brown and Paula Parker from Cherokee; Judy McCabe from Clarendon; Bonnie Bosworth, Lynette Lyndsay and Roger Simpson from Darlington; Lynette Lindsay from Dorchester; Jimmy Ard, Dodd Daniel, Becky Daniel, Randy Dillon, Kenny Gray, Dawn Gray, Jonathan Griggs, John Rainwater and Sissy Smith from Florence; Jane Arnold, Elaine Buckley, Trish Cleghorn, Grace Coan, Tara Kern, Nikki Rice and Nancy Wingo from Greenville; Cheryl Bowers, Lois Della Pesca, Leisa Edmunds, Becky Floyd, Jen Forrer, Brenda Helms, Stacy Hughes, Drew Hummel, Lorra Johnson, Julia Jones, Pam Martin, Charles McBroom, Kimberly Rougeux, Tracy Stroud and Lisa Thompkins from Horry; JoDee Holliman and Gloria Quave from Lexington; Teresa Martin, Cindy McMillan, Joan Shelley, Susan Singletary, Teresa Smith, Judy Smith, Kristi Spivey, Wendy White and Carlotta Wiggins from Marion County; Kelley Chea and Karen White from Oconee; Audrey Cook, Wendy Smith and Glenda Westbury from Orangeburg; Carmen Nordman Plemmons from Richland; Kelly Compton and Amber McDonald from Spartanburg; Beth Harrington and Jodi Lucas from Sumter; Barry Smith and Lara Ann Whitehead from Union; and Vickie Burkins, Martha Menchinger, Shakyia Sullivan, Deborah Redmond, Casey Heatherly and Julie Millar from York.

“Through providing important and timely resources to educators, Santee Cooper continues to live out a long-standing commitment to public education,” said Lonnie Carter, Santee Cooper president and CEO. “Based on what they learned through the Energy Educators Institute, the teachers are able to better equip students with the knowledge and tools they need in order to understand the energy issues important to our world today.”

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