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## **Secretary Gassman Cites Opportunities for Job Growth under Governor Doyle's Comprehensive Clean Energy Plan**

### ***At Woolwich Dairy, State Labor Secretary highlights efficiency, conservation efforts***

LANCASTER – At Woolwich Dairy today, Department of Workforce Development (DWD) Secretary Roberta Gassman said Governor Doyle's Clean Energy Jobs Act will create thousands of family-supporting jobs by using more renewable energy and increasing energy efficiency and conservation.

"Governor Doyle's comprehensive clean energy plan will create at least 15,000 jobs by 2025, while helping Wisconsin gain its energy independence," Secretary Gassman said during a tour of Woolwich's new cheese plant. "Wisconsin is number one when it comes producing the very best cheese. With the Governor's Clean Energy Jobs Act, America's Dairyland can become a clean energy leader. "

Governor Doyle's Clean Energy Jobs Act implements recommendations of his Global Warming Task Force to address climate change and grow the state's green economy. The comprehensive package would:

- Require use of renewable energy sources for 20 percent of Wisconsin's needs by 2020 and 25 percent by 2025. This will ensure more energy dollars remain in the state. Wisconsin currently spends \$16 billion per year on imported energy to heat homes and fuel cars and trucks.
- Increase energy efficiency and energy conservation efforts with graduated statewide electricity savings goals, leading to a 2 percent reduction in energy use by 2015 and annual reductions thereafter.
- Create jobs, more than 1,800 in the first year, many of them construction jobs, according to new industry-recognized research. Economists and policy analysts estimate the package will create 800 to 1,800 new construction jobs per year through 2025 and more than 2,000 manufacturing jobs once the energy act provisions are fully implemented.

Secretary Gassman visited Woolwich Dairy plant to highlight the energy efficiency and conservation features of the state-of-the-art facility built in 2007. Woolwich Dairy Inc. is based in Orangeville, Ontario. In 2006, Woolwich owners Tony and Olga Dutra chose Lancaster for their U.S. headquarters. Today, Woolwich is one of Wisconsin's largest goat cheese plants, employing 26 people in making specialty cheeses.

"We fully support Governor Doyle's clean energy plan," Tony Dutra said. "We want to do whatever we can to sustain and create renewable energy."

To view the economic assessment of the clean Energy Jobs Act, visit:  
<http://www.wisgov.state.wi.us/docview.asp?docid=18757>