The culture and proactive commitment that exist in the Electric Production Department of Holland Board of Public Works make participation in the Clean Corporate Citizen program a natural fit. As facilities are planned or new regulations introduced, consideration of environmental impact is foremost throughout the planning process. Our record of ongoing regulatory compliance for existing operations is always a team effort. We are proud to receive the C3 designation from the MDEQ.”

The Electric Production Department of Holland Board of Public Works provides over 200 MW of power to the greater Holland community through a combination of coal, oil and natural gas fuels. Facilities include generating plants, fuel storage, a coal ash landfill and a natural gas pipeline. It is the policy of HBPW to promote environmental stewardship by integrating resource efficiency and conservation as an environmental, economic, and social priority into the operational model and culture of the organization.

The importance of environmental efforts is evident in the numerous community outreach activities HBPW sponsors, such as educational workshops, cultural events, festivals, and leadership events. HBPW supports and manages Holland’s long-range (2050) Community Energy Plan. HBPW organizes collection events for Freon-containing appliances, electronic waste, mercury thermometers, and compact fluorescent light bulbs and has saved over 330 million kWh through its Energy Optimization program.

Since 1989, the James De Young Generating Facility has provided heated water to a 450,000 sq. ft. street and sidewalk snowmelt system in the downtown shopping district by diverting waste heat from one of the generating units through pipes underneath the pavement.

HBPW has been honored for its environmental efforts in being named the Macatawa Watershed Project Stakeholder of the Year in 2014, receiving MDEQ's Neighborhood Environmental Partners Award yearly from 2011 through 2014 and receiving the ENERGY STAR® Leadership in Housing award in 2013.