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SC DHEC Honors MCAS Beaufort For Clean Air Efforts

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A breath of fresh air at the Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort - that's what the station is working toward, according to the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control.

Thursday morning, DHEC officials awarded Colonel John Snider the "Spare the Air" award. The agency is awarding four across the state to partners who are making big strides in conserving energy and ultimately becoming a better friend to the environment. DHEC hopes the changes inspire others to do the same.

"That's what we hope and seeing that it can be done and that it is really cost savings. That's what we're finding in a lot of these cases - air quality is important but if you can tie it to saving money, that's even more important," DHEC's Renee Shealy said.

"We got 1236 housing units that we installed geothermal heat pumps and about 1100 tons of that on the air station," Neil Tisdale, Utilities Director and Energy Manager at MCAS Beaufort said. "We've also installed a very sophisticated energy management system so that we can turn things off when we're not needing them."

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