

**"Energy Nag Rag' (vol 1. #3)
Phantastic Phacts**

Late last Friday on his appointed rounds, the Energy Nag de-electrified some 30 kw of lights, computer screens, copiers, two boiling coffee pots (day old burned coffee provides such a pleasant aroma) and one SPACE HEATER, apparently in use because the local thermostat setting was low enough to freeze had the building resident to his/her chair. All of this on a summer evening when both sides of Bldg. 810 were occupied only by a rare human and occasional roaches. The Nag estimates that something like 2,000 kw-hrs of electricity (and a metric ton or two of atmospheric CO₂) were forgone (or is it "forwent") by the simple expedient of turning these damned things off for the weekend.

So, take a moment to turn off lights and equipment within your sphere of control, and especially in common areas (halls, East-side shoe boxes -- there's plenty of "always on" emergency lighting to minimize any safety hazards). If you have a power strip for your office equipment (and most of us do), make the best use of it by turning IT off as well.

Phun Phact: Did you know that the average American consumes 350 MILLION BTUs of energy per year! Yikes! That's the equivalent of a family of three running their home furnace CONTINUOUSLY, 24-hours a day, all year round. It's also about twice as much energy as is used by the average Japanese, British or French citizen. But then, they don't enjoy burnt coffee as much as we do now, do they?

'Till next time....

The Energy Nag.