## 'Energy buses' offer advice

TORONTO - There is a "save energy" movement growing among the province's industries and the Ontario ministry of industry and tourism is helping accelerate it.

Since last August, the ministry's "energy bus" has been criss-crossing the province showing industries where they can cut their energy bills.

By the end of May this year, the bus had made 171 calls and the energy management team has been able to detail potential savings of \$7.4

The bus is part of the Ontario government's energy management program and is equipped with a mini-computer which provides an immediate on-the-spot readout of attainable dollar

Visiting about 20 industries a month on a selected basis, the program has identified potential savings of \$2.3 million in electrical power demand; \$990,639 through improved insulation; \$3.3 million in exhaust heat recovery; water \$641,273 in recycling and heat recovery and \$99,000 in miscellaneous costs.

The average identified potential savings per call has been \$43,295, or about 20 per cent of the total energy costs surveyed. Executives at two

plants, Patterson Industries (Canada) Ltd., Scarborough, manufacturers of large machinery for the construction industry and Kindred Industries Ltd., Midland, suppliers of stainless steel products, both strongly recommend the Energy Management Program to all industries.

D.G. Rose, executive vice-president at Patterson, said the program is "exceedingly illuminating. suspected energy was being wasted but we had no proof. The program confirmed our suspicions."

Since the "energy bus" visited the Patterson plant in December 1975, it has actively pursued installation of infra-red heaters and insulated several areas of the plant, thus reducing major causes of wasted energy consumption.

J.H. Cooper, vice president of operations at Kindred, said the "program served as a catalyst showing us what our plant engineering team should be doing to conserve energy. Kindred rewired electrical circuits so lights could be turned off at night, greatly reducing electrical power costs.

Among the scheduled stops by the "energy bus" are companies such as Black and Decker Manufacturing Co. Ltd., Brockville; General Foods Ltd., Cobourg; Hiram Walker and Sons Ltd., Walkerville; Otis Elevator Co. Ltd., Hamilton and Westinghouse Canada Ltd., Hamilton and Orangeville.

Arnold Sandler, energy consultant with the Ontario Ministry of Industry and Tourism technology branch says that while "the process of implementing individual company energy management programs takes considerable time, the program has been

very successful." Industries interested in this free service should contact the Ontario ministry of industry and tourism.

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