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Denver International Airport Continues National Leadership in Reducing Environmental Footprint

DENVER – Oct. 11, 2017 – For its continuing work to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and invest for sustainability throughout its operations, Denver International Airport (DEN) has once again been recognized as a certified airport in the prestigious international Airport Carbon Accreditation program.

Airport Carbon Accreditation is an independent program launched by Airports Council International-Europe in 2009 to provide a common framework for airports to reduce their climate change impacts, which can also reduce operational costs and improve efficiency. The program became available to North American airports for the first time in 2014, and DEN was among the first airports in North America to obtain certification under this internationally recognized program in 2015.

DEN has been re-certified at “level 2” of the program, which means that the airport has completed a greenhouse gas emissions inventory, had its carbon reduction targets verified by a third-party auditor, developed a carbon management program and demonstrated an emissions reduction of 4.7 percent (19.4 million pounds of CO₂e) from 2015 to 2016. Some of the airport’s recent “green” projects include: significant upgrades to the central utility plant that provides the heating and cooling for the terminal, concourses and hotel. The airport has replaced boilers with higher efficiency models, and made electrical upgrades that include higher efficiency pumping systems. DEN has also retrofitted older lighting technology to LEDs throughout the facility and reduced the fuel consumption of its fleet vehicles.

“Denver International Airport’s emissions reduction program is a great example of our strategic commitment to invest for sustainability,” said Ken Greene, DEN’s chief operating officer. “We continue to demonstrate that the airport can reduce its environmental footprint, save money, and be a good community partner as we continue to grow.”

For more information, visit www.airportcarbonaccreditation.org.

About DEN’s Environmental Programs

Denver International Airport is one of the most environmentally responsible airports in the world. DEN was built with sustainability in mind 20 years ago. The airport uses natural day-lighting, dedicated deicing pads, a comprehensive deicing fluid collection and recycling system, 400-Hz power and pre-conditioned air supplied to aircraft parked at gates to reduce emissions, and a hydrant system for fuel deliveries to reduce the potential for spills and excessive fuel truck traffic. Other energy conservation measures included high-efficiency motors for fans and other equipment, five solar arrays, low-E insulating glass in most windows, LED lighting and a flexible modular HVAC system design. The airport also supports comprehensive composting and recycling programs, and uses compressed natural gas vehicles. The airport also has an award-winning food donation program, which provides healthy meals to people in need while reducing the amount of waste sent to the landfill. https://www.flydenver.com/about/administration/environmental_management

Denver International Airport is the 18th-busiest airport in the world and the sixth-busiest airport in the United States. With 58.3 million passengers traveling through the airport each year, DEN is one of the busiest airline hubs in the world’s largest aviation market. DEN is the primary economic engine for the state of Colorado, generating more than \$26 billion for the region annually. For more information visit www.FlyDenver.com, check us out on [YouTube](#), [Pinterest](#), and [Instagram](#), like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#). For current employment opportunities, visit jobs.flydenver.com.
