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## **Rio Tinto Energy America Supports Teens as a March Against Meth Sponsor**

**Montana—February 10, 2009**—Rio Tinto Energy America (RTEA) is proud to sponsor the March Against Meth on February 16. Local Rio Tinto employees will gather in Hardin to champion the local teens as they depart for the state capitol in Helena to take a stand against meth and support future funding of the Montana Meth Project.

RTEA is providing transportation for teens from southeastern Montana to participate in the March, and support at the pre-rally at Helena High School, where food, entertainment and music, will help the teens get ready to march to the state capitol. Following the march, participants will return to the high school for a free concert from a popular student band.

“RTEA is proud to be taking a stand against methamphetamine in Montana,” says Montana government relations manager Todd O’Hair. “We applaud teens’ efforts to promote prevention and strongly encourage further support of the Montana Meth Project. Meth addiction tears communities apart, but Montanans will not allow this destruction to continue.”

The March Against Meth is being organized to support the Montana Meth Project, a not-for-profit organization launched in September 2005 and headquartered in Missoula. For more information about the Montana Meth Project or the March Against Meth, visit [www.montanameth.org](http://www.montanameth.org).

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