

EcoStar 2009 Pollution Prevention (P2) Awards Program

Application



Applications due by December 10, 2009

Business/Organization Name

Organization Type (business; non-profit; community; educational; agricultural; contractor etc.) • # **Employees**

Contact Name

Title

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Fax

***E-mail**

COMPANY BACKGROUND:

- Briefly describe your organization (i.e. building contractor; community development; B & B etc.)
- Describe your management's commitment to pollution prevention.
- Describe the commitment and ownership the company's employees have in identifying and implementing P2 opportunities.

PART 1: OPERATIONS & PROCESSES

- Describe steps taken to reduce **energy consumption** in your business/organization (i.e. lighting, heating, cooling, equipment etc.) and estimate how much your company has **reduced its energy usage**: _____% in 2009.

- Describe steps taken to reduce **water consumption** in your business/organization and estimate how much your company has **reduced its water usage**: _____%
- Describe efforts to reduce **air emissions** in your business/organization and estimate how much your company has **reduced its air emissions**: _____%.
- Describe efforts to use safer, less **hazardous products** and/or solvents in your business/organization and estimate how much your company has **reduced its use of hazardous products**: _____%.
- Describe efforts to **reduce waste** in your business/organization and estimate how much your company has **reduced its general waste**: _____%

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PART 2: PURCHASING & PROCUREMENT

- Describe efforts to consider the method of production of the materials you buy or sell (e.g. *materials made from recycled products or renewable resources – i.e. agri-based inks and non-petroleum solvents and cleaners; chlorine-free paper, etc.*).
- Describe efforts to reduce packaging waste from the materials you purchase, or products you sell.

- Describe efforts to buy/sell products made or grown locally.

- Describe your business/organization's efforts to control inventory.
 - a. use materials on a first-in, first-out basis to avoid spoilage? Yes No N/A
 - b. test out-of-date materials for usefulness before disposing of them? Yes No N/A
 - c. work with suppliers who take back unused portions to reuse or reprocess? Yes No N/A
 - d. accept free samples with discretion to avoid generating unnecessary waste? Yes No N/A
 - e. fully inspect material drums and containers for damage before accepting? Yes No N/A
 - f. use a computerized inventory management system? Yes No N/A
- Describe any additional efforts of controlling inventory (e.g. *limit access to storage areas; utilize a material exchange to find uses for unneeded materials etc.*).

PART 3: EDUCATION, TRAINING & AWARENESS

- How does your company learn about changes in regulations, technology, and waste management issues that affect your industry (e.g. *involved with trade association; read pertinent journals/newsletters; subscribe to internet listserv related to these issues*).

- Indicate the subject and approximate date of trainings or workshops you have attended in the past two years related to environmental management or waste reduction.

- How do you train or encourage employees to reduce waste? *How often? What topics? (e.g. material and waste handling, spill prevention, waste reduction, etc.)?*

- Have you ever had an on-site assessment of your facility for environmental compliance or waste reduction purposes?

Yes No N/A

- If yes, what type of assessment was it?
- When was it completed?
- Briefly describe the findings of the assessment.

PART 4: REUSE & RECYCLING

- Estimate your company's reuse and/or recycling efforts in 2009:

Materials Recycled/Reused to date in 2009		
Materials	Amount Recycled/Reused (state whether reused or recycled)	Units (lbs, gallons, ea etc.)
Cardboard		
Paper (Office)		
Aluminum (Cans, Scrap)		
Glass		
Steel/Tin/Scrap Iron		
Plastics		
Newspaper		
Batteries		
Printer/Toner Cartridges		
Fluorescent Lights		
Used Ballasts		
Cooking grease		
Food scraps etc. composted		
Used Oil		
Cell phones		
Gray water		
<i>Others:</i>		

PART 5: *LOOKING FORWARD: WASTE REDUCTION GOAL*

- Set a specific, measurable pollution prevention goal for 2010 (i.e. switch to alternative fuel vehicles for company use; provide incentives for employees to actively engage in P2 practices; replace all cleaners with biodegradable alternatives; etc.).
- List at least one step you will take in the coming year towards your goal.
- Include a general time frame of action for reaching your waste reduction goal.

PART 6: *RENEWAL of EcoStar Status (required for past recipients only)*

- Did your business or organization achieve its 2008 Waste Reduction Goal as stated in your 2008 EcoStar application?
 Yes No

If yes, how? If no, state the barriers and new plans for meeting the goal.

- What new achievements has your business or organization accomplished in 2009 towards *sustainable* pollution prevention (i.e. moving beyond reuse and recycling to a source reduction program; utilizing an environmentally responsible procurement plan, etc.)?

- Describe internal organizational changes that have occurred due to your commitment to sustainability and pollution prevention (i.e. stated commitment to P2; assigned, paid position to lead P2 effort etc.).

- How is your business moving beyond simple P2 practices and leading its industry, community and/or the state of Montana in environmentally responsible business practices?

BY SUBMITTING THIS APPLICATION, I CERTIFY THAT, TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, I AM CURRENTLY IN COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS AND THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

I AM AWARE THAT A DEQ STATE REGULATORY COMPLIANCE CHECK WILL BE CONDUCTED.

 Contact Name Title

 Signature Date

Return this form by fax, mail or e-mail to address below.

** Note: If emailing application, please sign it digitally or mail/fax signature page.*

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