

ENCOURAGING ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE COMPLIANCE EVALUATION

August 30, 2016

The Encouraging Environmental Excellence (E3) Program recognizes an organization's exceptional achievements in environmental stewardship. Any business, industry, trade association, professional organization or local government of Ohio can be recognized for their commitment to environmental excellence. Applications are evaluated using environmental stewardship and related criteria developed by Ohio EPA. The goal of environmental stewardship is to reduce the impact of business or organizational activities on the environment beyond measures required by any permit or rule, producing a better environment, conserving natural resources and resulting in long-term economic benefits. Applicants must be in compliance with environmental laws and regulations. E3 Silver, Gold and Platinum applications include both written and onsite evaluations while there is no onsite evaluation for the Achievement Level.

Achievement Level applicants must be in compliance with environmental laws and regulations at the time they submit their applications. Silver, Gold and Platinum Level applicants must be in compliance for a year prior to submittal of their application and during the application review process. Ohio EPA will perform a compliance evaluation that includes a review of environmental compliance information from U.S. EPA, Ohio EPA, the Ohio Attorney's General Office and local environmental regulatory agencies. This evaluation will include the following information:

Part One - Regulatory Applicability, Permitting and Reports: Identify the wastes generated, permits held and reports required to be submitted by the facility.

Air:

1. Does the facility have air permits that are current and consistent with the facility's operations?
Yes ___ No ___
2. List the type of air permit if known (example: Title V, point source, etc.).
3. Contact information (name, phone, address) for the state or local inspector(s) who review air related issues at the facility if known.

Water:

1. Does the facility have water permits that are current and consistent with the facility's operations?
Yes ___ No ___
2. Does the facility have a NPDES permit? Yes ___ No ___
3. Does the facility have a Stormwater permit? Yes ___ No ___
4. Does the facility have a Pretreatment permit (discharge to POTWs)? Yes ___ No ___
5. Does the facility have other water related permits? Yes ___ No ___
6. List the type of permit(s) if known:
7. Contact information (name, phone, address) for the state or local inspector(s) who review water related issues at the facility if known.

Medical Waste/Infectious Waste:

1. Does the facility generate medical waste/infectious waste? Yes ___ No ___
 2. Does the facility have medical waste/infectious waste permits? Yes ___ No ___
 3. List the type of medical waste/infectious permit (if known) or other related information.
 4. Contact information (name, phone, address) for the state or local inspector(s) who review medical waste/infectious waste related issues at the facility if known.
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Hazardous Waste:

- 1. Does the facility generate hazardous waste? Yes ___ No ___
- 2. And if so, what is the facility's hazardous waste generator status?
 - Large Quantity Generator _____
 - Small Quantity Generator _____
 - Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator _____
- 3. Does the facility have hazardous waste permits? Yes ___ No ___
- 4. List the type of hazardous waste permits (if known) or other related information.
- 5. Contact information (name, phone, address) for the state or local inspector(s) who review hazardous waste related issues at the facility if known.

SPCC (Spill Prevention Control & Countermeasure Plan):

- 1. Does the facility have a SPCC plan? Yes ___ No ___

Part Two - Inspections: Identify the whether the facility has been inspected in the past year by any of the following environmental programs:

- 1. **Air:** Yes ___ No ___
- 2. **Water:** Yes ___ No ___
- 3. **Solid Waste:** Yes ___ No ___
- 4. **Hazardous Waste:** Yes ___ No ___
- 5. **Other:** Yes ___ No ___ Identify type of inspection:

Part Three - Enforcement & Compliance: Identify whether the following activities have occurred at the facility in the past year:

- 1. Has the facility had any Findings & Orders that have not resulted in a Return to Compliance?
- 2. Have there been any spills at the facility that resulted in a release to the environment?
- 3. Have any Notice of Violations been issued to the facility that have not been addressed?
- 4. Has/Have the facility applied for immunity under Ohio's Audit Privilege and Immunity Law?
- 5. Are there any potential environmental-related issues at the facility that may result in some type of enforcement action in the future?

Additional Information and Questions

Questions regarding the compliance evaluation should be directed to:

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Application materials are available at <http://www.epa.ohio.gov/ocapp/ohioe3.aspx> or by calling (800) 329-7518. ***Applicants are encouraged to call Howard Dong at (614) 644-2130 or our hotline at (800) 329-7518 with questions anytime during the application process.***