

Ohio Encouraging Environmental Excellence Program



Program Overview

- Announced on November 7, 2011, and initial applications received on March 5, 2012.
- New program to recognize organizations committed to environmental excellence at all levels.
- Targets those who reduce waste, improve efficiency and work to continuously improve as an environmental steward.
- Three levels: Bronze, Silver, and Gold.
- <http://www.epa.ohio.gov/ocapp/ohioe3.aspx>



Bronze Level Benefits

- Certificate of recognition signed by the Director.
- Listing on the Ohio EPA website.
- Program highlights published in the Agency's Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention Newsletter.
- A decal with the E3 logo to display at the applicant's location.



Bronze Level Criteria

Bronze level participants must have demonstrated significant progress in one of the following main criteria:

- Impact to the Environment (Toxics and/or Waste Reduction); and/or
- Resource Conservation.



Bronze Level Criteria (Continued)

Must demonstrate progress in at least SIX additional criteria:

- Environmental Management Systems
- Improvement in Environmental Performance
- Voluntary or non-Mandatory Initiative
- Economic Benefits



Bronze Level Criteria (Continued)

- Employee Involvement
- Management Commitment
- Promotion and Dissemination
- Continuous Improvement
- Environmentally Preferable Purchasing
- Life Cycle Analysis
- Environmental Management Accounting
- Innovation



Bronze Level Recipients

- 14 Recipients to date.
- Wide variety of facilities/organizations recognized.
- Cincinnati Marathon, Inc. (DBA Cincinnati Flying Pig Marathon).
- Main Street Gourmet LLC (Cuyahoga Falls).
- Ohio Dental Association.



Silver Level Overview

Recognizing facilities that have:

- Good environmental compliance record; and
- Completed environmental stewardship activities



Silver Level Overview

(Continued)

- Nomination cycle is annual
- Recognition provided annually
- 2013 - Six recognized
- 2014 - Six recognized
- 2015 - Apply by June 27th, 2014
- Any entity, not an individual, located in Ohio



Silver Level Benefits

- E3 flag
- Ohio EPA news release
- Awards ceremony and possibly a site visit by the Ohio EPA Director
- Case study



Silver Level Criteria

- Deadline June 27th, 2014
- Applicant information
- Facility description
- Narrative
- 15 Q/A
- Must have adequate detail and support data (numbers)



Silver Level Criteria (Continued)

Applicants must demonstrate:

- 1.Improvement in environmental performance and
- 2.Good comprehensive environmental compliance record



Silver Level Criteria (Continued)

Applicants are scored on:

3. Voluntary or non-mandatory initiative

4. Economic benefits

5. Impact to the environment

6. Resource conservation

7. Employee involvement

8. Management commitment

9. Promotion and dissemination



Silver Level Criteria (Continued)

Applicants are scored on:

10. Continuous improvement

11. Environmental management system

12. Environmentally preferable purchasing

13. Life cycle analysis

14. Environmental management accounting

15. Innovation



Silver Level Review

- Adequate Detail.
- Indicative of Environmental Stewardship.
- Quantifiable.
- Comprehensive.
- Innovative.



Silver Level Review (Continued)

- OCAPP review team
- Site visit
- Final decision by Director of Ohio EPA



Silver Level Recipients

Examples of 2014 Silver recipients

- Washing Systems, Loveland
- Kent Elastomer, Kent
- Saint-Gobain, Akron



Gold Level Overview

- Kicked off September 2013
- Recognizes a single facility
- 3 Year Membership Program
- Annual Reporting Requirements
- May submit membership application at any time
- Currently has 1 member, Crown Equipment Corporation, New Knoxville Facility



Gold Level Criteria

Recognizing facilities that:

- Have a tradition of environmental stewardship;
- Exceed regulatory compliance obligations;
- Have a robust EMS; and
- That commit to ongoing environmental improvement activities.



Gold Level Benefits

- E3 flag to hang at recipient's facility.
- Ohio EPA news release touting the entity's environmental accomplishments.
- Invitation to an awards ceremony and possibly a site visit by the Ohio EPA Director.
- A case study to publicize the recipient's proactive approach to environmental stewardship.
- Opportunity to meet with the Ohio EPA Director



Gold Level Requirements

(Sections A – C)

- No Deadline, submit when ready
- OCAPP Review Team
- Applicant information (Section A, p5)
- Facility Description (Section B, p6)
- Environmental Compliance Certification (Section C, p6)



Gold Level Requirements

(Section D. Environmental Stewardship Activities - p. 8)

- Existing and historic achievements forms the foundation of the Gold level
- Corporate policies and procedures need to be discussed as they apply to this facility
- 12 criteria from the E3 Silver program
- Must have adequate detail and support data (numbers).



Gold Level Requirements

(Section E. Environmental Improvement Activities – p. 10)

- First year commitments
- Tied to the aspects, goals and objectives of the Facility's EMS
- Explanation how improvements will be achieved
- Goals for the Environmental Improvement Activity
- Baseline Information
- Regulatory Requirements
- *Example: Zero waste facility*



Gold Level Requirements

(Remaining Items)

- Section F. Environmental Management System (p12-13)
- Annual Performance Plan requirement
- Application and Participation Statement (p14-15)



Crown – New Knoxville

E3 Gold Recipient



- Forklifts/lift trucks
- Ecologic – Stewardship and sustainability policy
- Encore – Remanufactured product
- SafeSteps – Employee Involvement program
- Zero Landfill (2009)
- ISO 14001 Certified (2010)
- Replaced 5 injection molding machines
- Switched to water-based resins
- Energy efficiency improvements



Crown – New Knoxville

E3 Gold Recipient

Their EMS is a living document

- Environmental aspects identified
- Objectives established for priorities
- Goals that are beyond compliance
- Metrics reviewed, updated, and displayed



Committed to:

- Updating their remaining injection molding machines
- Reducing water - updating all restrooms and sinks in facility



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