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Ohio EPA Announces E3 Recognition Program

Ohio EPA has developed a new program to recognize organizations committed to environmental excellence at all levels and it is open to a wide variety of participants. The program targets those who reduce waste, improve efficiency and work to continuously improve as an environmental steward.

“If you’re doing something great for the environment, tell us about it,” says Ohio EPA Director Scott J. Nally. “By recognizing Ohio businesses and other organizations, we can improve Ohio’s environment through innovation and efficiency.”

The Encouraging Environmental Excellence (E3) program is a three-level approach to provide recognition to Ohio businesses and other organizations completing environmentally beneficial activities, and escalates to higher levels of recognition for those who exceed regulatory requirements or commit to future environmental stewardship efforts. The levels are:

Bronze Level - The first level is designed to recognize any entity completing environmentally beneficial activities. Benefits to those participating include:

- a certificate of recognition signed by the Director;
- a listing on the Ohio EPA website;
- program highlights published in the Agency’s Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention Newsletter; and
- a decal with the E3 logo to display at the applicant’s location.

Silver Level – Set up to recognize businesses and others that have a good environmental compliance record and have completed environmental stewardship activities. Silver level recognition includes:

- an E3 flag to hang at the applicant’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; and
- a case study to publicize the recipient’s proactive approach to environmental stewardship.

Gold Level – Designed to recognize businesses that exceed regulatory compliance obligations and commit to long-term strategies to reduce waste, lower emissions and improve environmental performance. Gold level recognition includes:

- an E3 flag to hang at the participant'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 work with Ohio EPA on regulatory and permitting flexibility options potentially including expedited permit review, reporting flexibility, reduced inspection frequency and other options; and
- annual members meeting with Ohio EPA's director.

Learn more about the [E3 program online](#), or contact the Ohio EPA Office of Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention at 1-800-329-7518.

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