

ENCOURAGING ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE

GOLD LEVEL BENEFITS

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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.

E3 Gold Level recipients receive a number of benefits not available to Achievement and Silver Level recipients. Platinum Level recipients gain these and additional benefits.

E3 GOLD LEVEL BENEFITS

- Certificate of recognition signed by the Director
 - Listing on the Ohio EPA website and program highlights in Ohio EPA publications
 - E3 flag to hang at the recipient's location
 - Ohio EPA news release touting the recipient's environmental accomplishments
 - Invitation to an awards ceremony and possibly a site visit by the Ohio EPA director
 - Case study to publicize the recipient's proactive approach to environmental stewardship
 - Reduced inspection frequency
 - Reduced time to obtain permit modifications
 - Director's meeting
 - Recognition at Ohio EPA's compliance conference or another event
 - Assistance with providing recognition to suppliers through the E3 program
 - Availability of high level Ohio EPA staff to participate in member specific events
 - Updates on pollution prevention and sustainability related information
 - Assistance from DEFA OCAPP on obtaining funding for specific pollution prevention and sustainability related efforts
 - Priority technical assistance from DEFA OCAPP staff
 - Priority assistance in determining feasibility of regulatory flexibility requests
 - Opportunity to work with DEFA OCAPP staff to showcase their recent accomplishments in the DEFA newsletter/blog
 - Ability to work with other E3 Gold Level members on environmental stewardship efforts of mutual interest
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