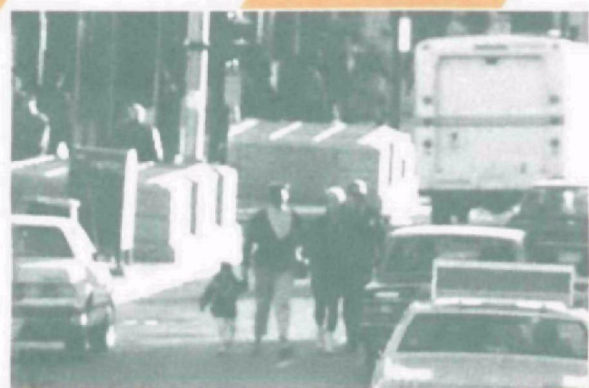
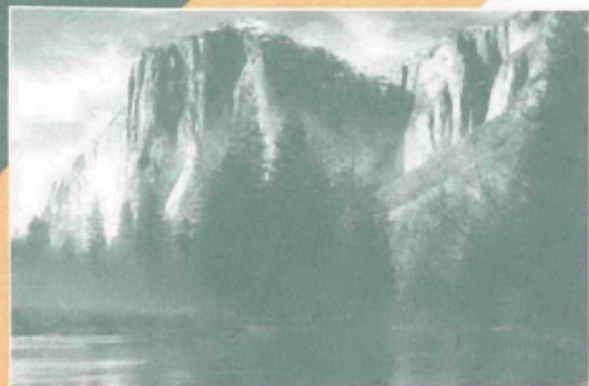
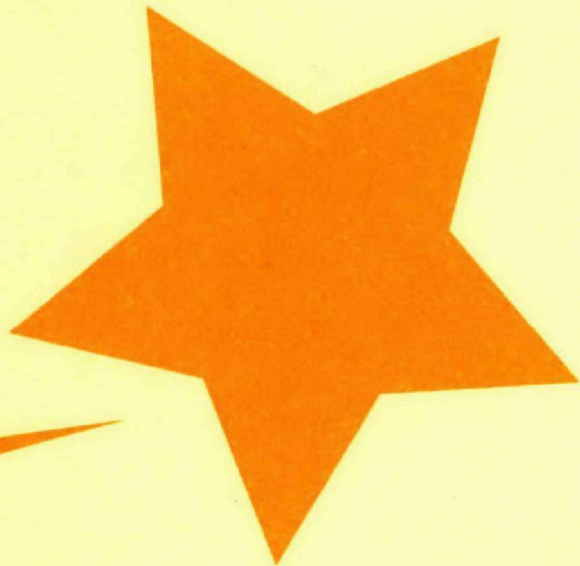




National Environmental Performance Track





"...laying the groundwork
for greater environmental
excellence"

—Carol M. Browner
Administrator

National Environmental Performance Track

The National Environmental Performance Track is designed to motivate and reward top environmental performance. Many companies today are achieving high levels of environmental performance. Through a systematic approach to managing environmental responsibilities, taking extra steps to reduce and prevent pollution, and being good corporate neighbors, these companies are leading by example and modeling the way to environmental excellence. At the same time, they are saving money and improving productivity. The Performance Track defines what it means to be a top environmental performer and provides incentives to motivate further improvements.



Builds on Success



The Performance Track builds on EPA's Common Sense Initiative, Environmental Leadership Program, Star Track, Partnership Programs and many state performance programs. Through these programs and other experiences, many companies have witnessed the business value of continuous environmental improvement and of communicating progress to their stakeholders. The National Environmental Performance Track takes the next step in laying the groundwork for greater environmental excellence.

The National Environmental Performance Track creates a system that recognizes performance at two levels: Environmental Achievement and Environmental Stewardship.

As top environmental performers, participants earn access to a unique package of incentives that reward and support continued environmental improvement. These include:

- recognition
- better information
- administrative streamlining

National recognition distinguishes a company as an environmental leader. Access to better information can help lower costs and support further improvements. More flexible, streamlined procedures save time and money, a benefit that goes straight to the bottom line.



National Environmental

The first level of the National Environmental Performance Track—the National Environmental Achievement Track—is open to facilities of all types, sizes, and complexity, public or private, manufacturing or service-oriented. Multi-facility corporations are encouraged to develop companywide policies supporting participation. The Achievement Track is designed for facilities with a solid environmental record and firm commitment to do even more. By doing more, they can earn valuable benefits including:

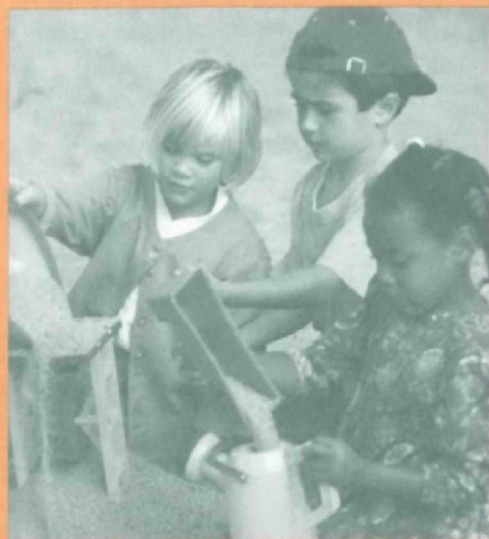
- Recognition
 - Use of the Performance Track logo
 - Visibility in EPA publications, Web sites, and events
 - Special recognition for Charter Participants
- Access to “State-of-the-Art” Information
 - Best practices database
 - Peer exchange networking opportunities
 - Informational briefings with senior EPA officials
- Regulatory and Administrative Flexibility
 - Streamlined reporting requirements
 - Reduced monitoring
 - More flexible procedures

tal Achievement Track

Companies like Lockheed Martin Corporation see value in the Achievement Track program and the benefits it provides.

"The EPA Performance Track program promotes environmental management systems and cooperation between government and industry. We believe that both are essential to our nation's future success in protecting the environment while simultaneously sustaining economic development."

—James O'Brien, Vice President,
Corporate Energy, Environment,
Safety & Health, Lockheed Martin
Corporation



Requirements for Participation

To qualify for participation, facilities must have a systematic approach to managing environmental responsibilities. They must have a strong record of environmental compliance, demonstrate a high level of achievement, and publicly report their progress.

Specifically, facilities must:

- Have an Environmental Management System that has completed at least one full cycle and includes:
 - Policies and Planning
 - Implementation and Operation
 - Checking and Corrective Action
 - Management Review
- Commit to continuous improvement by:
 - Selecting specific areas for performance improvement (such as energy, water, and waste)
 - Demonstrating results through participation in EPA Partnership Programs
- Commit to public outreach and performance reporting that is:
 - Tailored to the size, scale, and setting of operations
 - Designed to meet community concerns
- Achieve a record of sustained compliance with environmental regulations.

How To Apply for the National Environmental Achievement Track

Obtain an application by contacting us or visiting our Web site. Applications can be submitted electronically or in hard copy. All applications will be reviewed by an EPA panel, and qualifying facilities will be notified of the results of the review. The initial application and review process will occur in the phases outlined below. Thereafter, EPA will review applications semiannually; check the Web site for further details. Facilities that apply by September 1 and meet program requirements for selection will be considered Charter Participants and receive additional recognition benefits.

Applications Received By

September 1*

September 30

EPA Notification By

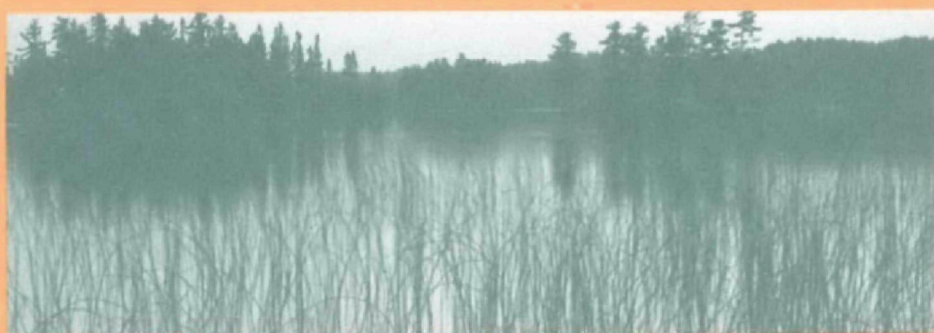
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(*Charter Participants)

December 2000

National Environmental Stewardship Track

The National Environmental Performance Track's second level—The National Environmental Stewardship Track—is for companies that are helping to define best practices within their industries and leading the way in the protection of the environment. Because it focuses on exemplary performance, it will offer greater recognition and more valuable incentives than the Achievement Track. Moreover, it will allow for more tailored incentives that reflect participants' specific interests. Some of the qualifying criteria might include specific environmental performance goals and targets; a focus on environmental management and performance among customers, suppliers and transporters; greater responsibility for product performance; and a higher level of community engagement. Still in the early stages of development, EPA expects to launch the Stewardship Track in 2001.



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