

Fuel Efficiency

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Office Depot

Office Depot joined the SmartWay Transport Partnership in March 2006 with the goal of improving the Company's freight fuel efficiency as well as that of its contract carriers. Yalmaz Siddiqui, Office Depot's Environmental Strategy Advisor said: "By making smart decisions in our own transportation operations and supporting carriers who improve their own efficiency, Office Depot continues to deliver substantial economic benefits." Mark Cartwright, Office Depot's Vice President of Transportation, echoed those sentiments: "Joining the SmartWay Transport Partnership was the natural next step in our long-standing commitment to increase fuel efficiency in all of our operations." Office Depot initially achieved significant fuel and greenhouse gas savings by shifting to low emission Sprinter vans (pictured). Over 600 of these vans were recently added to replace larger and less-efficient box trucks. One of Office Depot's commitments under the Partnership is to add even more Sprinter vans to its fleet. Office Depot plans to utilize the Freight Logistics Environmental and Energy Tracking (FLEET) Performance Model to track annual improvement. They are also using the FLEET model to estimate its indirect emissions from the for-hire carriers that transport products from its Distribution Centers to store locations.

Office Depot used data from the FLEET models to report transportation emissions in its Corporate Citizenship Report (available in August 2007 for download at www.officedepot.com/environment). Total direct and indirect transport emissions for 2005 and 2006 were 191,900 and 173,900 tons respectively (reported in metric tons within the Corporate Citizenship Report), a 9.4% total reduction in transport CO₂ emissions. Its 2005 and 2006 CO₂ emissions, from transport by its branded customer delivery fleet only, are 28,600 and 23,200 tons respectively; resulting in a 19% reduction in CO₂ transport emissions directly controlled by the company. Its CO₂ emissions from carriers that are SmartWay Partners are 163,300 tons for 2005 and 150,700 tons for 2006, which is an 8% reduction in carrier emissions.

The emissions improvements and the EPA-verified data are valuable to Office Depot, associates, its investors and its customers alike. Office Depot can track its improvement every year, and identify strategies to reduce its emissions further. SmartWay Transport is a win-win situation because Office Depot is improving its environmental performance while reducing energy costs.

