



# Sector Strategies

*Insight • Innovation • Results*

*Working together  
to boost performance*

# Sector Strategies Program

A cooperative working relationship among government, trade groups, and other stakeholders to reduce pollution and ease the burden of regulation.

- *Insight.* Listening and learning
- *Innovation.* New environmental solutions
- *Results.* A cleaner environment

## Sectors

Agribusiness

Cement Manufacturing

Colleges & Universities

Construction

Forest Products

Iron & Steel Manufacturing

Metalcasting

Metal Finishing

Paint & Coatings

Ports

Shipbuilding & Ship Repair

Specialty-Batch Chemical Manufacturing

# Insight

# Innov



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# Sector Points-of-Contact

EPA staff are Sector Points-of-Contact. We are a resource for regulators and businesses.

As sector experts, analysts, and advisors, we facilitate government-industry communications and develop strategies with our partners to:

- *Overcome barriers to environmental improvement*
- *Promote the use of Environmental Management Systems*
- *Measure performance*

The Sector Strategies Program is  
Part of EPA's National Center for  
Environmental Innovation

NCEI provides a testing ground for innovative ideas that advance environmental protection. The Center assists EPA programs and regions in adopting innovative approaches that support improved performance.



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*Results*

# Promote Use of Environmental Management Systems (EMS)

Partners design strategies to:

- Evaluate EMS needs and capabilities of each sector
- Create the right EMS tools for each sector
- Achieve widespread EMS adoption throughout each sector

*Sector associations provide leadership and direction.*

## A Systems Approach: Plan, Do, Check, Act

An EMS is a proven process to manage all the environmental aspects of your operations. You assess your impacts, set improvement targets, carry out plans to achieve them, and monitor results.



# Overcome Barriers to Environmental Improvement

Partners find creative solutions to environmental problems by:

- Analyzing factors that affect environmental performance in each sector
- Crafting options for innovative regulatory and policy change
- Acting upon ideas that are most likely to solve significant problems

*Better understanding brings smarter environmental protection.*



# Measure Performance

Partners track progress by:

- Selecting appropriate performance indicators for each sector
- Gathering information on trends, using existing data where possible
- Analyzing and reporting on environmental gains and burden reduction

*Sector Strategies shows how partnerships can produce results.*

## For More Information

Visit the Sector Strategies Program Web site at **[www.epa.gov/sectors](http://www.epa.gov/sectors)** or call **(202) 566-2992**.

If you are in one of the participating sectors, contact your trade or service association to get more information or become involved.



Metalcasting | Metal Finishing | Paint & Coatings | Ports | Shipbuilding



# Our Association Partners

## Agribusiness

National Food Processors Association

## Cement Manufacturing

Portland Cement Association

## Colleges & Universities

American Council on Education

Association of Higher Education Facilities Officers

Campus Consortium for Environmental Excellence

Campus Safety, Health and Environmental Management Association

Howard Hughes Medical Institute

National Association of College and Business Officers

## Construction

Associated General Contractors of America

## Forest Products

American Forest and Paper Association

## Iron & Steel Manufacturing

American Iron and Steel Institute

Steel Manufacturers Association

## Metalcasting

American Foundry Society

North American Die Casting Association

## Metal Finishing

Surface Finishing Industry Council

American Electroplaters and Surface Finishers Society

National Association of Metal Finishers

Metal Finishing Suppliers Association

## Paint and Coatings

National Paint and Coatings Association

## Ports

American Association of Port Authorities

## Shipbuilding and Ship Repair

American Shipbuilding Association

Shipbuilders Council of America

## Specialty-Batch Chemical Manufacturing

Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturers Association

*The Sector Strategies Program welcomes participation by government agencies at all levels and other interested stakeholder groups.*



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