

Characteristics of State Programs Similar to Performance Track*

State Program	Contact Information	Key Program Elements	Status
California Environmental Management System (EMS) Innovation Initiative	<p>Jennifer Smith Grubb Cal/EPA EMS Project Director 2151 Berkeley Way, Rm. 515 Berkeley, CA 94704 Phone: (510) 540_331 Fax: (510) 540_230 Email: smithjen@ix.netcom.com Website: www.calepa.ca.gov/EMS/</p>	<p>The Cal/EPA Environmental Management System (EMS) Innovation Initiative is a pilot project designed to collect empirical data on the effects of an EMS on environmental performance and public information sharing. Cal/EPA is partnering with facilities in the beverage, metal finishing, wastewater treatment, computer, wine, and defense sectors to conduct EMS pilot projects. The pilot projects will provide data on changes in environmental performance and regulatory compliance, pollution prevention (P2), and stakeholder involvement, as well as information on the types and quality of information available to stakeholders. The primary requirement for participation is willingness to work on developing and pursuing strong environmental performance in tandem with regulators. A good compliance record is also required. The principal incentives for participation are opportunities to develop partnerships with regulators and to participate in framing future environmental policy decisions. In addition, Cal/EPA may work with members to offer alternative interpretations of existing regulations where the adjustments benefit both members and the environment.</p>	<p>Program launched in 2000; 10 current pilot projects.</p>
Colorado Environmental Leadership Program (ELP)	<p>Mark Keegan Program Administrator Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment Phone: (303) 692_3477 Fax: (303) 691-7702 Email:mrkeegan@smtpgate.dphe.state.co.us Website: www.cdphe.state.co.us/el/elphom.asp</p>	<p>Colorado ELP is a single-tiered program that encourages beyond-compliance environmental performance. Qualified corporate or government facilities have a good compliance record and an established EMS, compliance audit program, and P2 plan. Members commit to a number of environmental improvement projects, such as actively participating in a voluntary environmental improvement program (e.g., EPA's Energy Star) and sponsoring a community advisory program. The number of improvement projects required depends on company size. Members receive financial incentives (e.g., credits toward permit fees) and non-financial incentives (e.g., public recognition and expedited permit review).</p>	<p>Program launched in 1998 on a pilot basis; five current members.</p>
Georgia Pollution Prevention Partners (P3) Program	<p>Rochelle Routman P3 Partners Manager Georgia Department of Natural Resources Phone: (404) 657-7438 Fax: (404) 651-5130 Email: rochelle_routman@P2ad.org Website: www.ganet.org/dnr/p2ad/recog/p3.htm</p>	<p>Georgia P3 is a three-tiered certification program that recognizes and rewards continuous environmental improvement and P2 efforts. Facilities that qualify for the P3 program are in full compliance with environmental laws, commit to P2 plans, and demonstrate specific percentage improvements against baseline performance levels. While the P3 program does not require an EMS, the P2 plan addresses some of the same issues as an EMS. Incentives include recognition, technical assistance, and reductions in hazardous waste and Toxic Release Inventory fees paid to the GA Environmental Protection Division.</p>	<p>Program launched in 1997. A total of 24 facilities are participating, including four in the highest tier, three in the middle tier, and 17 in the entry tier.</p>

<p>Idaho GEMStars</p>	<p>Helen Rigg Interim Program Coordinator 800 Park Boulevard, Suite 200 Boise, ID 83712 Phone: (208) 373_0304 Fax: (208) 373_0315 Email: hrigg@deq.state.id.us Website: www.idahogemstars.org</p>	<p>Idaho GEMStars is a three-tiered program providing P2 education and public recognition to businesses, agricultural operations, government agencies, school districts, and other organizations. To qualify for the Initial Tier, organizations must fulfill 12 of 19 criteria. Criteria include specific goals in categories such as P2, energy efficiency, water efficiency, transportation improvement, and good neighbor actions. Those organizations that have not yet met 12 of 19 criteria can be recognized as working toward the Initial Tier by filling out a brief Initial Tier participation form. While the GEMStars program does not require an EMS, members must have a P2 program, which addresses some of the same issues as an EMS. The Middle and Highest Tiers of GEMStars are not fully defined but include certain sector-specific requirements, mentoring, and fulfillment of Initial Tier criteria. Public recognition is the primary incentive; regulatory flexibility is not available.</p>	<p>Program launched in 1999. There are 17 organizations currently working toward Initial Tier membership. Seven organizations are Initial Tier members.</p>
<p>Illinois Regulatory Innovation Pilot Program (RIPP)</p>	<p>Roger Kanerva Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, 1021 North Grand Avenue East, Post Office Box 19276, Springfield, Illinois 62794_9276 Phone: (217) 785_5735 Website: www.epa.state.il.us/regulatory_innovation</p>	<p>RIPP is a single-tiered program that creates an opportunity for the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to enter into agreements with entities regulated under the Illinois Environmental Protection Act to implement "innovative environmental measures." Eligible participants have a good compliance history and commit to achieving beyond-compliance environmental improvements through use of an EMS, process/equipment modifications, custom reporting/recordkeeping, beyond-compliance reductions in pollutant emissions, P2, product stewardship, materials accounting, or other best practices. These commitments are embodied in facility-specific EMS Agreements (EMSAs). EMSAs operate in lieu of all applicable requirements under Illinois law but do not affect applicable Federal requirements.</p>	<p>The program was authorized in 1996. So far, one facility has a fully-executed EMSA and a second has a draft EMSA that is currently being reviewed.</p>
<p>Indiana 100 % Club</p>	<p>Paula Smith IN Department of Environmental Management Office of Planning and Assessment IGCN Building, Room N1301 100 N. Senate Avenue Indianapolis, IN 46204-2811 Phone: (317) 233_1210 Email: psmith@dem.state.in.us Website: www.state.in.us/idem/100percentclub/index.html</p>	<p>The Indiana 100% Club is a two-tiered program that recognizes businesses and municipalities achieving full compliance with applicable environmental requirements. Incentives for becoming a 100% Club member include recognition, use of the program logo, and the right to petition for cost-saving measures such as reductions in record keeping, reporting, or sampling requirements. To be eligible for the higher tier, the 100% Club Environmental Leaders, members must go beyond full compliance by: 1) having an EMS in place, 2) implementing an extensive P2 project, or 3) winning a Governor's award for Pollution Prevention or Recycling. Members that achieve Environmental Leader status receive all of the benefits of 100% Club membership, plus permit fee rebates and an expedited permit.</p>	<p>Program launched in 1999. In December 2000, 20 companies and communities were accepted into the program for the 1999 calendar year. Three of these facilities were accepted into the Environmental Leader category.</p>

<p>Michigan Clean Corporate Citizen (C3)</p>	<p>Kelie Caudell Environmental Assistance Division Michigan Department of Environmental Quality P.O. Box 30457 Lansing, Michigan 48909_7957 Phone: (517) 241_7969 Fax: (517) 373_3675 Email: caudellk@state.mi.us Website: www.deq.state.mi.us/ead/tasect/c3</p>	<p>C3 is a single-tiered program that recognizes companies, institutions, and local governments that have demonstrated strong environmental performance and commitment to continuous improvement. Qualified facilities are in compliance with applicable regulations and have already realized environmental results from implementing an EMS and P2 program. Members commit to maintaining compliance, continuous environmental improvement, and employee involvement in environmental initiatives. Members receive public recognition and regulatory benefits, such as permit flexibility, expedited permits, and reduced monitoring and reporting in the areas of air permitting, underground storage tanks, and wastewater discharges.</p>	<p>Program launched in 1996; 38 facilities designated C3 members as of December 2000.</p>
<p>New Jersey Silver and Gold Track Program for Environmental Performance</p>	<p>Mike DiGiore Office of Pollution Prevention and Permit Coordination New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection P.O. Box 423 401 East State Street Trenton, NJ 08625_0423 Phone: (609) 292_3600 Fax: (609) 292_1816 Email: mdigiore@dep.state.nj.us Website: www.state.nj.us/dep/opppc/</p>	<p>The Silver and Gold Track is a three-tiered program that offers regulatory flexibility for facilities that demonstrate measurable commitment to improved environmental performance. The premise of the Silver and Gold Track Program is that different levels of environmental performance warrant varied levels of regulatory oversight. Environmental commitments are embodied in enforceable covenant agreements.</p> <p>The first tier, Silver Track, is open to the entire regulated community. Eligibility requirements for Silver Track include a good environmental history and willingness to go beyond the standard regulatory requirements. Members commit to compliance with all relevant regulations and to developing and implementing an Operations and Environmental Compliance plan and a Community Outreach plan. Members are eligible to receive recognition, a single point-of-contact for permit reviews, expedited permit processing, consolidated reporting, and "smart permits" that allow for operational flexibility.</p> <p>The second tier, Silver Track II, has the same basic eligibility requirements established in Silver Track, but requires greater environmental commitments from the participants in exchange for additional incentives. Silver Track II participants must commit to reductions in carbon dioxide and/or greenhouse gas emissions over time. In addition to the benefits provided under Silver Track, Silver Track II participants are not required to obtain certain pre_construction permit approvals from the state's Air Quality Permitting Program.</p> <p>The third and highest tier, Gold Track, is in the process of being developed under a state-wide Project XL agreement and will initially be offered on a pilot basis. Under Gold Track, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection anticipates offering increased multi_media regulatory and operational flexibility, while requiring enhanced multi_media commitments.</p>	<p>Silver Track was introduced in September 1999; 10 facilities are currently members.</p> <p>Silver Track II was introduced in May 2000; two facilities are currently members.</p> <p>Gold Track is to be implemented on a pilot basis in the fall of 2001. The program will be limited to nine pilot projects.</p>

<p>New Mexico Green Zia Pollution Prevention Partnership</p>	<p>Patricia Gallagher Green Zia Environmental Excellence Program, Office of the Secretary, New Mexico Environment Department, PO Box 26110 Santa Fe, NM 87502 Phone: (505) 827_0677 Fax: (505) 827_2836 Email: pat_gallagher@nmenv.state.nm.us Website: www.nmenv.state.nm.us</p>	<p>Green Zia is a three-tiered program open to businesses, public or private facilities, and other organizations. Green Zia application criteria for environmental performance were adapted from the Department of Commerce's Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award for business performance excellence. The program emphasizes achievement of core values, such as management commitment, continuous improvement, and employee value via criteria such as leadership, information and analysis, and process management. Green Zia applicants are independently evaluated based on their fulfillment of detailed criteria. Evaluators also provide participants with detailed feedback reports designed to help them improve and expand their environmental systems. Feedback and technical assistance are key incentives, as are recognition, mentoring, and the prospect of business benefits. No regulatory incentives are offered.</p> <p>The three recognition and award levels of the Green Zia Environmental Excellence Program are: (1) Commitment Recognition Level: development of a framework for a P2_based EMS; (2) Achievement Recognition Level: program development into a P2_based EMS, implementing ideas, and demonstrating results; and (3) Green Zia Environmental Excellence Award: full integration of a P2-based EMS into core business practices, significant results, innovative approaches, environmental leadership, and mentoring.</p>	<p>The first Green Zia awards were given in 1999. The program has made 18 Commitment Recognitions and 12 Achievement Recognitions to date. No participant has yet received an Environmental Excellence Award.</p>
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<p>Oregon GEMS and Custom Waiver Permits</p>	<p>Marianne Fitzgerald Green Permits Program Coordinator Oregon Department of Environmental Quality 811 S.W. Sixth Avenue Portland, OR 97204 Phone: (503) 229_5946 Fax:(503) 229_5850 Email: fitzgerald.marianne@deq.state.or.us Website: www.deq.state.or.us/programs/ greenpermits/</p>	<p>The Green Environmental Management Systems (GEMS) permit program is intended to encourage creative and systematic approaches to environmental improvement and meaningful stakeholder involvement. In order to qualify, GEMS participants must be in substantial compliance with applicable environmental requirements. All GEMS participants adopt a comprehensive EMS, report on environmental performance, and communicate with stakeholders. The GEMS program comprises three tiers.</p> <p>The first tier, the GEMS Participant Permit, is available for facilities beginning to implement an EMS. GEMS Participants are eligible for the following incentives: technical assistance, a single point-of-contact at the agency, enforcement discretion, and public recognition.</p> <p>The second tier, the GEMS Achiever Permit, is for facilities with a more comprehensive EMS addressing a wide range of environmental issues, including non-regulated environmental impacts. GEMS Achievers are eligible to receive all of the GEMS Participant's incentives, plus special services (e.g., streamlined reporting) and regulatory flexibility (e.g., expedited permit review and flexible permit conditions).</p> <p>The third tier, the GEMS Leader Permit, is for facilities with a formal EMS that not only addresses non-regulated environmental impacts, but also demonstrates industry leadership and considers the life-cycle impacts of products and services. GEMS Leaders are eligible for all of the GEMS Achiever incentives, plus a tailored regulatory relationship to help the facilities meet program commitments (e.g., allowing for multi-facility permit applications to accommodate supply-chain partnerships focused on environmental improvement).</p>	<p>GEMS program launched in 1999. Two facilities were accepted in 2000, both in the Achiever Tier.</p>
<p>South Carolina Environmental Excellence Program (SCEEP)</p>	<p>Christine Steagall Institute of Public Affairs, Carolina Plaza, Columbia, SC 29208 Phone: (803) 777-7463 Fax: (803) 777-4575 Email: steagall@iopa.sc.edu Website: www.iopa.sc.edu/sceep</p>	<p>SCEEP is a single-tiered program encouraging organizations to become environmental leaders by making a voluntary commitment to P2, energy and resource conservation, and continuous environmental improvement. Any South Carolina organization (private or municipal) may qualify by submitting documentation of participation in a national, regional, or state recognized program (e.g., ISO 14001, Responsible Care, or ATMI E3 program), or by submitting an environmental excellence plan that includes an EMS, measurable goals, and commitment to effective communication with the community. Companies or facilities also must show a pattern of compliance with environmental regulations. Eligible facilities receive the following benefits: public recognition, networking opportunities on the Environmental Excellence Council, access to regulatory flexibility on identified issues, eligibility for awards, corporate mentoring, technical assistance, and information exchange.</p>	<p>Program launched in 1998. SCEEP currently has 21 members.</p>

Clean Texas	<p>Rob Borowski Clean Texas Coordinator Office of Pollution Prevention and Recycling Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, MC 112 PO Box 13087 Austin, TX 78711_3087 Phone: (512) 239_3187 Fax: (512) 239_3165 Email: rborowsk@tnrcc.state.tx.us Website: www.tnrcc.state.tx.us/exec/sbea/ cleantx/index.html</p>	<p>Clean Texas is a three-tiered program that encourages an integrated, cross-media environmental management approach. The program encourages partnerships and networking on a regional basis, and is open to businesses, organizations, and communities.</p> <p>Clean Texas Partners commit to measurable environmental improvement goals, internal environmental programs, and community environmental outreach programs (e.g., environmental education and community recycling projects). Clean Texas Partners benefit from public recognition, access to information and technical assistance, networking, use of the program logo, and member discounts offered by other program members.</p> <p>Clean Texas Leaders must make the same commitments as Partners, plus make additional commitments to EMS implementation, a community communication program, and overall sustainability (e.g., through a product stewardship program). Clean Texas Leaders enjoy the same benefits as Partners, and are eligible to receive additional recognition, regulatory and administrative flexibility, customized technical assistance, and priority for site assistance visits.</p> <p>Clean Texas Advocates are community groups, trade associations, schools and university groups, and organizations that support the program through their activities but do not operate a specific facility that would enable commitment to an environmental improvement goal. Advocates commit to promote the Clean Texas program and member activities, and provide support for a community environmental outreach program or project. Advocates benefit from public recognition, access to information and technical assistance, networking, use of the program logo, and member discounts offered by other program members.</p>	<p>The Clean Texas program was launched in 2000, and is now accepting applications. The first members in the program will be announced in February 2001. The program builds on several pre-existing voluntary programs in Texas, and many members of prior programs are expected to join Clean Texas.</p>
Virginia Environmental Excellence Program (VEEP)	<p>Sharon Baxtor Virginia Environmental Excellence Program Virginia Department of Environmental Quality Office of Pollution Prevention PO Box 10009 Richmond, Virginia 23240-0009 Phone: (804) 698-4344 Email: skbaxter@deq.state.va.us Website: www.deq.state.va.us/veep/</p>	<p>VEEP encourages organizations to implement EMS and P2 activities. Any Virginia organization that impacts the environment through its operations, activities, or location is eligible to participate in VEEP, including businesses, governments, and other organizations. The program offers two levels of participation: Environmental Enterprise (E2) for facilities that are in the early stages of implementing an EMS, and Exemplary Environmental Enterprise (E3) for facilities with a fully-implemented EMS. Applicants must demonstrate significant environmental compliance and commit to annually report progress toward environmental commitments. The program offers recognition, technical assistance, access to private sector mentors, information on financial incentives for P2 projects, and a single point-of-contact within the Department of Environmental Quality. E3 facilities may receive regulatory flexibility related to monitoring and reporting, inspection frequency, permit review period, and consideration of E3 status as a mitigating factor in calculation of enforcement penalties.</p>	<p>Program launched in 2000. Currently, one facility and one company (with multiple Virginia facilities) are E2 members. Two facilities have been designated E3 members.</p>

<p>Wisconsin Environmental Cooperation Pilot Program (ECP)</p>	<p>Mark McDermid Director Bureau of Cooperative Environmental Assistance Department of Natural Resources PO Box 7921 Madison, WI 53707_7921 Phone: (608) 267-3125 Fax: (608) 267-0496 Email: mcderm@dnr.state.wi.us Website: www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/caer/cea</p>	<p>Wisconsin's Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) is authorized to enter into 10 Cooperative Agreements that offer regulatory relief and civil penalty deferment to facilities that commit to: 1) superior environmental performance, 2) implementation of an EMS, 3) specific waste reduction goals/pollution limits, 4) public participation, and 5) transparency regarding performance evaluations and violations. Lessons learned through ECP lay the foundation for Wisconsin's Green Tier, a proposed voluntary alternative to the traditional regulatory system that uses contract law to reach beyond-compliance environmental performance.</p>	<p>WDNR signed its first Cooperative Agreement in 2001.</p>
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