

CALIFORNIA CHEMICAL INDUSTRY CHALLENGE 2006

**A Program to Promote Pollution Prevention in
California's Chemical Industry through
Recognition of Individual Facility Achievements**

Sponsored by

**The Department of Toxic Substances Control and
The Chemical Industry Council of California**

What's it about?

The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has teamed up with the Chemical Industry Council of California (CICC) to challenge individual chemical industry facilities to take active steps to prevent industrial pollution. Facilities can do this in several ways. One is by reducing pollutants in hazardous waste, air emissions, and water. Other ways include implementing systems that promote and sustain environmental quality and business profitability, developing or adopting innovative technologies, and implementing community and business outreach efforts.

DTSC and CICC will officially recognize facilities that demonstrate significant accomplishments in these areas. Recognition will be in the form of a certificate issued jointly by the State and CICC. There is no limit on the number of recognitions DTSC and CICC will grant. This is not a competition; DTSC and CICC will promote pollution prevention by encouraging as many facilities as possible to participate in the program and be recognized for pollution prevention achievements.

Who is eligible?

This challenge program is open for participation to any facility in California's chemical industry, including manufacturers, formulators, and distributors. The participating facility should have a good overall environmental compliance record. Environmental enforcement actions with local agencies (such as CUPAs, POTWs, air districts), boards, divisions, or offices of Cal/EPA, District Attorneys, or the California Attorney General's Office for the two years prior to the nomination deadline will be used as a primary factor in making this evaluation.

What are the criteria?

DTSC and CICC will recognize chemical industry facilities for environmental achievements and evaluate applications based on a point system. In order to be recognized, applicants must earn a minimum of 40 total points.

Also, applicants must have earned points in the two specific criteria listed below:

1. Pollutant Reductions
2. Community and Business Outreach
 - Project or measures to protect community from hazardous substances at facility
 - Community pollution prevention information and chemical education

PLEASE NOTE: As we proceed in this project, the recognition criteria may be adjusted for clarity and consistency.

For a list of criteria and explanation of the points system, please refer to the Application Form.

How do I apply for recognition?

Fill in the attached application form (also available online at www.dtsc.ca.gov/PollutionPrevention/index.cfm#Chemical_Industry_Challenge_Project) and submit it to:

Source Reduction Unit
Department of Toxic Substances Control
P.O. Box 806
Sacramento, CA 95812-0806

Final submission deadline: TBD

What are the documentation requirements?

A facility applying for participation in the pollution prevention challenge must be prepared to submit verifiable data, such as hazardous waste manifest data, TSDf receipts, air emissions monitoring data, company records, etc., to support their results. California law protects trade secrets that may be submitted as part of this project. (See section 25244.23 of the Health and Safety Code).

What if I have questions?

Please call DTSC 1-800-700-5854 or visit www.dtsc.ca.gov/PollutionPrevention/index.cfm#Chemical_Industry_Challenge_Project DTSC pollution prevention staff will be happy to answer your questions, assist with your application and visit with you on site if you desire.

You may also call John Ulrich, CICC, (916) 266-0600 or visit www.cicc.org