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Indiana's 2012 P2 activities can be broken down in the following areas: voluntary reduction programs, technical assistance, partnerships, and education and training programs.

Voluntary Recognition Programs

To encourage Indiana entities to pursue better environmental management practices, the P2 Branch offers recognition for participating in the Indiana Environmental Stewardship Program, Indiana CLEAN Community Challenge, and the Five Star Recognition Program.

The **Indiana Environmental Stewardship Program (ESP)** is a performance-based recognition program for Indiana businesses. Each participating business has implemented an environmental management system, maintains a positive compliance record, and commits to at least one environmental improvement initiative each year. Participants are provided with regulatory benefits, reduced record keeping, advanced notice of routine inspections, and expedited permitting.

Similar to ESP, the **CLEAN Community Challenge** is a technical assistance and recognition program for units of local government. CLEAN encourages communities to identify the environmental impacts from municipal operations and create a management plan focused on continual environmental improvement. These members have committed to continuous environmental improvement by identifying the potential environmental impacts associated with municipal operations and implementing plans to proactively manage those impacts. Designated communities are required to submit an annual performance report which describes the progress made and hurdles overcome on their environmental projects for the year.

The **Five Star Environmental Recognition Program for Child Care Facilities** recognizes facilities that go above and beyond the requirements of environmental, health, and safety regulations. The program helps child care providers take steps to reduce and eliminate hazards that can cause permanent, long term developmental problems in young children. Eighty-six child care providers participated in the program in 2012.

Partnerships

The Partners for Pollution Prevention, in cooperation with IDEM, held four meetings during 2012 for Indiana entities to share pollution prevention strategies. One of these meetings was the Fifteenth Annual Pollution Prevention Conference and Trade Show. The day's agenda centered on the theme "Making P2 Work for You" and allowed speakers to share information on adopting pollution prevention into everyday business operations. In addition to these ongoing educational opportunities, the Partners' members annually report on the results of their pollution prevention initiatives.

Awards

The **Indiana Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence** provides recognition to manufacturers, businesses, organizations, vendors, educators, and dedicated individuals for their

outstanding environmental initiatives. These awards recognize Indiana's leaders who have implemented outstanding environmental strategies into their operations and decision-making processes. By seeking out and utilizing innovative environmental practices, facilities/programs reduce waste, save money, and contribute greatly to Indiana's environmental protection efforts, as well as benefit the health and welfare of Indiana's communities and the state as a whole.

Awards categories include: Energy/Renewable Resources, Five Years' Continuous Improvement, Greening the Government, Land Use, Outreach or Education, Pollution Prevention, and Recycling/Reuse.

In 2012, a total of ten Indiana businesses were given awards.

Indiana's Clean Vessel Act (CVA) pumpout grant program allows a public or private marina to receive a reimbursement of up to 75% for the purchase and installation of a pumpout. Installing such a system at Indiana marinas will provide boaters with a proper method to dispose of their sewage and thus prevent it from entering Indiana's waters. In 2012, grants awarded totaled \$284,485.

Indiana's Boating Infrastructure Grant Program (BIGP) provides grant funds for the construction, renovation, and maintenance of tie-up facilities with features for transient boaters, which are vessels 26 feet or more in length and stay less than 10 days. The grant allows for reimbursement of up to 75% for the purchase and installation of transient docks. These new facilities will allow boaters to come on shore to remove their sewage and enjoy the regional establishments. In 2012, grants awarded totaled \$100,000.

Education and Training Programs

OPPTA provides pollution prevention education and training to Indiana schools and universities, the regulated industry, and general public.

IDEM made presentations to over 11,659 Hoosier children during Earth Day 2012. A variety of topics were covered including nonpoint source water pollution, recycling, and landfill construction

Another educational initiative is the **Volunteer Idling Program (VIP)**. This program encourages businesses and industries to reduce the amount of fuel burned during unnecessary idling. The VIP Challenge is a pledge that commits manufacturers and fleet owners to reduce idling in their operations and on their campuses