Industrial Case Studies in Energy Efficiency, Pollution Prevention and Sustainable Development

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1. Introductions

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Dedicated to helping our clients:

• conserve their resources, and

• effectively address their environmental liabilities
2. E2 & CP Study

A detailed and systematic assessment of a company’s processes and wastes to:

• improve process efficiency, and

• evaluate opportunities to reduce energy, water and chemical use and reduce contaminant loadings at source
Benefits of E2 &CP

1. Identification and Justification of Cost-Effective Reduction Measures

2. Reduction of Raw Material Consumption, Increase Product Yields and Decreased Labor and Energy Usage


4. Increased Knowledge of Processes, Systems and Waste Reduction Techniques

5. Reduced size, complexity and operating Cost of treatment facilities

6. Improved Corporate Image and Morale
General Project Approach

1. In-Plant Study

2. Engineering Evaluation
In-Plant Study

- Investigating energy and water using processes and waste generating operations
- Quantifying Process Inputs and Outputs
- Preparing Process Flow Diagrams (PFDs), Plant Layouts and Water, Energy & Material Balances
Process Flow Diagram
Material/Energy Balance Pareto Chart
Engineering Evaluation

• Identifying Reduction, Reuse and Recycling Opportunities
• Selecting Effective Alternatives for Conceptual Design
• Determining Payback Periods and Completing Cost/Benefit Analysis
• Preparing an Implementation Plan
Determining Actual Cost of Losses

- Quantity of Steam: 10,000 lb/d
- Direct Water Losses: 1,000 Igpd ($2,300/yr)
- Indirect Water Losses: 350 Igpd ($800/yr)
- Boiler Chemicals & Sludge Disposal: ($2,500/yr)
- Energy loss in Condensate & Blowdown: ($2,000/yr)
- Energy Loss of Steam Phase Change: ($16,600/yr)

Cost of Lost Condensate: $7,600/yr ($21/1000 Igal)
Total Cost of Lost Steam: $24,200/yr ($66/1000 Igal)
3. Industrial Case Studies

- **Steam/Condensate/Chiller Efficiency**
  Tire Plant, Kitchener, Winery, Niagara Falls

- **Process Electricity Conservation**
  Kennedy Space Center & Cape Canaveral, Florida

- **Compressed Air Savings**
  Truck Maintenance, Toronto, Food Plant, Niagara Falls

- **Transportation Fuel Consumption**
  Dynamic Fuels, Pickering

- **Sustainable Development**
  Las Lajas Agricultural Cooperative, El Salvador
Steam, Condensate and Chiller Efficiency

E2 and CP assessment at this tire manufacturing facility identified steam/condensate and water savings of $300,000/yr with 2 yr payback

E2/CP assessments at Canada’s 2 largest wineries are justifying conversion to a direct fired boiler and chilled process vessel insulation
Process Electricity Conservation
Kennedy Space Center and Cape Canaveral, Florida

Enviro-Stewards staff designed Cleaner Production Upgrades to:

• Recycle 100% of the water used to pressure clean the Space Shuttle’s Solid Rocket Boosters
• Reduce waste from the Thrust Vector Control Clean Room 67%; and
• Decrease cooling system blowdown.
SRB Refurbishment Facility, Kennedy Space Center

Energy Efficiency measures also streamlined the production process, boosted ozone generator efficiency, eliminated a pumping step and reduced cleaning bath heat losses
Compressed Air Savings

Conversion from high pressure/low volume to low pressure/high volume compressed air for 5 psi pressure tests

This freed up compressed air supply for a soluble media blasting alternative to methylene chloride identified during CP study

Conversion from drilled compressed air pipes to mechanical mixing with air spargers for mixing

A wastewater pumping step was also eliminated at this food manufacturer
Transportation and Product Transfer

CP measures to reduce losses during transfer reduced BOD$_5$ loading by 67% eliminating a $1,500,000 wastewater treatment expansion and associated energy consumption.

Enviro-Stewards is assisting Dynamic Fuels (Pickering) to test a hydrogen based Jetstar process to increase diesel combustion efficiency and reduce emissions.
Las Lajas Agricultural Cooperative, El Salvador

Sustainable Development

1. Environmental Sustainability
2. Social Sustainability
3. Economic Sustainability
Environmental Sustainability Reduces Material and Energy Consumption
Social Sustainability/Responsibility

- Good Wages
- Communal Resources (Fields, Tools, Library)
- Schools, Clinics, Libraries
- Small Business Loans
- Clean Water, Air & Land

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Economically Sustainable Development

Product Differentiation

- Quality of Beans & Wet Processing
- Shade Grown (lower pesticide & fertilizing requirements)
- Environmentally Sustainable
- Socially Responsible

World Market Price | $0.60/lb F.O.B NY
Fare Trade Price    | $1.26/lb F.O.B Farm
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