

**Indiana Department of Environmental Management  
Office of Pollution Prevention and Technical Assistance**

Indiana Update on Pollution Prevention Activities

**Pollution Prevention Annual Report**

Recently, Indiana released its 2001 Pollution Prevention Annual Report. The Pollution Prevention Annual Report provides Indiana achievements in Pollution Prevention over the past 10 years and details accomplishments made in the 2000 and 2001. The annual report is available at the following website:

[www.IN.gov/idem/oppta/p2/reports](http://www.IN.gov/idem/oppta/p2/reports).

**Governor's Toxic Reduction Challenge**

In 1998 Governor's Toxics Reduction Challenge was established. So far, Seventy Five (75) companies have already accepted the challenge. For additional information, refer to the following website: [www.IN.gov/idem/oppta/p2/toxicchallenge](http://www.IN.gov/idem/oppta/p2/toxicchallenge)

**2002 Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence**

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), in concert with the Indiana Department of Commerce, the Indiana Department of Administration and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources combined efforts and resources to develop the 2002 Governor's Awards. In the past, Governor's Awards were awarded separately for Pollution Prevention and Recycling. This year, these two award programs were combined and new award categories were created to establish the Governor's Awards for Environmental Excellence. Other categories include Land Use, Outreach or Education, Greening the Government and Energy/Renewable Resources. The new awards are open to all Indiana facilities, state and local units of government, individuals and technical assistance organizations that operate or support environmental protection efforts of outstanding quality. This year OPPTA received 78 nominations. This year's winners will be announced on September 27, 2002 at the Governor's Conference on the Environment. For additional information, refer to the following website: [www.IN.gov/idem/oppta/govawards/](http://www.IN.gov/idem/oppta/govawards/).

**Indiana Governor's Conference on the Environment**

The 10<sup>th</sup> Governor's Conference on the Environment will be held on September 27, 2002 at Indianapolis, Indiana. The Conference will provide a foundation for protecting the water, air and land in Indiana. Some of the topics that will be discussed are: Partners for Pollution Prevention, Greening your organization, Environmental Justice in Indiana, Stormwater Phase II. For more information on the Conference, refer to the following website: [www.IN.gov/idem/govconf/](http://www.IN.gov/idem/govconf/).

**Fifth Annual Indiana Pollution Prevention Conference and Trade Show**

The Conference will be held on October 23, 2002 at the Martin House Hotel and Lilly Conference Center in Indianapolis, Indiana. Conference topics will include: different P2 technologies, options for successful and profitable product substitutions, what is needed from management to make P2 work for you and much more. For more information on the conference refer to the following website: [www.IN.gov/idem/oppta/p2/partners/](http://www.IN.gov/idem/oppta/p2/partners/).

**P2 Regulatory Integration**

OPPTA is implementing, in coordination with the program offices, recommendations for specific Pollution Prevention integration goals and projects for the permitting, compliance assurance and enforcement programs. Regulatory integration goals and objectives have been made an integral part of the Environmental Performance Partnership Agreement with U.S.EPA, Region 5. For more information on specific regulatory integration projects and their status refer to the following website: [www.IN.gov/idem/oppta/p2/integration/](http://www.IN.gov/idem/oppta/p2/integration/).

**Mercury collection**

OPPTA, in cooperation with Cinergy and Eli Lilly and Company, held several mercury-containing fever thermometers exchange events in 2001 and 2002. Residents received a free, digital thermometer in exchange for a mercury-containing fever thermometers. Over 6000 mercury-containing fever thermometers were collected during the 2001 and 2002. Many events were held at Indiana hospitals or in cooperation with local Solid Waste Management Districts. For details on exchange events and other mercury information visit: [www.IN.gov/idem/mercury/](http://www.IN.gov/idem/mercury/).

**5-Star Recognition Programs**

OPPTA has several 5-Star recognition programs for business who are willing to do more for the environment than the rules require. Participating businesses go above and beyond the rules to protect the environment. The 5-Star Programs include: drycleaners, vehicle maintenance shops, childcare facilities and the metal finishing industry. For more information on the Five Star programs, refer to the web at [www.IN.gov/idem/ctap/](http://www.IN.gov/idem/ctap/).

This is not a comprehensive list of Indiana P2 activities over the last year; however, it is a list of major activities. For additional information, please contact the Office of Pollution Prevention and Technical Assistance at (317) 232-8172 and/or visit our website at [www.IN.gov/idem/oppta/](http://www.IN.gov/idem/oppta/).