



TRUCK STOP/PLAZA AGREEMENT



join

SmartWay Transport Partnership

The Smart Way To Save Fuel, Money and the Environment

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BECOME A SMARTWAY TRUCK STOP/ PLAZA PARTNER?

The Truck Stop/Plaza category of the SmartWay Transport Partnership is for those companies that commit to promote greater energy efficiency and air quality for the transportation sector. As a truck stop/plaza owner, you can assist your customers with making better choices for their business and the environment. SmartWay Truck Stop/Plaza Partners provide a location where truck drivers can rest comfortably without idling, thereby saving fuel and money, protecting their health, and making a positive impact on the environment and energy security of our country.

Truck stop/plaza owners commit to promoting the SmartWay Partnership to their customers and the public. By helping EPA get the word out about fuel-saving strategies, truck stop/plaza owners help their customers make smart choices for their business.

WHAT BENEFITS DOES MY ORGANIZATION RECEIVE FOR JOINING AS A SMARTWAY PARTNER?

The SmartWay Transport Partner brand is awarded to qualifying truck stop/plaza owners as a visible symbol that you are providing customers with a tangible, highly-beneficial way to improve their business operations and make a difference for the environment. You are able to give your customers access to technologies and information that will help them achieve their business goals. EPA will support your efforts by providing recognition, outreach and training materials. In addition, your community will know that you are taking steps to improve the air quality that everyone breathes.

Another benefit is increased business from SmartWay Truck Carrier Partners that commit to reducing idling in their fleet. Many of our truck partners have committed to reduce idling in their fleet, and by visiting a SmartWay Truck Stop/Plaza they get credit towards their own goals (this applies only to those locations that have electrified parking spaces).

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO BECOME A SMARTWAY TRUCK STOP/PLAZA PARTNER?

The following types of companies are eligible to be a SmartWay Truck Stop/Plaza Partner:

- Private truck stops/plaza
- Port authorities with parking spaces
- Distribution centers with parking spaces
- Private truck company terminals
- Public rest areas

HOW CAN MY ORGANIZATION JOIN?

Becoming a SmartWay Truck stop/Plaza Partner is easy. Simply:

- Sign and submit the Partnership Agreement
- Submit an action plan and annual updates on your progress
- Educate your customers about SmartWay program efforts with information we provide you.

A representative from SmartWay Transport Partnership is available to help you with understanding your commitment to this program.

HOW TO I SUBMIT MY COMPLETED AGREEMENT?

Simply mail or fax the completed Affiliate Agreement to:

Smartway Transport Partnership Affiliate Agreement
USEPA Office of Transportation and Air Quality
2565 Plymouth Rd.
Ann Arbor, MI 48105
Fax: (734) 214-4052

HOW DO I REPORT MY PROGRESS?

Throughout the year, your EPA contact will work with you to implement your promotional activities. Once a year, you will be asked to submit a brief update outlining what you have done to promote the Partnership. This reporting allows EPA to keep Track of and recognize all that you are doing to support the Partnership and help the environment.

WHO DO I CONTACT IF I HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE AGREEMENT OR THE PARTNERSHIP?

Feel free to contact us at (734) 214-4767, or at smartway_transport@epa.gov. Program information can also be found at www.epa.gov/smartway.

EPA's SmartWaySM Transport Partnership is a program that recognizes partners for setting and achieving emissions reduction and energy saving goals. This Partnership Agreement uses the term "truck stop" to apply to any location where trucks park, including private or public truck stops, plazas, or rest areas; distribution centers; ports; and other truck parking areas. As used in this document, the terms "we" and "our" refer to the Environmental Protection Agency, and "you" and "your" refer to truck stop/plaza owners or operators.

With this agreement, _____ joins EPA's SmartWay Transport Partnership and commits to deploy an idle-free zone for the following number or percentage of parking spaces as follows:

Year One: 50 spaces or 25%, whichever is smaller

Year Three: 100 spaces or 50%, whichever is smaller (Logo Use Applies)

Year Five³: 150 spaces or 75%, whichever is smaller (Logo Use Applies)

IDLE-FREE ZONE: An idle-free zone is an area clearly designated by signs and paint, per EPA's guidelines, by a number or percentage of truck parking spaces wherein trucks are not allowed to idle their main propulsion engines for more than 5 minutes. Truck drivers can comply with this requirement by turning off their main propulsion engine or using an idle reduction technology, such as an electrified parking space, mobile idle reduction technology (e.g., auxiliary power unit, direct-fired heater), or any other technology that eliminates the need for the truck driver to idle the main propulsion engine.

ACTION PLAN & UPDATES: WITHIN THREE MONTHS FROM SIGNING THIS PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT, YOU AGREE TO PROVIDE EPA WITH AN ACTION PLAN IDENTIFYING THE LOCATION(S) THAT WILL PARTICIPATE IN THIS AGREEMENT. IN ADDITION, YOU AGREE TO PROVIDE EPA WITH AN UPDATE, IN YEARS 1, 3, AND 5 (IF YOU DECIDE TO ACCELERATE YOUR COMMITMENT AHEAD OF SCHEDULE, YOU JUST NEED TO INFORM US WHEN THIS OCCURS), STATING THAT YOU HAVE MET THE GOAL. BEYOND YEAR 5 (OR THE DATE UPON ACHIEVING THE 150 SPACE/75% GOAL), THE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WILL REMAIN IN EFFECT EVERY YEAR THEREAFTER UNTIL YOU, OR EPA, DECIDE TO TERMINATE THIS AGREEMENT (SEE "GENERAL TERMS").

LOGO USE RIGHTS: EPA will allow use of the SmartWay Truck Stop logo, per EPA's guidelines, upon our verification of meeting the 100 space or 50% goal. The SmartWay logo may only be used after obtaining written EPA approval. We reserve the right to periodically verify meeting or maintaining the goal.

SMARTWAY KIOSK: EPA or an Affiliate Partner may provide you with an information kiosk, subject to our resources and appropriations, to educate truck drivers about fuel saving and emissions reductions technologies, funding opportunities, and general information about the SmartWay Transport Partnership. You agree to place this kiosk inside your main building or facility.

In return, EPA commits to:

- Promote your participation by listing your company name on the EPA SmartWay Transport Partnership web site and in related educational, promotional and media materials.
- Promote your participation specifically to SmartWay Truck Carrier Partners, and offer truck company partners credit towards their own goal for using SmartWay Truck Stops.
- Assist you in achieving goals by working to address challenges and obstacles, create incentives, and provide technical assistance and support (subject to resources and appropriations).
- Provide you with logo use guidelines and sign/paint guidelines upon joining the Partnership.
- Provide you with kiosk and appropriate materials for display inside truck stop (subject to resources and appropriations).

³The 1, 3, and 5 year goals are recommended minimum time frames. You can accelerate your commitment by achieving the goals ahead of these dates.

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General terms:

- Any party can terminate this agreement at any time, without prior notification, penalties or any further obligation. You and EPA agree not to comment publicly regarding termination.
- This agreement is not intended to and does not confer any rights or benefits whatsoever upon any other persons, entities, or agencies.
- We reserve the right to suspend or revoke your partnership if you fail to accomplish or maintain the specific actions to which you commit to in this agreement.
- You will not claim or imply that your participation in the SmartWay Transport Partnership constitutes EPA approval or endorsement of anything other than your commitment to this agreement.
- You bear your own costs for participation in this program, and you agree not to submit a claim for compensation to EPA on the basis of this agreement.
- You understand that truck drivers using your location must comply with any applicable state or local idle restriction law, and that truck drivers are liable for any violations of such idle restriction laws.

Authorized Partner Official:

The undersigned, on behalf of _____, understands and agrees to the terms of the EPA SmartWay Truck Stop/ Plaza Partnership Agreement.

 SIGNATURE TITLE

 PRINT NAME DATE

Designated Partner Representative:

 NAME TITLE

 ADDRESS

 CITY STATE ZIP

 E-MAIL PHONE FAX

ADDRESS FOR CONTACTING OR SENDING INFORMATION TO EPA:

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 ANN ARBOR, MI 48105

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