

## Performance Track Participants Association

Soon after Performance Track was launched many of the charter members decided on their own that it would be beneficial to the long-term success of the program to form an independent participants' association focused solely on Performance Track.

The Performance Track Participants Association (PTPA) is a nonprofit organization that provides a forum for corporations, trade associations, and public entities dedicated to improving their environmental performance, and the nation's environment, through the vehicle of the Performance Track program. PTPA's member facilities engage in a positive dialogue with the Environmental Protection Agency, identifying and sharing best practices, as well as assisting the Agency in establishing greater recognition and incentives, so that Performance Track members can continue to lead the way in the protection of the environment.

PTPA, a 501(c)(6) organization is a leader in promoting more effective environmental management, continued environmental improvement, and greater public involvement – all through a voluntary approach. PTPA draws its membership from the members of EPA's National Environmental Performance Track program.

Several active PTPA workgroups are helping the organization make contributions in several important areas that relate to the EPA Performance Track program. The work groups focus on identifying and advocating incentives for Performance Track members, facilitating information exchange amongst peers, increasing public awareness, highlighting member accomplishments, encouraging membership growth, hosting a national PTPA conference, and working to support similar state programs.

Each year, PTPA holds a national conference that functions as both an educational and networking event for members. In May 2007, some 650 people from 47 states and four countries gathered in New Orleans, Louisiana, for a joint conference with EPA, PTPA, and the National Pollution Prevention Roundtable.

For more information about the Performance Track Participants Association, please visit the website at www.ptpaonline.org/ or contact John Flatley, Executive Director, at (202) 296-3952 or e-mail at jflatley@navista.net.



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