

## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

THE ADMINISTRATOR

Thank you for your interest in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's National Environmental Performance Track.

Performance Track is a voluntary public-private partnership that encourages continuous environmental improvement through the use of environmental management systems, local community involvement, and measurable results. Through Performance Track, EPA recognizes and rewards businesses and public facilities that demonstrate strong environmental performance beyond current requirements. While building a collaborative relationship with EPA, Performance Track participants realize environmental results beyond what could be achieved through regulation and enforcement alone.

Program members demonstrate in their daily business operations that economic prosperity and environmental protection can go hand in hand. Clearly, superior environmental performance is valuable not only to a company's good name and reputation but also to the nation's success in making our air cleaner, our water purer, and our land better protected for future generations.

I invite you to learn more about this innovative partnership program, and I encourage you to consider applying for membership. Thanks to the National Environmental Performance Track Program, hundreds of top-performing facilities around the country are already earning the recognition and rewards they deserve. By joining them, you can too.

Christine Todd Whitman