

Reaching for a Brighter Future

Reduced Water use
by **3.5 billion** gallons

Cut greenhouse gas
emissions by **97,000** tons

Increased use of recycled
materials by **135,000** tons

Eliminated **133,000** tons
of **hazardous** waste

Conserved
14,250 acres of **land**

“Performance Track
members are at the
forefront of innovation
and environmental
stewardship.”

Stephen L. Johnson,
EPA Administrator

Five years old and more than 400 members strong, EPA's National Environmental Performance Track is leading the way toward a cleaner, safer environment. By encouraging private and public facilities across the nation to do more for the environment than is required by law, Performance Track helps achieve results that would not be possible through regulations alone.

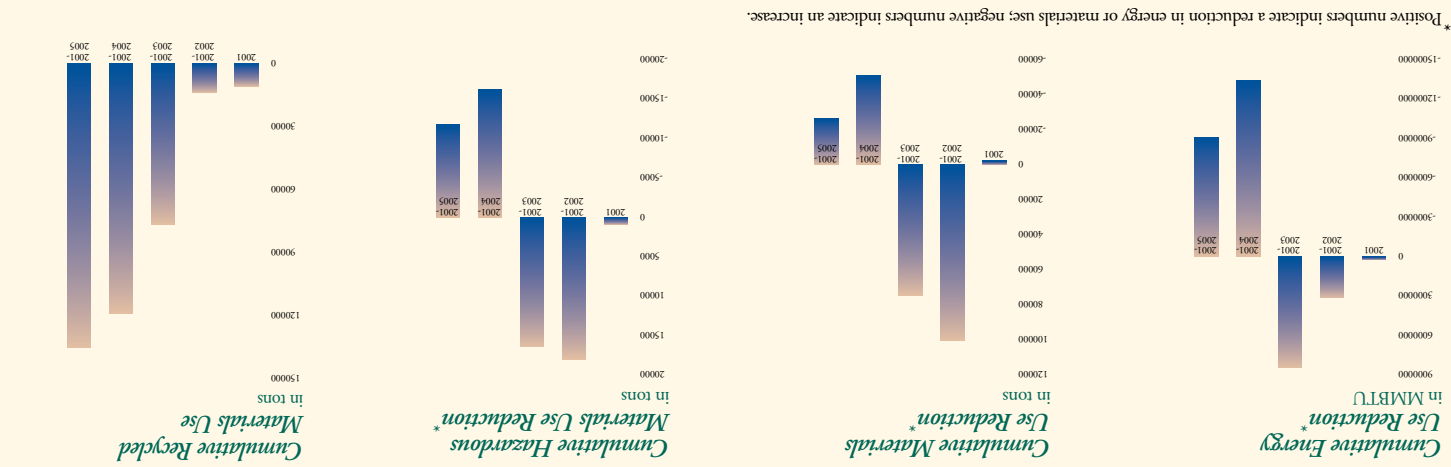


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Members' generation of hazardous and non-hazardous waste, along with their use of recycled materials, all showed improvement over the past five years. Waste diversion programs and better waste management practices have led to significant reductions in the generation of both hazardous and non-hazardous waste.

Waste



Overall, members have increased their use of energy and materials over the past five years. While on the surface these indicators do not appear to tell a story of continuous improvement, in many cases, members managed to reduce their use of energy and materials per unit of production.

Energy and materials use

Over the past five years, U.S. Gross Domestic Product has increased by 23 percent in current dollars and the U.S. workforce has increased by 14 percent. In the midst of a growing economy, Performance Track facilities have been faced with a challenging task—reducing their impact on the environment while growing their businesses.

HIGHLIGHTS OF MEMBERS' Cumulative Results

Cumulative results for all seven air indicators demonstrate continuous improvement on the part of Performance Track members. Members have reported cumulative reductions in emissions of greenhouse gases, carbon monoxide, air toxics, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, volatile organic compounds, and particulate matter. These results can be attributed to improved air emission technologies, an effort to focus on clean renewable energy sources, and energy efficiency measures.

Air emissions

Members' cumulative results demonstrate consistent reductions in water use. Member facilities have achieved these reductions through reusing water internally and adopting other water conservation strategies. Every year Performance Track facilities have preserved additional habitat and expanded their habitat restoration projects.

Habitat conservation

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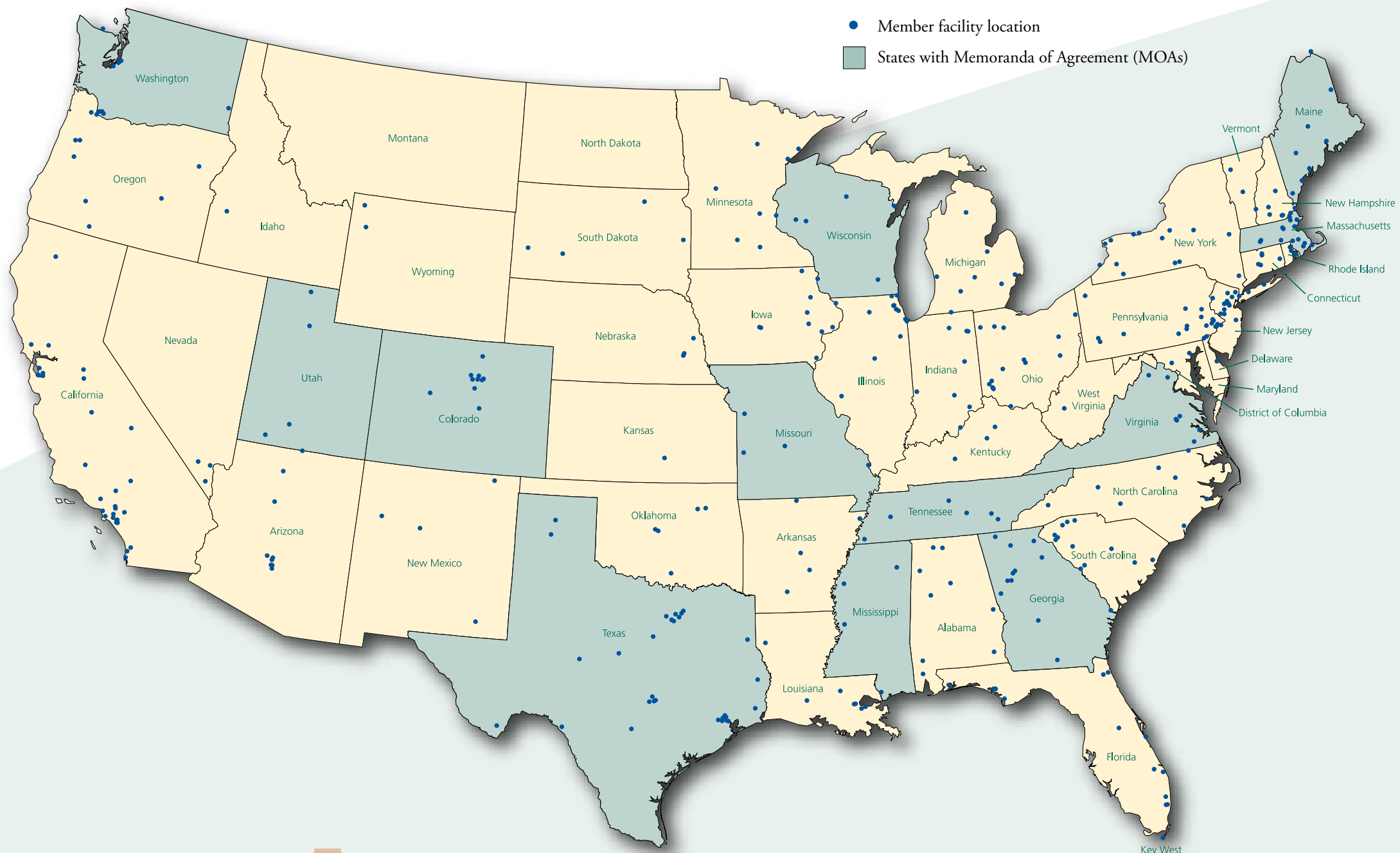
HIGHLIGHTS OF MEMBERS' Cumulative Results, continued

The Geography of Performance Track

Any facility, large or small, public or private, in the United States and its territories may apply for membership in Performance Track. With 417 members in 46 states and Puerto Rico, Performance Track facilities can be found from coast to coast. Members represent virtually every manufacturing sector, as well as public-sector facilities at the federal, state, and local levels.

EPA has entered into Memoranda of Agreement with 12 states to promote collaboration and to recognize and reward top environmental performers. Some of the common activities that EPA and the states have agreed to in recently signed MOAs include:

1. Coordinating the application processes
2. Synchronizing the development and delivery of incentives
3. Identifying a high-level point of contact in each program
4. Producing marketing tools and co-managing recruiting and recognition events



PERFORMANCE TRACK MEMBERS BY SECTOR

