

EPA & the Supermarket Industry: Partners in Ozone Layer Protection

EPA Partnership Programs

- More than 80 environmental partnership programs
- Voluntary participation
- **▶** No membership fee
- ▶ Non-regulatory
- ► Gives you a friendly face at the EPA
- ► True partnership attitude bundling?

Partner with EPA for Cost Savings

- ► Reduce waste/leaks & conserve resources
 - ▶ Utilities: solid waste, water, energy
 - ► Materials: refrigerant, plastic, building materials
- ► Increase efficiency & productivity
 - ► Easier to manage environmental compliance
 - ▶ Less employee time spent dealing with waste
 - Streamlined processes
 - ▶ Less time reinventing the wheel
 - Specialized software to track environmental performance

Partner with EPA for Public Recognition

- Awards & positive press coverage
 - ► Press releases on your achievements
 - National coverage
- Enhanced reputation
 - ► EPA credibility "confirms" your environmental achievements
 - Enhanced corporate image with customers, regulators, & media
- Brand protection
- Logos that help distinguish you from competitors

Partner with EPA to Reduce Business Risk

- ► Reduce regulatory compliance costs
- ► Reduce liability
- ► Prevention of environmental problems
- Voluntary today regulatory tomorrow?

Partner with EPA for Strategic Planning

- ► Environmental performance benchmarking
- Preparation for regulatory developments
- Technical assistance
 - Access to EPA's nationwide resources and contacts
 - Unbiased source of research and technical analysis
 - Best practice guidelines, lessons learned, implementation road maps

Networking

- Partner meetings to share best practices, strategies, cost savings opportunities
- ► Conferences, workshops, seminars