



Sector Strategies

Insight • Innovation • Results

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*Working together
to boost performance*

Sector Strategies Program

A cooperative working relationship among government, trade groups, and other stakeholders to reduce pollution and ease the burden of regulation.

- *Insight.* Listening and learning
- *Innovation.* New environmental solutions
- *Results.* A cleaner environment

Sectors

Agribusiness
Cement Manufacturing
Colleges & Universities
Construction
Forest Products
Iron & Steel Manufacturing
Metalcasting
Metal Finishing
Paint & Coatings
Ports
Shipbuilding & Ship Repair
Specialty-Batch Chemical Manufacturing

Insight

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Sector Points-of-Contact

EPA staff are Sector Points-of-Contact. We are a resource for regulators and businesses.

As sector experts, analysts, and advisors, we facilitate government-industry communications and develop strategies with our partners to:

- *Overcome barriers to environmental improvement*
- *Promote the use of Environmental Management Systems*
- *Measure performance*

**The Sector Strategies Program is
Part of EPA's National Center for
Environmental Innovation**

NCEI provides a testing ground for innovative ideas that advance environmental protection.

The Center assists EPA programs and regions in adopting innovative approaches that support improved performance.

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Results

Promote Use of Environmental Management Systems (EMS)

Partners design strategies to:

- Evaluate EMS needs and capabilities of each sector
- Create the right EMS tools for each sector
- Achieve widespread EMS adoption throughout each sector

Sector associations provide leadership and direction.

A Systems Approach: Plan, Do, Check, Act

An EMS is a proven process to manage all the environmental aspects of your operations. You assess your impacts, set improvement targets, carry out plans to achieve them, and monitor results.



Overcome Barriers to Environmental Improvement

Partners find creative solutions to environmental problems by:

- Analyzing factors that affect environmental performance in each sector
- Crafting options for innovative regulatory and policy change
- Acting upon ideas that are most likely to solve significant problems

Better understanding brings smarter environmental protection.



Measure Performance

Partners track progress by:

- Selecting appropriate performance indicators for each sector
- Gathering information on trends, using existing data where possible
- Analyzing and reporting on environmental gains and burden reduction

Sector Strategies shows how partnerships can produce results.

For More Information

Visit the Sector Strategies Program Web site at **www.epa.gov/sectors** or call **(202) 566-2992**.

If you are in one of the participating sectors, contact your trade or service association to get more information or become involved.

Our Association Partners

Agribusiness

National Food Processors Association

Cement Manufacturing

Portland Cement Association

Colleges & Universities

American Council on Education

Association of Higher Education Facilities Officers

Campus Consortium for Environmental Excellence

Campus Safety, Health and Environmental Management Association

Howard Hughes Medical Institute

National Association of College and Business Officers

Construction

Associated General Contractors of America

Forest Products

American Forest and Paper Association

Iron & Steel Manufacturing

American Iron and Steel Institute

Steel Manufacturers Association

Metalcasting

American Foundry Society

North American Die Casting Association

Metal Finishing

Surface Finishing Industry Council

American Electroplaters and Surface Finishers Society

National Association of Metal Finishers

Metal Finishing Suppliers Association

Paint and Coatings

National Paint and Coatings Association

Ports

American Association of Port Authorities

Shipbuilding and Ship Repair

American Shipbuilding Association

Shipbuilders Council of America

Specialty-Batch Chemical Manufacturing

Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturers Association

The Sector Strategies Program welcomes participation by government agencies at all levels and other interested stakeholder groups.



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