



U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

# EPA's Climate Leaders Partnership *Program Update* *June 10, 2003*



# What is Climate Leaders?

- ◆ Encourages comprehensive climate change strategies
  - ▶ Provides inventory protocol to track and report corporate GHG emissions
  - ▶ Assists companies to set aggressive GHG reduction targets
  - ▶ Provides recognition for GHG emission reductions
- ◆ Key Component of The Administration's Climate Plan



# A Customized Inventory

- ◆ Methodology based on WRI/WBCSD Corporate GHG Inventory Protocol
- ◆ Required
  - ▶ Corporate-wide
  - ▶ 6 major GHGs
  - ▶ Direct emissions
  - ▶ Indirect emissions from electricity
- ◆ Optional
  - ▶ Offset projects
  - ▶ Employee travel and commuting
  - ▶ Product transport



# Climate Leaders Reduction Goals

A corporate GHG reduction pledge to be achieved over next 5-10 years

- ▶ Must be considered aggressive for your sector
- ▶ May be absolute or normalized for production
- ▶ May record reductions back to 1990
- ▶ May reevaluate pledge



# Partner Commitments

## Announced 8 Climate Leaders reduction goals

- ▶ Miller Brewing pledged to reduce emissions in 2001 by 18% per barrel of production by 2006
- ▶ General Motors pledged to reduce total emissions in 2000 by 10% for all of their North American facilities by 2005
- ▶ Holcim pledged to reduce emissions in 2000 by 12% per ton of cement by 2008





# What Climate Leaders Means For Your Business

- ◆ Public recognition
- ◆ Technical inventorying assistance
- ◆ Better manage GHG emissions and associated risks
- ◆ Become a well-informed player in policy discussions
- ◆ Integration with State GHG Registries
- ◆ Peer exchange

# Program Milestones

- ◆ Launched program on February 20, 2002 with 11 Partners
- ◆ First Climate Leaders summit in April, 2002
- ◆ Celebrated six month anniversary with Administrator Whitman in Chicago
- ◆ Hosted Climate Leaders Partners Workshop October 29-30
- ◆ Total of 41 Climate Leaders partners, representing most energy-intensive sectors
- ◆ Released all cross-sector inventory modules and three sector-specific modules for public comment
- ◆ Announced 8 GHG reduction goals



# Objectives of Meeting

- ◆ Update partners on Climate Leaders and other GHG inventory activities
- ◆ Obtain feedback on ERT verification guidance, pilot offsets projects, and Climate Leaders reporting requirements
- ◆ Recognize new partners and partners announcing new reduction targets
- ◆ Exchange ideas to measure and reduce greenhouse gas emissions



# Feedback from October Workshop

- ◆ Simplify Reporting Requirements
- ◆ Develop pilot projects on offsets
- ◆ Maintain consistency with the GHG Protocol
- ◆ Highlight partner accomplishments through case studies
- ◆ Provide updates on status of U.S. and international climate change activities

# New and Upcoming Activities

- ◆ Finalize existing protocol modules based on second edition of the GHG Protocol
- ◆ Finalize reporting requirements
- ◆ Develop case studies
- ◆ Launch Climate Leaders quarterly Carbon Copy newsletter
- ◆ Develop new draft protocol modules including solid waste, aluminum, and pulp and paper
- ◆ Develop draft Climate Leaders verification guidance
- ◆ Next Climate Leaders Partner meeting in January - February

# Workshop Agenda

## Today's Agenda

- ◆ Update on Climate Leaders and other GHG inventory efforts
- ◆ Session on GHG inventory verification guidance
- ◆ Lunch
- ◆ Verification break-out groups
- ◆ Hear from Climate Leaders partners
- ◆ Demonstration of ClimateBiz
- ◆ Cocktail reception

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## Tomorrow's Agenda

- ◆ Review Climate Leaders Reporting Options
- ◆ Reporting break out groups
- ◆ Lunch and recognition event with Administrator Whitman
- ◆ Offsets Discussion
- ◆ Provide feedback on Climate Leaders

# The Company We Keep

