



EPA Designates Baxter Healthcare Corporation as a Performance Track Corporate Leader

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) National Environmental Performance Track program recently announced a new corporate level of membership – the Performance Track Corporate Leader designation. Historically a facility-based program that recognizes “beyond compliance” behavior, this new designation recognizes companies that are substantially involved in Performance Track at the facility level and demonstrate environmental excellence at the corporate level. This fact sheet highlights the accomplishments and commitments of Baxter Healthcare Corporation, one of the first three companies designated a Performance Track Corporate Leader. Baxter is a global medical devices, pharmaceuticals, and biotechnology company. To learn more about the Performance Track Corporate Leader designation, visit <http://www.epa.gov/performance-track/corporateleaders/>.

Why was Baxter selected? Performance Track designated Baxter a Corporate Leader based on its long-standing commitment to corporate environmental leadership, including:

- ◆ **Performance Track Participation:** Ten of Baxter's 17 major U.S. facilities (59%) are Performance Track members.
- ◆ **Innovative Leading Practices:** Baxter's history of environmental leadership includes the following:
 - Pioneering a corporate environmental financial statement and balanced scorecard approach to demonstrate the value of sound environmental management.
 - Developing a Product Sustainability Review process in which research and development, product development, and environmental staff work together to review new products from a life-cycle and sustainability perspective.
- ◆ **Supply Chain Performance:** Baxter audits the environmental performance of its key raw material suppliers and requires them to continually improve their environmental management. It conducted sustainable development workshops for suppliers. Baxter also pioneered the industry-led effort to include the Healthcare/Pharmaceutical sector in EPA's Green Suppliers Network.
- ◆ **Emphasis on Corporate Governance:** Environmental protection at Baxter is integrated with other company functions. For example, all line managers within manufacturing have environmental goals incorporated into their individual performance objectives. A committee of the Board of Directors regularly reviews the company's environmental activities. Baxter was one of the first companies to publish a Sustainability Report and includes extensive information annually regarding its environmental performance.

How will Baxter continue to promote environmental excellence? Performance Track Corporate Leaders commit to further improve their environmental performance and that of their value chains, including suppliers and customers. Baxter's future commitments as a Corporate Leader include:

- ◆ Further reductions in energy use and associated greenhouse gas emissions.
- ◆ Further reductions in solid waste generated.
- ◆ Increasing facility membership in Performance Track.
- ◆ Conducting detailed life-cycle assessments on a number of the company's existing product groups, integrated across its operations. Baxter's previous efforts have focused on new products.
- ◆ Increasing the number of key suppliers participating in EPA's Green Suppliers Network.