



**Targeted Opportunities to Prevent Pollution in San Joaquin County**  
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## APPLICATION FOR 13th ANNUAL ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS

- Industrial Business**     **Commercial Business**     **Non-profit**     **School**     **Environmental Group**     **Agriculture**     **Individual**

Name of Organization \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Name and Title \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Site Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Employees \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe the pollution prevention project or activity, including the technology or approach toward preventing pollution.

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Please describe the project's or activity's benefits and list the measurable outcomes.

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Does the project or activity exceed your business'/organization's regulatory requirements? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No If so, how?

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Please explain the project's or activity's economic benefit to your business/organization.

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Please explain how the project or activity has affected your employees' or organization's environmental awareness and behavior. Also, how has your project or activity affected your relationship with regulatory agencies?

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Please describe how the project or activity has benefited the community and/or environment.

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**Feel free to include appropriate attachments to this application to demonstrate the value of your project or environmental practices. Please note that submitted documents will not be returned, and documents of substantial length may not be fully evaluated in scoring the application.**

Send your application form and a brief cover letter on your company's letterhead to:  
Environmental Excellence Awards – 2006  
Attention: Jan Stanley, Awards Coordinator, P.O. Box 773, Stockton, CA 95201  
Please make your check payable to *Business Council, Inc.—TOPPS*.

**All applications must be received by September 1, 2006. Awards will be publicized and presented in September 2006.**  
Samples of previous award-winning application answers are on the reverse page.

# Examples of Previous Award-Winning Applications

## What did your business/organization do to prevent pollution?

- ❖ *Waste minimization. Change to bulk material purchases to reduce the volume of material containers going directly to the landfill.*
- ❖ *We collected over 5,000 tons of co-mingled recyclables and over 8,000 tons of organics to be composted. We also collected over 15 tons of electronic waste and 16,000 gallons of oil to be recycled. We conducted over 70 business waste audits in an effort to help businesses reduce their waste stream.*

## What are the social, environmental, and/or economic benefits of your pollution prevention activities to your business/organization and to the community?

- ❖ *To minimize waste as much as possible and support the City of Stockton in its efforts to comply with state mandates.*
  - ❖ *We have helped businesses reduce waste, cutting their disposal costs. We are diverting 53% of our waste stream, keeping many items out of our landfills.*
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## What did your business/organization do to prevent pollution?

- ❖ *We collected scrap liquid sweeteners (high fructose corn syrup) from tankers prior to sanitation and sold it to area bee keepers.*

## What are the social, environmental, and/or economic benefits of your pollution prevention activities to your business/organization and to the community?

- ❖ *It prevented the product from going to the sewer and reduced the BOD in our sewer discharge.*
  - ❖ *This scrap sugar cannot be recovered for human consumption, it is a total loss for us, and therefore is a great way to make extra income and reduce our effluent BOD.*
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## What did your business/organization do to prevent pollution?

- ❖ *We changed our Electrodeposition paint to Lead-Free and Low VOC chemicals. This change allowed us to reapply for a permit emission change to cease operation of our Thermal Oxidizer. The Thermal Oxidizer was the BMP for the previous generation paint with higher VOC content, which use Natural Gas to incinerate the VOCs at 1400 F.*

## What are the social, environmental, and/or economic benefits of your pollution prevention activities to your business/organization and to the community?

- ❖ *No lead paint and low VOCs are obvious environmental benefits. Our natural gas usage decreased from 42,454 therms per month to 17,123 therms per month.*