

# ENCOURAGING ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE SILVER AND GOLD LEVEL COMPLIANCE EVALUATION

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The Encouraging Environmental Excellence (E3) Silver Level recognizes an organization's exceptional achievements in environmental stewardship. To reach the Gold Level an organization must also demonstrate an ongoing commitment to environmental stewardship. The E3 Silver and Gold Levels are open to any business, industry, trade association, professional organization or local government of Ohio. Applications are evaluated using environmental stewardship criteria developed by Ohio EPA. Applications will be accepted annually and include both written and onsite evaluations.

Applicants must be in compliance with environmental laws and regulations for a year prior to submittal of their application. E3 Gold members must be in compliance with environmental laws and regulations during their three year membership term and can be removed from E3 Gold for not maintaining compliance. Ohio EPA will perform a compliance evaluation that includes a review of environmental compliance information from U.S. EPA, Ohio EPA, the Ohio Attorney's General Office and local environmental regulatory agencies. This evaluation will include the following information:

**Part One - Regulatory Applicability, Permitting and Reports:** Identify the wastes generated, permits held and reports required to be submitted by the facility.

## **Air:**

1. Does the facility have air permits that are current and consistent with the facility's operations?  
Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
2. List the type of air permit if known (example: Title V, point source, etc.).
3. Contact information (name, phone, address) for the state or local inspector(s) who review air related issues at the facility if known.

## **Water:**

1. Does the facility have water permits that are current and consistent with the facility's operations?  
Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
2. Does the facility have a NPDES permit? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
3. Does the facility have a Stormwater permit? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
4. Does the facility have a Pretreatment permit (discharge to POTWs)? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
5. Does the facility have other water related permits? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
6. List the type of permit(s) if known:
7. Contact information (name, phone, address) for the state or local inspector(s) who review water related issues at the facility if known.

## **Medical Waste/Infectious Waste:**

1. Does the facility generate medical waste/infectious waste? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
2. Does the facility have medical waste/infectious waste permits? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
3. List the type of medical waste/infectious permit (if known) or other related information.
4. Contact information (name, phone, address) for the state or local inspector(s) who review medical waste/infectious waste related issues at the facility if known.

## **Hazardous Waste:**

1. Does the facility generate hazardous waste? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
  2. And if so, what is the facility's hazardous waste generator status?  
Large Quantity Generator \_\_\_\_\_
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Small Quantity Generator \_\_\_\_\_  
Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator \_\_\_\_\_

3. Does the facility have hazardous waste permits? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
4. List the type of hazardous waste permits (if known) or other related information.
5. Contact information (name, phone, address) for the state or local inspector(s) who review hazardous waste related issues at the facility if known.

**SPCC (Spill Prevention Control & Countermeasure Plan):**

1. Does the facility have a SPCC plan? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_

**Part Two - Inspections:** Identify the whether the facility has been inspected in the past year by any of the following environmental programs:

1. **Air:** Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
2. **Water:** Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
3. **Solid Waste:** Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
4. **Hazardous Waste:** Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_
5. **Other:** Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Identify type of inspection:

**Part Three - Enforcement & Compliance:** Identify whether the following activities have occurred at the facility in the past year:

1. Has the facility had any Findings & Orders that have not resulted in a Return to Compliance?
2. Have there been any spills at the facility that resulted in a release to the environment?
3. Have any Notice of Violations been issued to the facility that have not been addressed?
4. Has/Have the facility applied for immunity under Ohio's Audit Privilege and Immunity Law?
5. Are there any potential environmental-related issues at the facility that may result in some type of enforcement action in the future?

**Additional Information and Questions**

Questions regarding the compliance evaluation should be directed to:

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Application materials are available at <http://www.epa.ohio.gov/ocapp/ohioe3.aspx> or by calling (800) 329-7518. **Applicants are encouraged to call Howard Dong at (614) 644-2130 or our hotline at (800) 329-7518 with questions anytime during the application process.**