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Encouraging Environmental Excellence Bronze Level Recognition

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Ohio EPA recognized one company that successfully met the criteria for the Bronze Level of the Encouraging Environmental Excellence (E3) Program. Below is a summary of their efforts.

Industry Products Company (IPC) – Piqua: Industry Products Company (IPC) is a family owned business that has been in operation since 1966. They are a WBENC/NWBOC certified woman-owned company manufacturing a large percentage of the trunk floors in North American manufactured automobiles and a growing percentage of cargo covers. Using a variety of paper, rubber and plastic products, IPC also produces in-transit protection, water shields, and acoustic parts for automobiles and trucks. IPC is a member of the Gasket Fabricators Association, producing gaskets for refrigeration units and compressors.

IPC is being recognized for their recycling, energy efficiency, chemical review, by-product reuse, environmental management system and employee participation efforts. IPC has recycled 70 percent of its waste from 2012-2013, while some waste was incorporated in new IPC products. They rewired the building and replaced lights, which saved approximately 36 percent, even with an increase of business. IPC alerts their customers of potential hazardous by reporting chemical breakdowns. They encourage employee participation and training in order to get out the waste. They reuse their scrap/waste for new production parts. IPC is ISO 14001-2004 certified. The certificate is valid from February 4, 2012, through February 3, 2013.

IPC recycled 42 tons of cardboard; 0.3 tons of paper and plastic bottles; 43.4 tons of steel; 1.7 tons of aluminum; 1.4 tons of copper; 0.3 tons of brass; and 3,349 batteries. IPC also recycled 610 gallons of hydraulic oil, and 40 tubes of grease. In 2012, IPC generated 2,313.5 tons of solid waste. Of that, 695.1 tons was sent to landfill, and 1,618.4 tons was recycled. IPC also reduced their carbon footprint. Changing the lights resulted in a reduction of 30 percent KW/month, or 872.4 MT/year of CO₂. The company also rewired their factory, resulting in a reduction of six percent in their KW/month, or 174.75 MT/year of CO₂.

IPC also reviews “safety data sheets” through the ISO Matrix Guide to determine compatibility for the IPC work environment. Chemicals do not enter the facility until approved by the Safety Coordinator. Samples of run-off from IPC’s outfalls are attained quarterly, reviewed, and a visual assessment is completed. IPC practices environmental control of any spilled chemicals, whether hazardous or non-hazardous. IPC mops up the spilled chemical, contains it, and uses only certified disposal services.

For more information about the E3 program and the three levels of recognition, visit www.epa.ohio.gov/ohioE3.aspx or call (800) 329-7518.