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Encouraging Environmental Excellence Achievement Level Recognition

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The Ohio EPA Encouraging Environmental Excellence Program targets those who reduce waste, improve efficiency and work to continuously improve as an environmental steward. The program has a four-level approach to provide recognition to Ohio businesses and other organizations completing environmentally beneficial activities. Higher levels of recognition are for those who exceed regulatory requirements or commit to future environmental stewardship efforts. The Achievement Level recognizes any applicants completing environmentally beneficial activities. Any business, trade association, professional organization or local government in Ohio may apply. Achievement Level participants must demonstrate significant progress in one of eight environmental stewardship criteria: Impact to the environment; pollution prevention; energy efficiency; renewable energy; renewable, recovered or recycled materials; green building; recycling programs or organics diversion. Achievement Level participants must also demonstrate some level of progress in at least six additional environmental stewardship criteria and indicate they are in compliance with environmental laws and regulations.

Ohio EPA is recognizing the following organization that successfully met the criteria for the Achievement Level of the Encouraging Environmental Excellence Program. Below is a summary of their efforts.

Sandoval Buick GMC (Columbus) – This facility is in Columbus and is a new car dealership as well as a service, parts, and collision center with approximately 68 employees. Steady progress has been made towards environmental, health and safety compliance as well as reducing energy and pollution prevention. Sandoval Buick GMC completes scrap metal, paper, and cardboard recycling, and is actively investigating other recycling and pollution prevention opportunities through their safety committee.

This facility has a safety committee consisting of six management employees, including the dealership's owner, that meet quarterly. Management is committed to EHS compliance, employee safety, and pollution prevention. Employees are involved in quarterly environmental health and safety training, provide feedback on environmental and waste reduction activities, and help with facility inspections regarding environmental issues. The active participation of employees has helped increase their rate of compliance with all environmental, health and safety issues by approximately 90 percent.

Sandoval Buick GMC recycles over 8,400 pounds of paper annually that help save over 29,000 gallons of water, 1,600 gallons of oil and approximately 342 cubic feet of landfill space. A third party vendor is used to shred paper onsite and then takes shredded materials offsite for recycling. Scrap metal is sent offsite where it is processed and recycled. Cardboard materials are collected periodically and sent to a recycler. Energy efficient lighting is used throughout the facility and energy efficient upgrades are used when existing lighting is replaced.

An integrated team approach and active employee involvement has been used to substantially improve environmental compliance. They have a completed SPCC plan on file and report annually their Tier II

Chemical Inventory report. Air conditioning recharge machines have been registered with U.S. EPA and technicians have received required AC 609 training. The body shop has all 6H documentation on hand, including 98% efficient filter documentation, completed and up to date 6H painter training, and 6H notification to the U.S. EPA.

For more information about the Encouraging Environmental Excellence Program and the four levels of recognition, visit www.epa.ohio.gov/ohioE3.aspx or call (800) 329-7518.