

1994 Governor's Award for Excellence in Pollution Prevention Recipients

Benchmark Products Inc. integrated pollution prevention into product research and development. Benchmark reformulated a nickel plating solution, excluding three hazardous materials used in traditional plating baths and resulting in improved performance.

General Electric Appliances formed a pollution prevention team of high level managers to track air, water, and waste disposal costs. The team works to eliminate all possible waste and already has saved nearly \$124,000 through pollution prevention. Projects included the substitution of chrome-free raw materials which eliminated worker exposure and reduced the plant's hazardous waste by 39 percent.

United Technologies Carrier Corporation's heating and cooling manufacturing plant reduced emissions by using less-toxic substitutes. The use of water-based glue rather than a solvent adhesive, for example, eliminated their annual release of 14,000 pounds of volatile organic compounds. Additionally, the plant has reduced air emissions 99 percent between 1988 and 1993, while hazardous waste generation decreased 89 percent during the same period.

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