


# Pollution Prevention After a Quarter Century

Indiana Partners for Pollution Prevention  
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# Legislative Events

- Federal Pollution Prevention Act of 1990
  - Indiana Industrial Pollution Prevention and Safe Materials Act of 1990
    - Citizens Action Coalition
    - Indiana Chamber of Commerce
  - Indiana legislation significantly amended 1996 with less significant changes in 1997, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2004, 2005, and 2006
  - 1994 legislation providing IDEM with fees to adequately fund agency
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# Indiana's Established Three Entities

- IDEM's Office of Pollution Prevention and Technical Assistance (OPPTA) with an Assistant Commissioner as head
- Pollution Prevention Board (PPB) appointed by Governor
  - Renamed the Clean Manufacturing Technology Board in 1997
- Pollution Prevention and Safe Materials Institute (PPSMI) with host to be selected by PPB
  - Renamed the Clean Manufacturing Technology and Safe Materials Institute in 1997
- Largely funded by general revenues


# IDEM's OPPTA's Responsibilities

- Recycling and household hazardous waste
  - Environmental education / clearinghouse
  - Compliance and technical assistance (added 1994)
  - Pollution prevention
    - Annual reports with quantitative assessment of P2 progress
    - P2 opportunity assessments of environmental rules
    - Grants to industry and others
    - Governor's awards
    - Rulemaking authority
    - Support Board and coordinate with Institute
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# IDEM's OPPTA

- Joanne Joyce was first Assistant Commissioner
  - Tom Neltner was AC from 1993 to 1999
  - Rosemary Cantwell, Paula Smith, Charlie Sullivan, Harry Davis, Hani Sharaya, Anup Raychowdhury, Mark Stoddard, Rainford Hunter, and Leslie Flowers
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# Recycling and P2

- Disputes from 1990 to 1997 over the definition of P2 and role of recycling
  - 1997 General Assembly changed name of Board and Institute from P2 to Clean Manufacturing Technology
  - In 1996, OPPTA needed a strong external partner for P2 like it had with the Indiana Recycling Coalition for recycling
  - In 1997 OPPTA and CMTI formed the Indiana Partners for Pollution Prevention
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# Why IDEM needed Partners for P2?


- Provide access to industrial perspective
  - Serve as sounding board for ideas and options
  - Help Indiana small business be more competitive
  - Deliver guidance on priorities, especially as air toxics rules were being implemented
  - Support P2 in administration and legislature
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# My transitions

- Children's environmental health
  - Healthy housing and lead poisoning prevention
  - Food additive safety
  - Improving Kids Environment
  - National Center for Healthy Housing
  - Pew Charitable Trusts
  - Natural Resources Defense Council
  - Environmental Defense Fund
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# Perspective on pollution prevention today

- Focus on consumer
  - Leverage market forces
  - Managing supply chain
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# Walmart Sustainable Chemistry Policy

- <http://www.walmartsustainabilityhub.com/sustainable-chemistry>
  - Transparency
  - Advancing safer formulation of products
  - Safer Choice in private brands
  - Monitoring and Reporting
  - Project Gigaton
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# Questions?



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