

# **Environmental Stewardship Program**

Uniseal, Inc.

**Success Story** 

## **Non-Hazardous Waste Reduction**

#### **Background**

Uniseal, Inc. is a supplier of Adhesive and Sealant Systems for Automotive and Industrial Markets. Uniseal operates on 23 acres in Evansville, Indiana. The Maryland Street facility began operation in 1973 and has been in continuous operation since that time, adding the Uhlhorn Street in 1996. Uniseal manufactures their adhesive and sealant systems in both facilities.

Uniseal, Inc. achieved ISO 14001 registration for its environmental management system in August 2001 and has been a member of the IDEM Environmental Stewardship Program since February 4, 2008. Uniseal, Inc. is also a member of the Indiana Partners for Pollution Prevention and the Tri-State Manufactures' Alliance.

#### **Project Implementation**

In 2008, Uniseal, Inc. started a company-wide recycling program, which included cardboard, white paper, magazines, plastic bottles, plastic stretch wrap, compressed cardboard cores, and aluminum cans. Uniseal, Inc. also started a skid recycling program to repair or recycle junk skids. Additionally, lean manufacturing techniques were incorporated in 2008 that positively affected the non-hazardous waste reduction initiative. Employee awareness and involvement played a crucial role in the facility's progress.

#### **Results**

Through the extensive recycling and reuse effort, Uniseal succeeded in diverting approximately 304,000 pounds of non-hazardous waste from local landfills in 2008.

### **Cost Savings**

Not only did Uniseal's recycling effort benefit the environment, it resulted in approximately \$7,000 in landfill cost savings.

## **Facility Contact**

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