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Michigan Pulp & Paper Pollution Prevention Program



The Michigan Pulp and Paper Pollution Prevention Program, or P5, is a voluntary environmental initiative open to all forest products companies in Michigan. The objectives of the program were developed in partnership between the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) and the Michigan Pulp and Paper Environmental Council (MPPEC).

The overall goal of the P5 is environmental improvement in concert with economic growth and security.

Through the P5, the Pulp and Paper industry is working together as a sector to achieve less environmental impact. The P5 is aimed at insuring this Michigan industry continues to be economically viable for future generations. Participants in the P5 identify environmental substances of concern and establish priorities and goals for the reduction of their use, generation, discharge, or emission. The basis for determining which activities to pursue includes environmental impact and economic and technical practicality. Pollution prevention is achieved through strategies identified in the waste minimization hierarchy, starting with source reduction as the preferable method, followed by reuse, recycling, treatment, and disposal. Technology transfer shared through

the experiences of the participants and identifying and addressing regulatory impediments to pollution prevention in partnership with the Department of Environmental Quality are integral parts of this program.



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Participation in the P5 program is open to all pulp and paper facilities in the State of Michigan.

Facilities can join at any time during the year. Participation in the program is strictly voluntary in nature and this commitment is renewable on an annual basis.

There are a number of requisites associated with membership in the P5. The following are required of all participants:

- **Commitment by the facility**—An initial statement of commitment to pollution prevention by a responsible company official is provided to the MDEQ/Environmental Assistance Division (EAD).
- **Pollution Prevention Policy**—Each participating company has a written pollution prevention policy. This policy can be in the form of guidelines or a philosophy the company adopts to guide its pollution prevention activities.
- **Goals**—Each company establishes goals to be accomplished as a result of its pollution prevention activities. These goals are facility specific and can be either quantitative or qualitative and short or long term in nature. The facility demonstrates commitment by working toward achieving these goals. Goals are submitted annually to the National Council for Air and Stream Improvement (NCASI). NCASI provides a service to the partnership by consolidating the individual company goals into Pulp and Paper industry-wide P5 goals. The historical environmental data base for the participating facilities is also maintained by NCASI.

• **Record keeping**—Participants in the program maintain records of their pollution prevention activities, committed to as part of the P5.

• **Reporting**—Annual reporting of progress toward achieving goals is an integral part of the P5. This report is provided in a format developed by the industry. The information from the individual mill reports is consolidated into an industry-wide report released annually by the Pulp and Paper industry and MDEQ/EAD.

• **Technology Transfer**—All companies are encouraged to participate in technology transfer efforts to share successful pollution prevention activities and experiences. Case studies and annual reports from the participating mills are provided optionally in the P5 annual report.

• **Certificate of Recognition**—Each P5 company receives a Certificate of Recognition for its commitment to pollution prevention and environmental quality.

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