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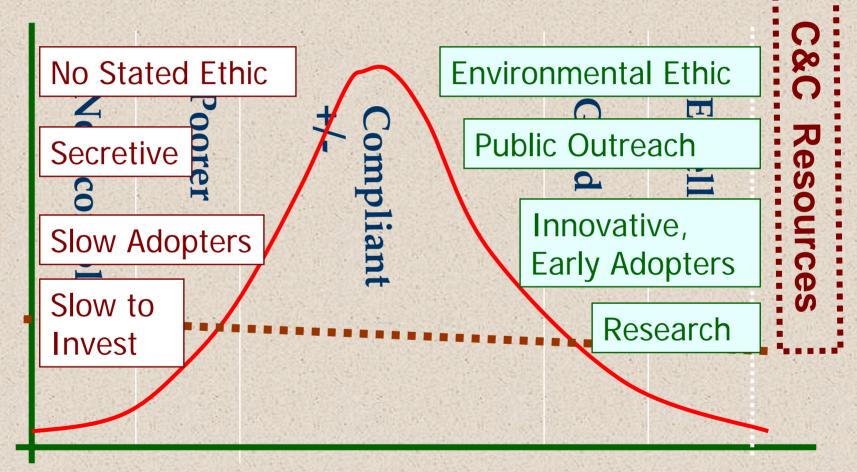
#### Introduction

#### • In Alberta:

- Many 'best performing' facilities voluntarily operate well beyond minimum regulatory requirements.
- For some the regulatory system adds limited value to their environmental performance, in some cases it 'gets in the way'.
- Alberta Environment developed the EnviroVista Program to:
  - Recognize and encourage best performers.
  - Provide incentives for these and other facilities to maintain and enhance their environmental performance.
  - Provide regulatory flexibility to allow the creative and competitive forces in these facilities to engage in continuous improvement.

### ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE OF REGULATED FACILITIES

# Facilities



**Environmental Performance (anecdotal)** 

### IMPROVING OVERALL ENVIRONMENTAL PERFORMANCE; shifting the curve!

**Facilities** Poorer Non-complian Compliant +/-Incentives **Industry** Stewardship **Command & Control Environmental Performance (anecdotal)** 



#### **Program Principles**

- Wins for Government, Industry and the Public/ENGOs
- EMSs and community involvement are essential components
- 3. Transparency and Public access to program information
- 4. Stakeholder Involvement
- 5. Open to best performers only, no free riders
- 6. Public credibility through measurable performance
- Outcome focus for the regulatory system.



#### **Two Tier Structure**

- > Voluntary Program.
- Tier 1 Leader level of participation, June 2005
  - Recognition for Past Performance
  - Maintain a High Level of Performance
- Tier 2 Champion level of participation
  - Recognition for Past Performance
  - Maintain and Enhance Performance
  - Provides Operational Flexibility



# Leader Level -Bright Line Participation Criteria

- 1. A robust, audited publicly accessible Environmental Management System (EMS).
- 2. Five-years exemplary emissions performance 99.5% compliance with air and water emissions.
- 3. Clean compliance record: five years with no enforcement activity.

**AENV** makes the final decision...



# Leader Participant Benefits: Recognition

- 1. A <u>Certificate of Recognition</u> -acknowledging the facility meets the Participation Criteria.
- 2. EnviroVista Web Page:
  - a. Listing participating facilities
  - b. A link to the facility / corporate website
- 3. EnviroVista Logo for use on documents, business cards, and site signage...
- 4. Public Recognition by AENV senior management (e.g. this presentation).

Applications accepted at any time.



### 2006-07 EnviroVista Leaders Utilities and Services

- City of Calgary,
   Waterworks System
- EPCOR Water
  Services Inc.,
  Edm. Waterworks System
  Newalta Corporation,
  Hazardous Waste
  Recycling Facility, Airdrie





## 2006-07 EnviroVista Leaders Chemical Industry

- Dow Chemical
   Canada Inc., Fort
   Saskatchewan
- ERCO Worldwide,
  Chemical Plant, Gr.
  Prairie
- Alberta Envirofuels
   Inc, Edmonton

**Isooctane Plant** 







## 2006-07 EnviroVista Leaders Chemical Industry

MEGlobal Canada
 Inc. Chemical Facility
 Prentice

Canexus Chemicals
 Canada Ltd. Sodium
 Chlorate Facility

Bruderheim



canexus:



# 2006-07 EnviroVista Leaders Petroleum Industry

- Shell Canada
   Products, Oil
   Refinery, Scotford
- Imperial Oil
   Resources, Cold
   Lake In situ
   Operation







## 2006-07 EnviroVista Leaders Forest Products Industry:

- Weyerhaeuser
   Can.Ltd, Pulp &
   Wood Plant, Grande
   Prairie
- Daishowa-Marubeni
   International Ltd.,
   Pulp Plant, Water
   Treatment and
   Landfill, Peace River





DAISHOWA-MARUBENI INTERNATIONAL LTD.

Peace River Pulp Division



## 2006-07 EnviroVista Leaders Forest Products Industry:

- Millar Western

   Forest Products
   Ltd., Wood
   Processing Plant,

   Whitecourt
- Alberta Newsprint
   Co. Pulp and Paper
   Mill, Whitecourt







### **Champion Level**

- **Now Open for Applications:** 
  - Applicants must be / qualify as EnviroVista Leaders
  - Voluntary Participation -application
  - Implemented through:
    - Stewardship Agreement
    - Modifications to EPEA Approval



# Champion Level Stewardship Agreement

- > Voluntary commitments to enhanced performance:
  - Emissions Performance
    - → performance history (baseline),
    - > targets, performance measures,
    - > monitoring and public reporting,
  - Other stewardship activity,
    - → Addressing Legacy issues,
    - → Pollution Prevention / Continuous Improvement,
    - → Best practices, standards, guidelines...,
    - → Participation in voluntary programs (Air Zones, WPACs, ...)
    - → Ongoing community participation,
- Developed with ENGOs / Public AENV Facility.



## Champion Level Approval Modifications, the "2-Pager"

- Minimum requirements to ensure legal approval to operate, ex. identification...
- > AENV minimum requirements, (emission limits, potable water standards)
- > Facility requirements
- Move all other details to the Stewardship Agreement.



#### **Champion Level**

### Shifts AENV - Industry - ENGO Relationship

### From: Regulatory, legal, command and control.

- Not to be exceeded limits.
- Minimal levels of environmental protection.
- Negative recognition from AENV.
- No AENV encouragement or incentives.
- Rules bound closed relationship.

### To: Trust based, propose and perform.

- Incentives, recognize and encourage.
- Complements existing stewardship drivers.
- Flexibility for creative, innovative approaches to Pollution Prevention and Continuous Improvement.
- Open inclusive ...



## **Champion Level Assuring Environmental Protection**

- > The Program is voluntary,
- > Facilities may withdraw,
  - → No Program sanctions for withdrawal,
  - → Must provide 180 days notice.
- > AENV may initiate removal if a facility:
  - > Fails to meet the Champion level commitments or
  - → Takes action that discredits the Program.
- Removed / Withdrawn Facilities
  - → May remain as Leaders (meet the criteria).
  - → Revert back to a regular EPEA Approval.



## **Champion Level Assuring Environmental Protection**

- Best performers only
  - compliance
  - emissions
  - robust EMS
- > Meaningful stakeholder and public involvement
  - Drawing up the Stewardship Agreement
  - Monitoring progress, transparency of reporting and
  - On the Program Advisory Committee
- Regulatory backstop
  - Streamlined Approval
  - General 'do not pollute' provisions- EPEA s. 109
- > Contractual agreement
  - Revert to a regular Approval
- Loss of incentives and benefits of participation.



### Why Participate?

#### > Incentives:

- AENV Facility coordinated communications,
- Additional recognition on AENV's web site,
- Letters of recognition to elected officials, key customers...
- Waiver of application fees and preferential treatment by AENV,
- Regulatory flexibility through approval streamlining.

#### > Other Benefits:

- Attracting and retaining key employees,
- · Improved community and stakeholder relations,
- Illustrates support for corporate environmental policy,
- Marketing and promotion as an environmental leader.



### **EnviroVista Public Advisory Committee (EVPAC):**

- Canadian Chemical Producers Association
- Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers
- Canadian Petroleum Products Institute
- Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties
- Alberta Urban Municipalities Association
- Alberta Chamber of Resources
- Alberta Forest Products Association
- 3 representatives from the Alberta Environmental Network
- 2 public members, selected by the Committee
- 3 representatives from participating companies
- Alberta Environment



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