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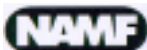
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Re: Strategic Goals Program Membership

Dear Prospective Participant:

Would you like to work with other regulating authorities to better serve your customers? Then join POTWs across the state who are members of the National Metal Finishing Strategic Goals Program (SGP). Your fellow POTW's are working with state and federal government staff to change the current regulatory system.

Since 1997, US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 6 has been working in conjunction with Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission (TNRCC), local POTWs and various metal finishing associations within Texas to promote SGP. The SGP program is a voluntary commitment by federal and state government, local authorities, local environmental organizations and industry to promote cleaner, cheaper, and smarter environmental protection. Metal finishers agree to a set of voluntary performance goals that represent tougher standards than environmental laws currently require. As they approach these goals, IUs may become eligible for certain incentive benefits. In addition to the obvious benefits to IUs, POTWs benefit as a result of improved wastewater and sludge quality, and better relations with its metal finishers. US EPA is encouraging the local POTWs to become a member of the SGP in order to provide more benefits to facilities that are willing to make these commitments. Benefits which may be available to IUs include but aren't limited to:

- technical compliance assistance
- reduction in regulatory requirements
- reduction in permitting fees

In 1999, a list of Texas metal finishers was compiled to continue with the effort to promote the SGP program. Using this list, an invitation letter has been mailed to facilities across Texas to invite them to join the SGP. To increase the accuracy of this list we are asking that POTWs look over the portion of this list that falls within their jurisdiction to correct or verify information about the facilities. Your help in this effort would be greatly appreciated.

Attached are a summary of the Strategic Goals Program, a copy of the Statement of Commitment, and a list of possible metal finishers in your area. Once you look over the summary of the SGP, we are sure that you will want to join in this effort to promote partnership between industry and regulatory agencies. Please fill out the Statement of Commitment and fax or mail it to Mindy Gampel. If you have further questions, you can contact Mike Tillman (EPA) at (214) 665-7531 or Bob Goodfellow (EPA) at (214) 665-6632. In addition, please review the list of possible metal finishers in your area and fax any corrections to Stephanie Summers (EPA) at (214) 665-2733. Corrections can also be called in to (214) 665-7557 or e-mailed to summers.stephanie@epa.gov.

We look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,

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