



# 2015 AMC Environmental & Sustainability Summit

Voluntary Environmental Stewardship Program

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# Levels of Recognition

## Copper Level

For partnerships, collaborations, or regulated facilities that have completed a project that resulted in measureable improvements to the environment

## Bronze Level

For regulated facilities making a demonstrated effort to comply with environmental regulations

## Silver Level\*

For organizations improving their environmental footprint by preventing pollution and conserving natural resources

## Gold Level\*

For organizations willing to develop and maintain an environmental management system (EMS) that is consistent with the ISO 14001 standard

## Platinum Level\*

For organizations with a fully implemented environmental management system (EMS)

\* An additional designation of "Superior Compliance History" is available to regulated facilities that have not had an environmental violation within three years of application and while a member of the VESP

## Areas for Continuous Improvement

### Upstream

1. Material Procurement
2. Suppliers' Environmental Performance

### Input

3. Material Use
4. Water Conservation
5. Energy Conservation
6. Land Use

### Non-Product Output

7. Air Emissions
8. Discharges to Water
9. Waste Generation/Management
10. Noise
11. Vibration

### Downstream

12. Products
13. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle or Repurpose

## Potential Benefits and Incentives

1. Reduced Inspection Frequency
2. Enforcement Notice
3. Reporting Consolidation
4. Recognition
5. Permit Flexibility
6. Reporting Requirement Reduction
7. Participation in Pilot Projects
8. Multi-Media Inspections
9. Multi-Media Permitting
10. Future Incentive Discussions

## Environmental Management System (EMS)

- Policy
- Planning
- Implementation and Operation
- Checking and Corrective Action
- Management Review

## Program Logistics

- Electronic application process
- Membership good for three years
- Copper – one-time, one year recognition
- Annual report documenting progress on commitment(s)
- Renewals good for three years
- Demotions and Revocations are possible
- VESP is not a license



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