



# **Arizona Manufacturers Council**

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Sustainability Summit**

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## Voluntary Environmental Stewardship Program

Established by H.B. 2799 in 2012, Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S.) §49-192 et. seq. requires ADEQ to provide recognition and incentives for organizations that have a good history of environmental compliance and endeavor to go above and beyond environmental law requirements.



# Voluntary Environmental Stewardship Program Elements

## Bronze Level

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

No environmental violations discovered during the past 3 years and while a member

Receive:

1. Bronze level Certificate of Recognition
2. Listing on ADEQ web-page
3. Annual VES Conference

# Voluntary Environmental Stewardship Program Elements

## Silver (Plus+)

(+No violation(s) in past 3 years and while a member)

For organizations making an ongoing effort towards improving their environmental footprint by finding ways to prevent pollution and to conserve natural resources

Demonstrate past improvements in at least 1 of 12 areas; and commit to measure continued improvement in the same or an additional area each year

Receive:

1. Silver level Certificate of Recognition
2. Listing on ADEQ web-page
3. Annual VES Conference
4. Applicants may request additional benefits from a list of options; ADEQ will award additional benefits based on commitments to continuous improvement made

# Voluntary Environmental Stewardship Program Elements

## Gold (Plus)

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

1. Demonstrate past improvements in at least 1 of 12 areas; and commit to measure continued improvement in the same or an additional area each year
2. Commit to develop an environmental management system (EMS) that is consistent with the ISO 14001 standard within 3 years

Receive:

1. Gold level Certificate of Recognition
2. Listing on ADEQ web-page
3. Annual VES Conference
4. Applicants may request additional benefits from a list of options; ADEQ will award benefits additional based on commitments to continuous improvement made



# Voluntary Environmental Stewardship Program Elements

## Platinum (Plus)

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

1. Demonstrate past improvements in at least 1 of 12 areas; and commit to measure continued improvement in the same or an additional area each year
2. Implement an environmental management system (EMS) that is consistent with the ISO 14001 standard
3. Complete one full EMS cycle; including an annual audit
4. Community Outreach, which should include a process for:
  - (a) Identifying and responding to community concerns
  - (b) Informing the community of important matters that affect it
  - (c) Reporting on the facility's EMS and performance commitments

Receive:

1. Platinum Certificate of Recognition
2. Listing on ADEQ web-page
3. Annual VES Conference
4. Applicants may request additional benefits from a list of options; ADEQ will award additional benefits based on commitments to continuous improvement made

## Project Recognition **Copper Level**

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

Complete a project that resulted in a measureable improvement in at least 1 of 12 areas

Receive:

1. Copper level Certificate of Recognition
2. Listing on ADEQ web-page
3. Annual VES Conference

## 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. Recycling (3R's)



