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Recent News

EPA's Design for the Environment (DfE) Program is pleased to recognize Safer Detergents Stewardship Initiative (SDSI) [Champions](#) and [Partners](#).

What is the Safer Detergents Stewardship Initiative?

Through the Safer Detergents Stewardship Initiative (SDSI), EPA's Design for the Environment (DfE) Program recognizes environmental leaders who voluntarily commit to the use of safer surfactants. Safer surfactants are surfactants that break down quickly to non-polluting compounds and help protect aquatic life in both fresh and salt water. Nonylphenol ethoxylates, commonly referred to as NPEs, are an example of a surfactant class that does not meet the definition of a safer surfactant.

The Design for the Environment Program has identified safer alternative surfactants through partnerships with industry and environmental advocates. These safer alternatives are comparable in cost and are readily available. CleanGredients™ is a source of safer surfactants and can be found at www.CleanGredients.org. [EXIT Disclaimer](#)

One-page [fact sheet on SDSI \(PDF\)](#) (1 pg, 196K, [About PDF](#)).

What is the Recognition?

Champion is the highest level of recognition offered under SDSI. At this level, the participant is invited to an awards ceremony, is listed on the EPA SDSI Web site as a Champion, and

SDSI Recognition Ceremony Photos

The SDSI Recognition Ceremony was held on November 19, 2008 in the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, DC. [Click here to view photos.](#)

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may use a special logo in their literature to help explain their participation in the program. The Partner category provides recognition of significant accomplishment towards the use of safer surfactants. Partners will be listed on the EPA SDSI Web site and may be granted recognition as Champions in the future.

Who is Eligible for Recognition?

EPA's DfE Program recognizes businesses engaged in the production or use of surfactants, as well as those involved in the purchase or distribution of products containing surfactants. Others, including not-for-profit organizations, may qualify through actively encouraging the use of safer surfactants.

How do I Apply for Recognition?

An [application for recognition \(PDF\)](#) (8 pp, 197K, [About PDF](#)) is available for download. Be sure you have version 7 or 8 of Adobe Reader to fill out and save a copy of the form. The application includes the criteria for Champion and Partner status.

The review process is closed at this time. If you wish to submit an application, DfE will keep it on file and contact you if the recognition process opens in the future.

If you would like more information, please contact [David Difiore](mailto:difiore.david@epa.gov) (difiore.david@epa.gov).

SDSI CHAMPIONS

Champion is the highest level of recognition offered under SDSI. Champions have been invited to an awards ceremony and may use the SDSI logo in their literature to help explain their participation in the program. SDSI Champions are listed below.

Chemical Manufacturers

Champions in this category have achieved the following—They have:

- *Demonstrated the manufacture of only safer surfactants;*
- *Documented a strategy for ensuring the manufacture of only safer surfactants.*

BASF Corporation

Product Formulators

Champions in this category have achieved the following—They have:

- *Demonstrated the use of only safer surfactants in products;*
- *Documented a strategy for ensuring that only safer surfactants are used in products.*

Auto-Chlor System
 Barricade Fire Gel
 Bissell Homecare Inc.
 Chemco Corporation
 ChemLink Laboratories LLC
 Clean Control Corporation
 Corporate Express, a Staples Company
 Earth Friendly Products
 Eco Concepts, Inc.
 EcoDiscoveries
 GEMTEK Products LLC
 Georgia-Pacific Consumer Products LP
 JohnsonDiversey, Inc.
 Klipper Group
 Method

Naturell
 PDQ Manufacturing
 Pure & Gentle Soap Inc.
 Reckitt Benckiser, Inc.
 SafeWash Technologies
 S.C. Johnson & Son, Inc.
 Seventh Generation, Inc.
 Spurrier Chemical Companies Inc.
 State Chemical Solutions
 SYSCO Corporation
 The Dial Corporation, A Henkel Company
 The Procter & Gamble Company
 US Formula Technology
 U.S. Polychemical Corporation
 Virox Technologies Inc.

Multi-Clean Inc.
Natural Soap Formulas

VASKA

Retailers/Distributors

Champions in this category have achieved the following—They have:

- *Demonstrated that only safer surfactants are included in products intended for sale;*
- *Documented a strategy for ensuring that only safer surfactants are included in products intended for sale.*

EPIC Cleaning Products

Institutional Purchasers

Champions in this category have achieved the following—They have:

- *Demonstrated the purchase of products containing only safer surfactants;*
- *Documented a strategy for ensuring that purchased products contain only safer surfactants.*

Coverall Health-Based Cleaning System

Others

Champions in this category have achieved the following—They have:

- *Demonstrated outstanding efforts to encourage the use of safer surfactants*

GreenBlue

ISSA -- The Worldwide Cleaning Industry Association

Sierra Club

Textile Rental Services Association of America and Uniform and Textile Service Association

SDSI PARTNERS

Partners are recognized for significant accomplishments towards the use of safer surfactants. Partners may be granted recognition as a Champion in the future, if appropriate. The SDSI Partners are listed below.

Product Formulators

Partners in this category have achieved the following—They have:

- *Committed to manufacturing only safer surfactants by a date that is reasonable for the organization's circumstances;*
- *Documented a strategy for ensuring the manufacture of only safer surfactants.*

Athea Laboratories

Canberra Corporation

Daley International

Flexocleaners.com

Gent-I-kleen Products, Inc.

HAZfree Inc.

Hillyard Inc.

Jaws International Ltd

Jelmar

Momar, Inc.

Mt. Hood Solutions

National Chemical Laboratories, Inc.

New Dawn Manufacturing Company

NILODOR, INC.

Orange TKO Industries Inc.

Racine Industries, Host and Von Schrader

Divisions

Rochester Midland Corporation

The Clorox Company

3M (Building and Commercial Services Division)

Retailers/Distributors

Partners in this category have achieved the following—They have:

- *Committed to using only safer surfactants in products by a date that is reasonable for the organization's circumstances;*
- *Documented a strategy for ensuring that only safer surfactants will be used in products.*

Institutional Purchasers

Partners in this category have achieved the following—They have:

- *Committed to using products containing only safer surfactants by a date that is reasonable for the organization's circumstances;*
- *Documented the active encouragement of the use of safer surfactants.*

County of Riverside, Custodial Services Division
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago

Others

Partners in this category have achieved the following—They have:

- *Documented the active encouragement of the use of safer surfactants*

Clean Production Action