



Responding to External Influences on Industry Behavior: The Stewardship Action Council

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What is SAC?

- Coalition of diverse stakeholders
 - Industry
 - State governments
 - NGOs community
 - Social investment groups
 - Academia
- Objective is to drive and recognize sustainable performance.



Why was SAC formed?

- PT program terminated
- Working Group formed
- Identified need for a national/international program that would
 - Promote facility level beyond compliance performance
 - Promote the use of management systems
 - Provide a learning network/collaborative approach
- Its about driving/supporting improvement

Stewardship Action Council



Vision:

To Create a Sustainable World

Mission:

To raise the level of social, environmental, and economic performance through shared responsibility and collaboration among business, non-governmental, academic, and government organizations



What are SAC's goals?

To improve social and environmental performance.

To do this, we will:

- Create and foster a learning network
- Create collaborative partnerships to address local and regional environmental, social, and economic challenges
- Advance sustainability performance of our members
- Recognize and share outcomes

Stewardship Action Council: State Role



State Participation in SAC



- State network predates SAC
 - Regulatory programs
 - Pollution prevention
 - **EPA's Performance Track Program**
- ~20 state sustainability/performance-based programs
 - Vary in scope, requirements and benefits



SAC State Alliance Members

- Arizona DEQ*
- Georgia DNR*
- Indiana DEM*
- Indiana Partners for Pollution Prevention
- Iowa DNR
- Maine DEP
- Michigan DEQ
- Minnesota PCA*
- North Carolina DEA&O*
- New Hampshire DES
- South Carolina DHEC
- Tennessee DEC*
- Virginia DEQ*
- Washington State DOE*
- West Virginia DEP*
- Wisconsin DNR*

* *Founding Member*



What do states bring to SAC?

- Authority
 - States implement the majority of federal regulatory programs
 - EPA is not an active participant in SAC
- Advocacy
 - Potential SAC members can request support with their state contact



What do states bring to SAC?

- Networking to deliver creativity between states and common approaches among states
- Information sharing and cooperative problem solving for facility issues common to more than one state

What are the benefits to the states?



- Reinvigoration of state network
- Gain value from exposure to SAC facility best practices and lessons learned
- Unique opportunity to partner and collaborate with new types of organizations
- Can participate in and help shape SAC workgroups
- Ability to share some SAC resources with their own program members (i.e., webinars)

How does the state network function?



- Meet monthly via conference call
- Discuss/tackle issues of interest to SAC and states:
 - Compliance reviews
 - Recruitment
 - Measurement/metrics
 - Reciprocity between state programs and SAC



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