



OVERALL ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE AWARD APPLICATION

The **Overall Environmental Excellence** category recognizes a facility that demonstrates excellence in multiple categories (e.g., Land Stewardship, Energy Efficiency, Environmental Performance, etc.).

Please include the following information in your application:

Primary Point of Contact for Award:

- A. **First and Last Name**
- B. **Title**
- C. **Phone**
- D. **Email**

Where:

- A. **Company** (as you wish to see it on an award)
- B. **Plant Name** (as you wish to see it on an award)
- C. **Plant Address**

What:

- A. **Please provide** a short (1-3 paragraphs) high-level summary of the project(s) that was completed in 2025
 - 1. Your summary may be used for ACA industry promotion efforts; therefore, please describe your project with the general public in mind.
 - 2. Do not include identifying information such as company name, employee name, country name, school name, or any other identifiable language in this section, as it will be shared with judges.
- B. **Energy Efficiency**
 - 1. Energy Management Practices/Energy Planning - Describe the plant's energy planning efforts to develop and maintain a comprehensive energy management program that maximizes energy efficiency.
 - a. Describe the program's major components (such as the appointment of an energy manager, development of an energy policy, establishment of energy goals, tracking of energy use, benchmarking of energy performance, and how this program interacts with the company's corporate energy management program, etc.).
 - b. Describe how awareness of energy use has been promoted within the plant and the community.
 - c. Describe specific 2025 efforts to communicate the facility's energy conservation activities to staff, customers, and other stakeholders.
 - d. Describe the value of good energy management to your organization.
 - 2. Application of Efficient Technology and Practices
 - a. Describe specific 2025 project(s) that have saved energy. Include activities that reduce the facility's energy intensity or energy use per ton of product. When possible, quantify the energy saved in both physical units (Btu/Joule)
 - b. Describe any other examples of efforts to enhance energy efficiency (such as how you are actively participating in the ENERGY STAR Program, how energy efficiency was promoted beyond the plant, etc.).



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3. Climate Change Mitigation Efforts

- a. Describe any 2025 energy efficiency efforts on- or off-site to reduce greenhouse gas emissions that mitigate the potential impact of climate change.
- b. When possible, include an estimate of emissions prevented.

C. Environmental Performance

1. Describe any unique or innovative 2025 projects regarding

- a. Waste Minimization—such as recycling and reusing materials
- b. Pollution Prevention—this includes process or raw materials modifications, as well as operational modifications at the facility that reduce virgin materials or conventional fuels used by your plant
- c. Other Distinctive Environmental Controls—that minimize waste or other releases to the environment, such as erosion control

2. Environmental Management

- a. Describe any unique 2025 environmental management programs (e.g., EMS, ISO 14001, etc.), initiatives, and/or approaches and their positive impact on the environment and operating efficiency

3. Exceeding Requirements

- a. Describe quantifiable 2025 environmental results that demonstrate that your plant exceeded the regulatory requirements for
 - i. efficiency (include before and after efficiency rates)
 - ii. air,
 - iii. water, and/or
 - iv. waste management

D. Land Stewardship

1. Quarry Development and Management—Describe any unique approaches to new quarry development or management in 2025.

- a. Protection of sensitive environmental areas
- b. Habitat improvement
- c. Other activities that mitigate the impact of quarry operations

2. Remediation and Rehabilitation—Describe any 2025 project that included new approaches to remediation and rehabilitation of quarries, landfills, or other areas.

3. Landscaping—Describe any 2025 landscaping or habitat management projects on your property designed to improve the overall environmental quality of the site.

4. Describe any other examples of superior land stewardship.

5. Positive Impacts—Describe the positive impact(s) of the project(s) on the environment.

E. Describe any additional 2025 programs or activities, including innovations and community outreach, that your facility has completed or initiated that highlight the plants' commitment to the environment and energy efficiency/conservation (see Innovative Technologies or Process Award Application and Outreach Award Application for details).



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- F. **Facility Recognition**—Describe or list any environmental awards, certifications, or other 2025 environmental and energy recognition received by the plant
- G. **What makes this project(s) unique or noteworthy?**
- H. **Was the project(s) innovative?** If yes, how was it innovative?
- I. **What can others in the industry learn from this project?**

Why:

- A. **Provide background on why projects were initiated.**
- B. **Were the activities completed in response to a regulatory requirement** (e.g., new regulation, consent order, etc.)? If yes, describe the regulatory requirement.

When:

- A. **When projects were initiated** on (month and year):
- B. **When projects were completed** on (month and year):

Who:

List up to five employees of the company who were critical to the success of the projects during the award year and should be recognized. Include their name, title, and a brief description of their role in the project(s). Include yourself if applicable.

Photos:

Please attach 2-3 photos. Suggested photos are of the facility, project(s), and MVPs. The images you submit may be used in ACA industry promotions efforts, so utilize high-resolution images, measuring at least 900 x 900 pixels. If possible, submit at least one image that includes a person or the people involved.

Please direct any questions to **Christine McCarthy** at cmccarthy@cement.org