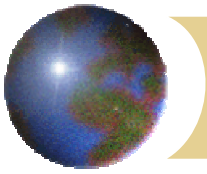


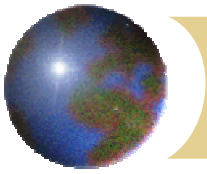
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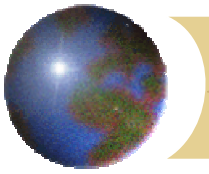
Performance Track

- ✦ Recognizes and rewards top environmental performers that go beyond legal requirements
- ✦ Begun in mid-2000, now has 344 participants
- ✦ Led out of EPA's Performance Incentives Division in collaboration with EPA's 10 regions and State Environmental Partners



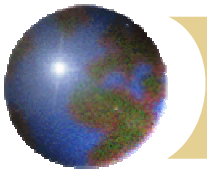
Origins of Performance Track

- ✦ EPA's Star Track, Common Sense Initiative, Environmental Leadership Program, Project XL, and Partnership Programs
- ✦ Multiple States' leadership programs
- ✦ Global voluntary, performance based initiatives
- ✦ Leading environmental policy groups recommendations
- ✦ Trade Associations sector-wide comments



Entry Criteria for PT Facilities

- ❖ Environmental Management Systems (EMS) in place
- ❖ Commitment to continuous environmental improvement
- ❖ Community outreach and reports on progress
- ❖ History of sustained compliance



Environmental Aspects for Continuous Improvements

Upstream:

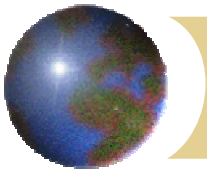
- ✚ Material procurement
- ✚ Suppliers' Environmental Performance
- ✚ Material Use
- ✚ Water Use
- ✚ Energy Use
- ✚ Land Use

Nonproduct Outputs:

- ✚ Air Emissions
- ✚ Discharges to Water
- ✚ Waste
- ✚ Noise
- ✚ Vibration

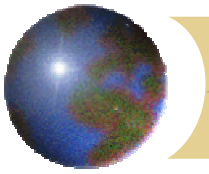
Downstream:

- ✚ Product Performance



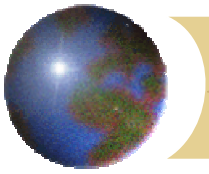
Performance Track Commitments

- ⊕ Large facilities
 - ⊞ Make 4 commitments
- ⊕ Small facilities (less than 50 employees)
 - ⊞ Make 2 commitments
- ⊕ Challenge Commitments
- ⊕ Corporate Leadership Program



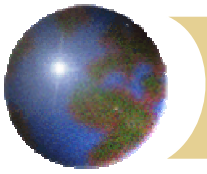
Benefits of Participation

- ⊕ Public recognition
- ⊕ Reduced inspections and monitoring
- ⊕ Incentives available only to PT members
- ⊕ Access to information sources



National Recognition from EPA

- ✚ Use of Performance Track logo
- ✚ National and local events
- ✚ Web site listing
- ✚ Visibility in EPA publications



Incentives

✿ Cross-media

- ✿ Low priority for inspections
- ✿ Consolidated environmental reporting

✿ Air

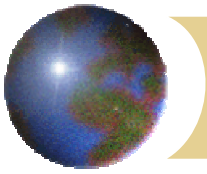
- ✿ Flexible permitting
- ✿ Reduced Maximum Available Control Technology reporting and record keeping under the Clean Air Act
- ✿ Faster agency turnaround and designated contact

✿ Water

- ✿ Exploring options to expedite renewal of permits and to reduce monitoring and reporting

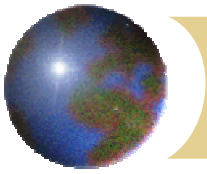
✿ Waste

- ✿ Less frequent self-inspections for RCRA facilities
- ✿ Extended hazardous waste accumulation period



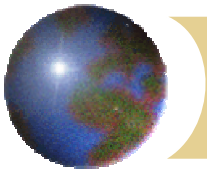
Access to Information Sources

- ✦ Invitations to conferences and workshops on special topics
- ✦ Participation in a network for sharing experiences and information
- ✦ Opportunities to be featured in a database of performance practices
- ✦ Opportunities to participate in information sessions with senior EPA officials to share lessons learned

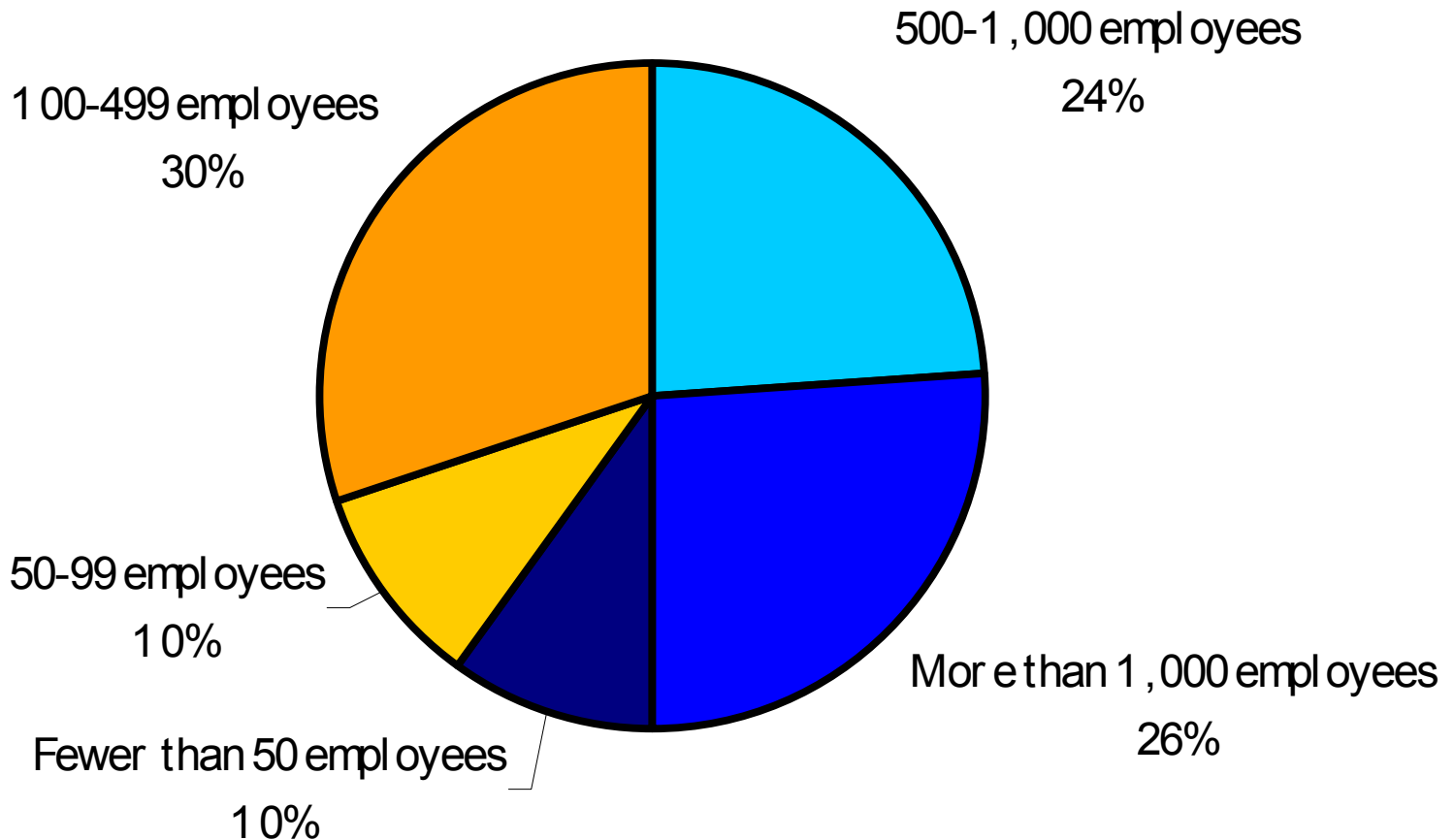


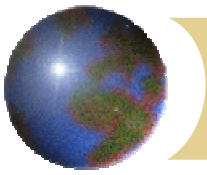
Performance Track Participants Association

- ❖ Non-profit organization that provides forum for exchanging best environmental practices and ideas for working with EPA
- ❖ 165 Performance Track members participate in PTPA
- ❖ Have three workshops: incentives, best practices, and recognition

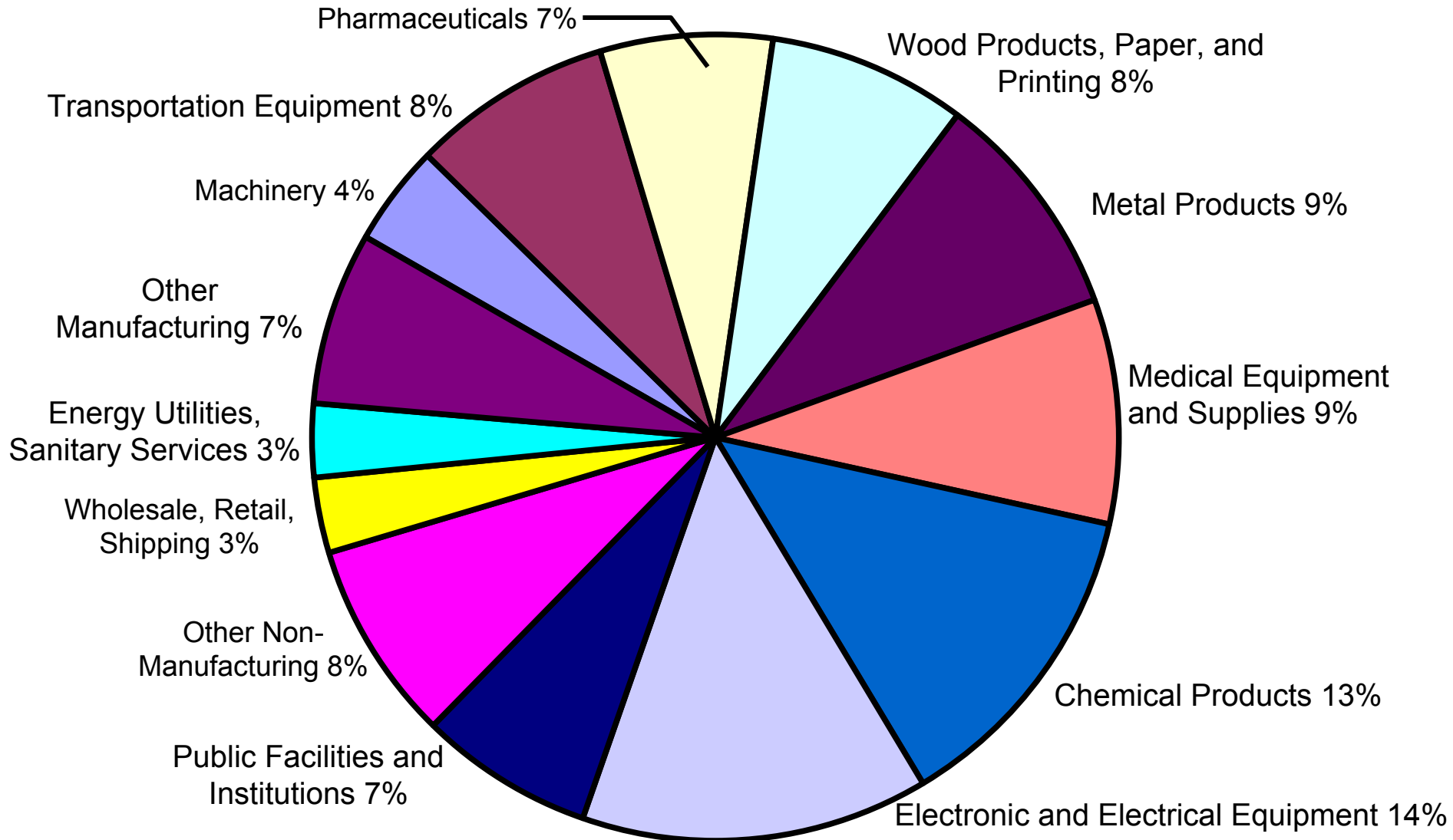


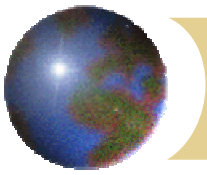
Members by Facility Size





Distribution of PT Members by Sector

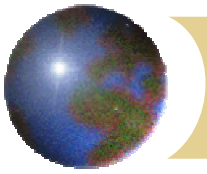




Performance Track Achievements

Category	2000-2002	Projected for 2003
Energy Use	3.1 million MMBTUs	4.9 million MMBTUs
Water Use	300 million gallons	5.2 billion gallons
Air Emissions	40,193 tons GHGs 2,152 tons of NO _x 13,621 tons of SO ₂	178,740 tons GHGs 3,426 tons of NO _x 10,197 tons of SO ₂
Solid Waste	176,126 tons	457,293 tons
Hazardous Waste	6,558 tons	21,999 tons
Habitat Preservation	4,485 acres (increase)	5,493 acres (increase)
Discharges to Water	6,834 tons	900 tons of BOD 12,271 tons of COD 113 tons of TSS 9,937 tons of toxics

Source: U.S. EPA Building on the Foundation, April 2004, p. 9,10,16



Learning Network

- ✦ State programs
- ✦ Performance Track Network Partners
- ✦ Federal Partners
- ✦ Performance Track assistance
- ✦ Performance Track Mentoring Program