

Environmental Award

Application for Award Deadline

To be considered for this award, completed application, and supporting materials are due in the APAI office no later than September 29th, 2023, by 4:00pm.

Description of Award

The Environmental Awards focus on a company's environmental culture and compliance with all applicable environmental laws and regulations. Depending on the level achieved, recipients will be awarded a plaque or plate for office display. All award recipients will be introduced during the APAI annual Convention.

Award Eligibility

Companies eligible to apply for the award must be APAI Producer members and meet the criteria and qualifications as outlined in the award application.

Award Criteria and Qualifications

Criteria and qualifications for this award are outlined in the following pages. There are two levels. To be considered for this award, requested documentation must be provided for each listed. In addition, applicants for this award must provide a brief essay explaining why their company should be considered for this award.

- **Environmental Achievement Award:** 20-29 points
- **Environmental Excellence Award:** 30-40 points

Judging and Award Notification

Award applications will be judged by members of the APAI Environmental Committee and the Executive Vice President of the Asphalt Paving Association of Iowa. Prior to the Annual Convention, award winners will be notified to ensure a representative from the company will be present to accept the award.

Documentation required for Criteria

All criteria will be awarded points based on completeness and the APAI Environmental Committee's understanding of the applicant's commitment to their environmental program. Each applicant must provide the following:

One Point Criteria: Maximum of 2 Points

I. Cover Page

- a. The cover page must include the name of the company, Iowa-based employee size, address, environmental representative, and contact information.

II. Table of Contents

- a. Include a table of contents of the required documentation.

Two Point Criteria: Maximum of 8 Points

III. Essay

- a. An essay explaining why the company's application should be considered for this award.
- b. The essay should also outline all work done during the past year to uphold and build the company's environmental program to ensure compliance with all applicable laws and regulations.

IV. Environmental Policy.

- a. Does the company have an Environmental Policy?
- b. If yes, what is the company's environmental mission statement?

V. Waste Management Program.

- a. An explanation of the company's waste management program. The explanation should address how the company handles all solid and hazardous waste.

VI. Sustainability Efforts.

- a. Documentation of sustainability efforts. The explanation could include the company's work toward the most recent sustainability practices.

Three Point Criteria: Maximum of 18 Points

VII. Training.

- a. Documentation of training conducted to meet applicable State and Federal Regulations as it pertains to environmental laws and regulations.
- b. Documentation may include employee sign-in sheets, an outline of topics/areas covered, dates, or other materials showing required environmental related training was conducted.

VIII. Dust Mitigation Efforts.

- a. Provide an explanation of the company's mitigation efforts for reducing fugitive and point source dust.
- b. Please provide evidence that these efforts were successful by including photos of the mitigation efforts in action, the company's baghouse(s) operating and/or other dust suppression methods used on the sites.

IX. Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP).

- a. Provide a copy of the cover page of the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan and include the Iowa Department of Natural Resources NPDES permit number.

X. Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plan (SPCC).

- a. Provide the cover page of the SPCC which includes the company's name, Professional Engineer's stamps as required, and date it was written. To ensure the validity of the plan, also include documentation of a five-year review if appropriate.

XI. Spill Reporting.

- a. Did any spills occur where a hazardous condition was created?
- b. Was a hazardous material or petroleum product spilled?
- c. If reported, were the spill cleanup actions completed and deemed acceptable to State/Federal authorities?

XII. Spill Response Equipment.

- a. Documentation of spill response equipment available on site. Photos of spill response kits and invoices for materials purchased may be used to meet this requirement.

Four Point Criteria: Maximum of 12 Points

XIII. Environmental Violations for Non-Compliance.

- a. Did the company receive any Notice(s) of Violation for environmental non-compliance from the Iowa DNR and/or U.S. EPA during the award application year?
- b. If yes, please answer the following questions:
 - i. Yes or no: Was a corrective action plan to correct the violation required?
 - ii. Yes or no: Was the plan completed by the company and accepted by the State or Federal agency?
- c. If no Notices-of-Violation were received, a sentence stating so will satisfy this requirement.

XIV. Annual Environmental Review.

- a. Provide documentation and/or a summary of all company in-house and/or third-party reviews of environmental policies, permits, and programs, applicable to environmental laws and regulations, conducted during the year.
- b. Areas reviewed may include air quality, waste or storm water management, best practices, or environmental policy/procedures. Please include a summary of changes made to the company's specific programs after the review.

XV. Annual Reporting

- a. Please provide the date the following annual reports were completed; if not applicable, please include an explanation.
 - i. Tier II
 - ii. Emission inventory
 - iii. TRI
 - iv. Storm water sampling
 - v. Storm water inspection for permanent sites