

Green Tier Program Development 9/8/2008

Green Tier	Development	Applications	Enrolled Entities	ECPP
Tier 1		8	23/33	
Tier 2	3	2	2	6
Charters	3/45		5/259	
General	397			

For purposes of understanding the numbers above, enrolled entities includes those participants who have received the Green Tier Letter from the Secretary even though we may not have had the formal celebration event and issued the releases related to their participation in the Green Tier Program. We noted in the last report the additional applications from Phillips Plastics and we have since welcomed those facilities into the program. We have also had several other events welcoming companies into the program that had been include in the counts of participating companies. In essence, we have been doing some catching up over the course of the summer. Applications have essentially kept pace with the new entities coming into the program. We had one entity withdraw from the program. As a result, although we have had a new entity come into the program, the number of entities has not changed from the last quarter. Most of the activity has been the enrollment of several of the remaining Phillips Plastics facilities which is the reason that the enrolled entities numbers have increased. Of note, an additional Tier 2 notification of intent to negotiate has been received from the US Forest Service - Chequamegon Nicolet National Forest and significant progress has been made in the drafting of a flexible air permit for the other applicant under Tier 2. We have also started discussions on 2 additional charters, one with a group of municipalities and another with a trade association, both interested in seeing if a charter may be able to help them address both environmental and economic issues.

At the last meeting, Advisors asked for information that would provide a longitudinal comparison of the program status. Below is the table from the 9/20/2007 progress report (adapted to show ECPP) to the Advisors.

Green Tier	Development	Applications	Enrolled Entities	ECPP
Tier 1		7	16	
Tier 2			2	6
Charters	3/110		3/164	
General	393			

The program has seen an approximately 80% increase in participation over the course of the last 12 months.

During the last quarter, the annual report for the Environmental Cooperation Pilot Program was submitted to the Governor and the Legislature. In that report, we took several initial steps to address the suggestions that had been made by the Legislative Audit Bureau in their Audit Letter for the program.

We are in the process of making a modification to the Clear Waters Initiative Charter. This is of particular interest because it demonstrates the adaptive nature of the charter as a tool, able to change as lessons are learned and trust is built between the parties. The Department of Natural Resources is requesting public comment on a proposed modification. The change, found in the Charter's Appendix 7, would allow for consolidating and expediting construction site storm water permit coverage at residential construction sites for members of the GTCWI Charter.

The Green Tier Expansion initiative has been placed on hold pending analysis of upcoming budget cuts. Work will still progress to process applications and recruit new companies but the more comprehensive expansion plans are what has been placed on hold.