

**Green Tier Program Development**  
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Green Tier	Development	Applications	Enrolled Entities	ECPP
Tier 1		9/11	25/35	
Tier 2	1	2	2	6
Charters	3/25		5/259	
General	402			

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Green Tier*	Development	Applications	Enrolled Entities	ECPP
Tier 1		6	22/26	
Tier 2	4	1	2	6
Charters	1/15		5/259	
General	392			

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 have had a modest program increase in participants. It should be noted that considerable effort was directed to the preparations for Green Tier Advantage 2009. That has a direct correlation to the reduction in time available to get new participants into the program. Having completed Green Tier Advantage 2009, resources will be increase for the processing of new participants for the program. We do continue to have a slow but steady stream of program applicants into the program with more applications pending than last quarter, a trend that we will need to watch. We are showing one less charter in the queue since last quarter, largely due to economic conditions. We would anticipate further discussions as economic trends stabilize. We are working to reframe the Development Council charter and we are not entirely sure that the Scrap Metal and Automotive Recyclers Charter will continue. Exact impacts from the Performance Track announcement are still too early to tell.

The Bureau of Cooperative Environmental Assistance and the Municipal Environmental Group (MEG) are currently signing up municipalities for the second year under the Green Tier Mercury Reduction Charter. Fifteen municipalities are participating in the first round of the Charter. So far Prairie Du Chien, Stevens Point, Stoughton, and Wisconsin Dells-Lake Delton have indicated that they will join the second Charter group. Additional participants are anticipated by the signup deadline of March 31, 2009.

The thee big items during the quarter have been Green Tier legislation introduced, Green Tier Advantage 2009 and the announcement by USEPA that Performance Track will be ending. Separate time has been set aside on the agenda for a more in depth conversation of all three.

The department has received its first 4 Disclosure Reports from the first group of 16 total participants in the Environmental Compliance Audit Agreement by and between the Wisconsin Association of Independent Colleges and Universities and Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. The first four colleges participating are Alverno College, Milwaukee School of Engineering, Cardinal Stritch University and Northland College. All four schools are now in the process of evaluating their respective plans of action to correct the disclosed potential violations and will be submitting Final Compliance Reports before the end of the Spring semester. A team of DNR compliance staff for each of the schools has been identified to assist in the review of the Final Compliance Reports and to provide any technical assistance that may be required in order for each of the schools to bring themselves wholly back into compliance. No extraordinary problems in implementing the first phase of the agreement have been uncovered at this point. Staff have been proactive in asking questions about the agreement, course of action to take to make

this process work smoothly and the compliance audit law in general. Continued communication will help make this a successful project overall.

During the upcoming quarter there are three items of note that will take place. Our biennial report to Legislature is due in May. The event that Denis Collins is planning, Eco-Higher Education (June 5, 2009), will take place and planning is well underway. The Boldt Company, one of our newest participants, will be staging a sustainability conference in the Fox Valley (target 200 businesses) for a business to business forum on sustainable business practices. In addition, we expect to invest time in the Green Tier Legislation, development of Green Tier Expansion Plans and recruitment and induction of new companies into the Program.