



Green Tier Program Annual Report 4.1.15

To Whom It May Concern:

Cortec Coated Products produces coated papers for various uses and industries, using water based coatings on both recycled and virgin papers. Being green has always been the main business culture.

As part of the overall EMS system, 10 internal audits were performed. Three corrective actions and 14 opportunities for improvement were found. A list of environmental aspects and significant aspects is maintained and reviewed at least once per year.

Environmental Accomplishments for 2014:

1. Continued recycling with vendor haul-away-proved by emptying compactor no more than 4 times a year.
2. Continued checking and recording of coater oven temps monthly to make sure system is recovering heat properly. Running at about 52% average recovery rate.
3. No hazardous waste shipped.
4. Enrolled in Green Masters Program.
5. Implementing Trial Contract so customer will be responsible to take back unused materials at their cost to reduce waste.
6. More efficient cleaning methods on rollers to reduce industrial discharge.
7. Goal to install at least one occupancy sensor in the building was met 8 were installed.
8. Goal to decreased waste from 5.19 tons to less than 5.1 tons was changed to have less than 7 tons due to plant wide clean-up project. There was 6.19 tons of garbage removed from site.

Goals for 2015:

1. Have less than 6 tons of garbage.
2. Have 2 less pickups of industrial waste in 2015 versus 2014.

Please find additional information related to DNR Environmental Indicators list below:

1.1 Water Use-

- 1.1.1 317,255 pounds of water were used in production of products in 2014. This is 36,697 pounds more than the 317,255 pounds used in 2013.

- 1.1.2 There are minimal/no sources for additional phosphorous to be released into water.
- 1.1.3 Waste water would include domestic waste, floor washing, overspray of product, obsolete/unusable product.
- 1.2 Air Emissions are minimal and currently no air permit is required.
- 1.3 Solid waste produced includes packaging materials, lunchroom, and off-spec material that cannot be reused.
 - 1.3.1 6.19 tons of garbage was disposed of in 2014. This is 1ton more than the 5.19 tons disposed of in 2013 due to plant wide clean-up.
 - 1.3.3 No hazardous materials were shipped.
 - 1.3.4 No mercury was released into the environment.
 - 1.3.5 Currently, the following materials are recycled: paper, aluminum cans, cardboard, fiber cores, ink jet cartridges, mercury (from light bulbs, thermometers, etc.), lead batteries if any present, metal (from old equipment, empty aerosol cans, etc.), electronics including computer components. Also, 100% post consumer recycled paper will be used whenever possible, printing on both sides of the page is encouraged.
- 1.4 Energy Use- Plant Building uses heat recovery system to reduce energy.
- 1.6 There were no spills of hazardous substances released to the environment.

Sincerely,

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