STATES ERP CONSORTIUM

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The *States Environmental Results Program (ERP) Consortium* was created in October 2006. This coalition of States, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and other interested groups share experiences, expertise and resources in developing and implementing ERP approaches to more effectively address priority environmental issues.

What is ERP?

ERP is an innovative and cost-effective approach to improving the environmental performance of business sectors or other groups characterized by hundreds or thousands of small pollution sources. Although individual facilities within these groups may only release small amounts of pollution, their aggregate impact can be significant. ERP provides a system and corresponding tools to help states manage these numerous small pollution sources that have potentially large cumulative impacts. While ERP has traditionally been used with small facilities, states have successfully implemented ERP with large facilities as well.

ERP Tools

The ERP tools form an integrated system. The complementary and interlocking tools include:

- Plain-language compliance assistance that promotes pollution prevention (P2)
- Facility self-audit and self-certification;
- Agency inspections; and
- Statistically based performance measurement.

History

The need and interest in forming a Consortium is a reflection of the growing ERP activity nationwide. In 1997 the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection developed the first ERP for dry cleaners, photo processors and printer sectors. To date, 21 states have implemented or initiated an ERP to address challenging issues across the many sectors listed below. A handful of additional "learning" states are considering ERP use. This increasing interest and growing body of ERP knowledge has boosted Consortium membership to include a third of all States.
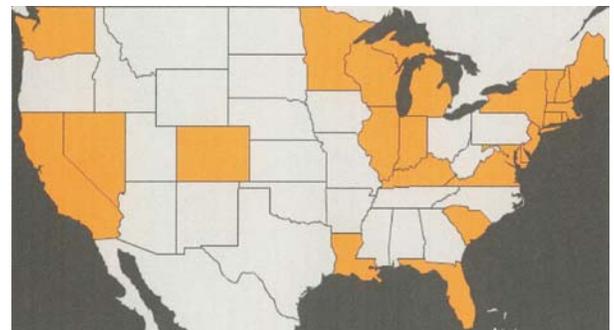
Goals

The Consortium's diverse and expanding membership is organized in work-groups focused on achieving four key goals:

- Communicating the ERP success story to build stakeholder support;
- Sharing information among practitioners;
- Expanding support for ERP within EPA to promote the wide use of ERP as an institutionally accepted regulatory tool;
- Improving and disseminating tools for easier automation of ERP

State and other ERP Consortium members

Colorado - Delaware - Illinois - Indiana - Kentucky - Louisiana - Maine - Massachusetts - Michigan - Minnesota - New Hampshire - New York - Nevada - Rhode Island - South Carolina - Vermont - Virginia - Washington - Wisconsin - U.S. EPA - Environmental Council of the States - Northeast Waste Management Officials Association

ERP Consortium States and ERP Learning

Sectors currently covered by ERP Approaches

- Animal Feedlots (Small)
- Auto Salvage Yards
- Auto Body Shops
- Auto Repair Shops
- Dry Cleaners
- Gas Stations
- Oil and Gas Extraction Facilities
- Photo Processors
- Printers
- Stormwater Dischargers
- Underground Injection Wells

- Exterior Lead Paint Contractors
- Small Quantity HW Generators
- Dentists Using Mercury
- Industrial Wastewater Dischargers to Sewer
- Stage II Vapor Recovery at Refueling Facilities
- New Small Boilers
- New Industrial Wastewater Holding Tanks
- Mercury-Containing Products (e.g. auto switches)