



Award Guidelines

Who can apply?

The MVP2 Project/Program Awards and the Best P2 Publication Awards are open to all stakeholders (all levels of government, industry, non-profits, etc.). The P2 Volunteer of the Year Award is only available for NPPR Members. NPPR members are urged to apply to all award categories since membership in NPPR denotes an additional commitment to pollution prevention. The awards are designed to recognize outstanding and innovative P2 projects/programs. As in years past, awards are judged on the following five broad criteria: **innovation, measurable results, transferability, commitment, and optimization of available project resources**. Third-party Judges are instructed to specifically look for applicants that demonstrate source reduction activities. Winning applicants are invited to attend a ceremony in Washington, DC to be honored for their dedication to pollution prevention will be honored.

What is the deadline for applying?

The Application DEADLINE for 2009 is Wednesday, July 1st. Winners will be notified in August 2009. The awards will be presented during P2 week in September.

Award Categories:

1. MVP2 Project/Program
2. Best P2 Publication
3. P2 Champion
4. P2 Volunteer of the Year

MVP2 Project / Program Application Guidelines:

Applications should be no longer than six pages. Although you can send additional attachments, judges will only be sent the six pages (attachments are only sent to judges upon request). In prior years, judges have given preference to applications that satisfied the components mentioned below. They also look for specific elements in each judging category. Please consider the judging criteria when completing your submission.

Judging Criteria for MVP2 Project/Program Awards:

There are five broad judging categories: **(1) innovation, (2) measurable results, (3) transferability, (4) commitment, and (5) optimization** of available project resources. Emphasis is placed on innovation, measurable results and transferability, with each representing 25% of the overall judging score. The additional 25% is judging equally on commitment and optimization of resources.

Judges are instructed to look for the following elements when judging each area:

(1) Innovation: The project...

- develops/utilizes a new P2 technology
- thinks outside the box” to attack an environmental problem in a new way
- is a new P2 approach to a common environmental problem
- could be considered a leader in pollution prevention
- identifies an environmental problem typically overlooked by traditional P2 measures

(2) Measurable Results: The project...

- quantifies results (if results qualitative, these results accurately reflect project success)
- has a reasonable measurement policy in place
- has comprehensive results, based on the project overview
- has results from pollution prevention (i.e., reduction of waste at the source only) initiatives

(3) Transferability: The project...

- can be used by similar programs in different geographic regions
- can be transferred to different types of organizations (i.e., if it is a large industry initiative, a state, local government, federal facility or small business could also implement the program)
- has capital cost requirements that can be either scaled up or down, depending on the size of the organization to which it is being transferred

(4) Commitment:

- Company integrated this project/program into its everyday activities
- Upper management’s involvement
- Shift in support for P2 as a result of the project’s success
- New internal P2 policies resulting from this project
- Increase in P2 awareness within the organization as a result of the project
- Increase in public awareness of P2 as a result of this project

(5) Optimization of Available Resources: The project...

- Optimizes its resources
- Has deliverables in line with project costs

Best P2 Publication Application Guidelines:

Applications should be no longer than one page, not including a copy of the publication. They must fit one of the below categories:

- Fact sheet/case study
- Article in popular press including trade journal
- Book or report
- Peer reviewed journal article
- Editorial/opinion/letter to the editor

Judging Criteria for Best P2 Publication Awards:

The Best P2 Publication Awards are given to those whose written work has an outstanding impact on communicating information and ideas to:

- Focus attention on P2;
- Highlight P2’s human health, economic and environmental benefits; and
- Increase the use of P2, particularly multi-media approaches to source reduction

P2 Champion Guidelines:

Applications should be no longer than two pages. Applicants for this award **DO NOT** have to be a National Pollution Prevention Roundtable (NPPR) member. However, they should have been in the pollution prevention field for at least five years.

Judging Criteria for P2 Champion Award:

The P2 Champion Award is given to an individual who has made significant contributions to the field of pollution prevention in the following ways:

- Setting a pollution prevention vision and strategies
- Leading and directing pollution prevention programs
- Implementing pollution prevention projects
- Significant impact on pollution prevention achieved

P2 Volunteer of the Year Guidelines:

Applications should be no longer than two pages. Applicants for this award must be a National Pollution Prevention Roundtable (NPPR) member and have been in the pollution prevention field for at least five years.

Judging Criteria for P2 Volunteer of the Year Award:

The P2 Volunteer of the Year Award is given to an NPPR member who has made significant contributions to the field of pollution prevention in the following ways:

- Setting a pollution prevention vision and strategies
- Leading and directing pollution prevention programs
- Implementing pollution prevention project
- Significant impact on pollution prevention achieved

Nominations for this award will be judged on originality, impact and quality.

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