



Ohio EPA Pollution Prevention Supplemental Environmental Project Update

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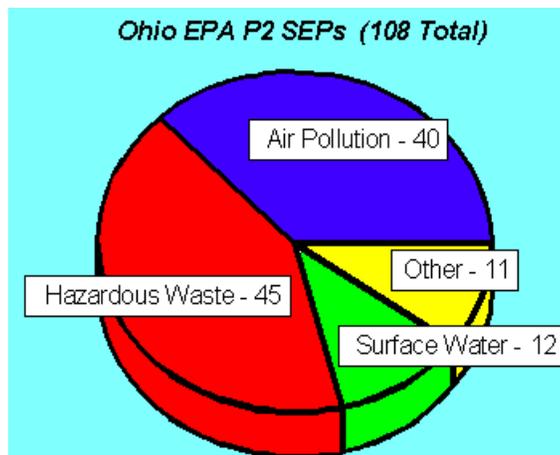
Overview

Ohio EPA has completed 108 pollution prevention (P2) Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEPs) in Ohio EPA enforcement settlements since 1991. SEPs are environmentally beneficial projects that a violator agrees to undertake when settling an enforcement action. P2 SEPs generally require a violator to reduce waste generation beyond what is required by law, and require a P2 assessment or project in exchange for a penalty reduction. P2 SEPs make Ohio's environmental enforcement more effective and achieve greater environmental gain.

Current Activities

The Office of Pollution Prevention (OPP) works with Ohio EPA divisions and the Ohio Attorney General's Office (AGO) to incorporate more P2 SEPs into current and upcoming settlement negotiations. Several activities support this effort:

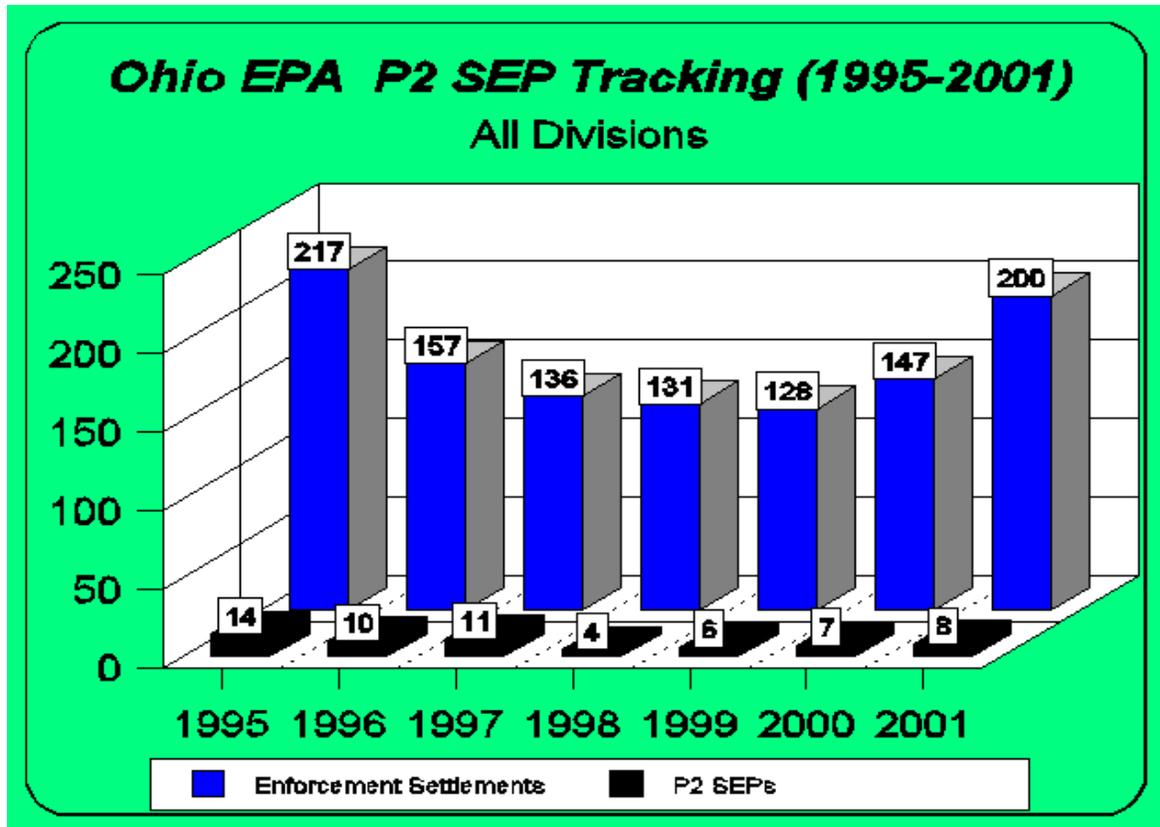
- OPP recently updated its website for P2 SEP information. The P2 SEP Web site includes guidance and case studies to facilitate agency SEP use.
- OPP works with Agency enforcement staff to identify cases where P2 SEPs are appropriate, develop language for orders, provide technical information, and attend settlement meetings.
- OPP regularly reviews reports from companies or organizations that are performing P2 SEPs, conducts site visits and makes recommendations to them directly or through the responsible divisions.
- OPP continues to maintain a database to track agency P2 SEP use and results including estimated environmental benefits.
- OPP prepares case studies that document the successful incorporation of P2 SEPs into enforcement settlements. The case studies are used to encourage the use of P2 SEPs within the Agency and as examples of successful P2 projects for the business /manufacturing community.
- OPP has made numerous presentations to Agency staff at Central Office and the District Offices to educate them about pollution prevention and encourage the use of P2 SEPs. OPP also works with Agency legal staff and the Attorney General's Office and has presented the SEP Guidance to these groups.



Ohio EPA P2 SEP Progress

Ohio EPA stands committed to increasing the use of P2 SEPs in Ohio enforcement settlements, which benefit the environment, the violating company and the Agency. Ohio EPA incorporated eight (8) P2 SEPs into agency enforcement settlements in calendar year 2001.

Special note: "Enforcement settlements" refers to those enforcement cases settled in the air, water and hazardous waste programs.



For More Information

For more information regarding P2 SEPs, please contact the Ohio EPA Office of Pollution Prevention at (614) 644-3469, use the Office's web mail at p2mail@epa.state.oh.us or visit the Office's web site at www.epa.state.oh.us/opp.