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PRESS RELEASE



Cortec® Displays Superior Environmental Performance Through Wisconsin's Green Tier Program

Cortec® Coated Products (CCP) and Cortec® Spray Technologies (CST) continue to demonstrate “superior environmental performance” and meet all requirements for Wisconsin’s Green Tier program, according to recent external audits performed at Cortec® Corporation’s Eau Claire and Spooner, Wisconsin, facilities.

Since 2010, Cortec’s CCP and CST facilities have been participants in the voluntary Green Tier program that recognizes environmental performance above and beyond minimal Wisconsin state regulatory requirements. The Green Tier program, which is run by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, requires participants to meet 12 Green Tier requirements, including the maintenance of an Environmental Management System (EMS) that is functionally equivalent to ISO 14001. In May 2019, a recognized Green Tier auditor confirmed compliance with all 12 requirements at CCP and CST, with no major or minor nonconformities identified during the audits.





CCP displayed superior environmental performance in many practical ways throughout the past year. Two highlights included reducing facility water discharge by 27,050 gallons (102,395 L) and reducing paper scrap by 42 tons (38 MT). CCP plans to continue minimizing the plant's effect on natural resources in 2019 by further reducing water, electricity, natural gas, and paper scrap. An

energy audit has been conducted by an outside contractor to help kick start the energy conservation projects, and CCP has already implemented a process change that will lead to a 60% reduction in natural gas use. CCP also plans to switch over to more energy-efficient lighting.

CST has been implementing similar improvements. Of special note is CST's achievement of the goal to reduce its amount of hazardous waste generated. This achievement allows CST to now maintain a very small quantity hazardous waste generator status (VSQG), the lowest status level available for an industry like CST's. Another important action directly related to consumers is CST's increased production of Eco-Air[®] aerosol spray cans, which are propelled by compressed air rather than traditional chemical propellants. CST plans to expand Eco-Air[®] production further this year, as well as completing other energy conservation projects around the plant.



Cortec[®] Corporation is proud to have both plants participate in the Wisconsin Green Tier program and is excited to continue moving forward in achieving superior environmental performance while manufacturing quality solutions to corrosion!

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To learn more about the Wisconsin Green Tier program, please visit:

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