Cortec hopes to be part of Green Tier

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The Department of Natural Resources would like to hear from the public regarding Cortec Spray Technologies’ application to join Wisconsin’s innovative Green Tier program.

Green Tier companies work with the DNR toward the goal of achieving superior environmental performance. Participants voluntarily go beyond regulatory standards to reduce their effect on the environment.

Cortec Spray Technologies, (and Bull Frog Outlet Store) at 1300 S. River St., Spooner, is an aerosol and liquid chemical packaging company specializing in corrosion removal and inhibition of metals for the electrical, electronic, industrial, maintenance and repair industries. The products are designed to extend service life of metal equipment, process equipment, and electrical contacts used by military, automotive, and other industries worldwide.

The company offers products based on renewable resources such as soybean derivatives, called soybean methyl esters. The soy-based products provide lubricity and biodegradability while helping to preserve the environment. The company also uses water-based technologies that incorporate non-toxic, biodegradable chemicals.

Additionally, for the first time in the industry, Cortec is providing aerosol products that are propelled by compressed air rather than traditional chemical propellants. The products are available in the company’s Bull Frog line for consumer use.

Product information is at www.spraytechnologies.com.

The Cortec Corporation, whose headquarters has been ISO 9001 and ISO 14001 certified for 10-plus years, said it is dedicated to preventing environmental pollution, conserving natural resources, and continually improving the environmental performance of its products, services, and processes. Cortec has a recycling program and recently become more energy-efficient by installing skylights and using timed production lighting.

The company has incorporated an in-floor heat system to reduce energy use. As part of Green Tier, Cortec said, it will continue working with consultants to reduce energy consumption and possibly replace warehouse lights with a more energy-efficient system.

The facility is implementing an ISO 14001 Environmental Management System.

The DNR will accept public comments on the company’s Green Tier application through Jan. 29. Specific information on the application and on the Green Tier program can be accessed at: http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cea/environmental/comment/index.htm

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