

National Pollution Prevention Roundtable

**The National Pollution Prevention Week 2001
PBT-Cup and MVP2 Awards
Photo Journal**

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First Place MVP Winners from California are congratulated by Senator Barbara Boxer (D-CA)

(L-R) Representative of the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation, Ann Heil of the Sanitation District of Los Angeles County meet with Senator Barbara Boxer from California and NPPR staff Ericka Alonso, Samantha Draper, and Rhea Jack



Introduction to PBT-Cup: *Michael Shapiro, Acting Assistant Administrator, U.S. EPA, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response*



Presentation of PBT-Cup Award: International Truck and Engine Corporation



Congratulatory Remarks from *Congressman David L. Hobson representing the 7th District of Ohio* to the International Truck and Engine Corporation of Ohio



International Truck and Engine Corporation won first place for the 2001 PBT-Cup for the reduction of lead from their operations and products. Their comprehensive program featured many unique and cutting edge pollution prevention techniques.



Congratulatory Remarks from John Cross, *Acting Division Director of the Pollution Prevention Division of U.S. EPA*



The First Place MVP2 Award was awarded to the Sanitation District of Los Angeles County, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation, and the National Pediculosis Association for its Lindane Usage Reduction Project.



Congratulatory remarks from *Congresswoman Grace F. Napolitano representing the 58th District of California* to the first place winners

Lindane is a persistent, bioaccumulative and toxic chemical used in prescription medication for head lice and scabies. A single treatment for lice contains enough Lindane to pollute six gallons of water below the California water-quality standards. The program targeted those parties who either treat or provide advice on the treatment of lice and scabies: doctors, hospitals, pharmacies, school nurses, day care centers, hospitals, and correctional institutions. It was the first major program to convince physicians to change the medications they prescribe based on environmental concerns. Average Lindane concentrations dropped 50% in the Long Beach and Burbank outreach areas. A bill to ban the medical uses of Lindane was passed in the California legislature as a direct result of the Lindane Usage Reduction Project.



Warren Weinstein, *Environmental Legislative Assistant for Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)* congratulates first place winners along with NPPR chair Patricia Gallagher



Second Place MVP2 Award: The City of Seattle, Washington won the second place award for their Pesticide Reduction Program. The program targeted employees of greenhouses, specialty gardens, roadsides and medians, and golf courses. Employees were asked to identify and reduce the environmental impacts of their jobs, which resulted in employee driven innovations to lower pesticide use. The city achieved a 46% reduction in pesticide use in 2000 as compared to the average for the previous five years.

Presentation of Third Place MVP2 Award: International Chemical Products in cooperation with the US EPA Office of Research and Development



David Ferguson, of the U.S. EPA Office of Research and Development, Ranjit Sen of International Chemical Products, Inc. Huntsville, Alabama and NPPR Chair Patricia Gallagher

International Chemical Products in cooperation with the US EPA Office of Research and Development won third place for developing a process to reduce the volume of hazardous and toxic waste streams produced from metal surface finishing operations. The process, named Picklex, eliminates up to eleven steps in metal finishing processes which each emit pollution.

Presentation of Fourth Place MVP2 Award: the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC) and Abbott Laboratories tied for fourth place. A program to replace the light mercury switches with non-mercury switches in on-the road vehicles was implemented with the help of used-car dealerships, automotive service establishments, government fleets, and commercial fleets. The Abbott Advanced Technology in the Pharmaceutical Research and Development area developed a new, state-of-the-art technology, which eliminated the use of hazardous materials, such as acetonitrile and methanol, in the purification of pharmaceuticals. This new technology, named Supercritical Fluid Chromatography (SFC), is now available for use in the drug industry, and is used to eliminate hazardous waste and employee exposure.



Presentation of the Bill Bilkovich Individual Achievement Awards to Andrea Kreiner, Christine Twait, and Cam Metcalf



U.S. EPA Acting Assistant Administrator. Michael Shapiro with Bill Bilkovitch Award winner Andrea Kreiner, NPPR Chair Patricia Gallagher, and John Cross, Acting Division Director of the Pollution Prevention Division of U.S. EPA

The Bill Bilkovitch award is given to three members who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to pollution prevention either for their organization or for a particular cause. Unlike the other two awards that honor a particular project and organization, this project commends the work of three individuals.



All the Winners gather together with NPPR Executive Director Natalie Roy (top left) and NPPR Chair Patricia Gallagher (bottom left)



Speakers, winners and guests mingled and enjoyed refreshments after the awards ceremony.



Dianne Feinstein
California
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

To: The Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, the City of Los Angeles Bureaus of Sanitation and the National Pediculosis Foundation
From: Senator Dianne Feinstein
Date: September 20, 2001

Congratulations on your MVP2 award and Happy Pollution Prevention Week!!

Your commitment to reducing lindane at the source represents a unique and innovative approach to protecting the environment. Lindane is a persistent bio-accumulative and toxic chemical that is dangerous to the environment, harmful to human health and threatening to the food chain. I was appalled to learn that Lindane is still used to treat head lice.

Your Lindane Usage Reduction Project is an outstanding example of how health and the environment can be protected in a sustainable and economically responsible way. I am glad that the District of Los Angeles County, the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation and the National Pediculosis Association are working with the National Pollution Prevention Roundtable to protect the environment by preventing pollution at the source.

As a former Mayor of San Francisco, I am well aware that the most clever and unique approaches to environmental protection are often developed at the local level. Your project certainly continues in that tradition and I look forward to seeing the Lindane Usage Reduction Program implemented not only in Long Beach and Burbank but in the rest of the state and country as well.

Keep up the great work!!

<http://feinstein.sente.gov>



Barbara Boxer
California
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

September 20, 2001

National Pollution Prevention Roundtable
2001 Awards Ceremony
Washington, D.C.

Dear Friends:

Congratulations to all participants of the 2001 National Pollution Roundtable award ceremony.

In particular, I want to recognize the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation, and the National Pediculosis Association on being awarded the First Place Most Valuable Pollution Prevention Award.

Their work to rid California's water supply of harmful toxins has resulted in stronger health protections for the people of our state. In addition, their efforts will result in a cleaner healthier environment, thus helping to ensure the continued success of California's thriving fishing and tourism industries.

Again, thanks to this year's winners and the National Pollution Prevention Roundtable for your hard work and dedication. Best wishes for a delightful evening.

Sincerely,

Barbara Boxer
United States Senate

<http://boxer.senate.gov>



Patty Murray
Washington
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

September 20, 2001

Dear Award Recipients:

Congratulations to all of you for receiving the 2001 Most Valuable Pollution Prevention Award from the National Pollution Prevention Roundtable (NPPR). I am proud of the hard work you have done to protect public health and the environment by preventing pollution. Today you are receiving the recognition you deserve.

I am especially proud of the City of Seattle for its Pesticide Reduction Program, which will receive a second place award from NPPR. In 2000, Seattle used 46 percent fewer pesticides than it had annually over the previous 5 years. This type of voluntary pollution prevention is exactly what is needed to further protect water quality throughout Puget Sound. While state, federal and local laws and regulations form the foundation of environmental protection in this country, voluntary measures help us achieve our environmental and public health goals even more quickly. In a time when governments face limited budgets and increasing demands, the City of Seattle's extra commitment to environmental protection sets an example for cities throughout Washington state and the rest of the country. I encourage you to keep up the good work. Congratulations again.

Sincerely,
Patty Murray
United States Senator

<http://www.senate.gov/~murray>



Jim McDermott
7th District, Washington
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

September 19, 2001

Dear Friends,

I extend congratulations to the City of Seattle for the accomplishments that led to its receipt of the second place award from the National Pollution Prevention Roundtable. Reducing pollutants released into the environment is one of the keys to improving our environmental well-being worldwide.

The City of Seattle's Pesticide Reduction Program serves as a model for other cities around the country and around the world. By targeting individual employees who make decisions about how to care for our public and private greens, medians, golf courses, greenhouses, and other critical green spaces, the City has achieved tremendous reductions in pesticide use in only one year. Working directly with employees, this program allows innovation and creative thinking by those individuals most involved in pesticide use.

Seattle's efforts illustrate the environmental vigilance necessary to maintain a livable world community. I applaud the ongoing work of both the City of Seattle and the National Pollution Prevention Roundtable.

Sincerely,
Jim McDermott
Member of Congress

<http://www.house.gov/mcdermott>



Richard Shelby
Alabama
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

September 20, 2001

Dear Friends,

Please allow me to congratulate International Chemical Products Inc. of Huntsville on receiving third place for the 2001 Most Valuable Pollution Prevention Award. I regret that prior commitments do not allow me to be there to join you at this ceremony.

Our great nation contains some of the most diverse and valuable natural resources in the world, and every effort must be made to ensure that future generations enjoy these resources. I believe that great strides have been made in this regard since the early 1970's.

In light of the progress that has been made in recent years, I believe that the time has come to shift our environmental policy from one based on crisis management to that of conservation based on incentives. We should now focus on maintaining and preserving our natural resources.

Again, congratulations on this outstanding accomplishment. Your hard work and dedication have made you worthy of this honor. If I may ever be of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Richard Shelby

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Bud Cramer
5th District of Alabama
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

September 19, 2001

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to congratulate the U.S. EPA Office of Research and Development and International Chemical Products of Huntsville, Alabama in winning third place for the National Pollution Prevention Roundtable's Most Valuable Pollution Prevention Award.

Due to your tremendous work in developing the "Picklex" process, which significantly reduces pollution by eliminating up to eleven steps in the metal finishing processes, this special recognition is certainly well deserved. I commend you for your demonstrated commitment to improving our environment. Through the efforts of individuals and organizations like yours, I am certain that we will continue to develop new and innovative ways to protect our environment.

Again, I congratulate you on receiving this special award. Good luck and best wishes in all of your future endeavors.

Sincerely,
Bud Cramer
Member of Congress

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Mark Steven Kirk
Tenth District, Illinois
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

September 19, 2001

Mr. Miles D. White
Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer
Abbott Laboratories
100 Abbott Park Road
North Chicago, IL 60064

Dear Mr. White:

Congratulations on the recent selection of Abbott Laboratories as one of the recipients of the 2001 Most Valuable Pollution Prevention Award presented by the National Pollution Prevention Roundtable. To be chosen as one of the most innovative and successful pollution prevention companies in the country is a tremendous accomplishment.

As your Congressman, I have made the environment one of my top priorities and I applaud Abbott Laboratories' development of Supercritical Fluid Chromatography used to eliminate hazardous waste and employee exposure. It is an honor for me to represent in Congress, environmentally conscious corporations like Abbott Laboratories - an invaluable leader in our community.

Once again, congratulations on your achievement and thank you for your exceptional work.

Sincerely,

Mark Steven Kirk
Member of Congress



Michael N. Castle
Delaware At-Large
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

September 25, 2001

Dear Ms. Kreiner:

It is with great pleasure that I congratulate you for winning the Bill Bilkovich Individual Achievement Award from the National Pollution Prevention Roundtable. Being honored for this award speaks very highly of your efforts and your ability, however, it also recognizes the quality of life in Delaware that we have you, in part, to thank for.

Your role with the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control is an important one. All Delawareans rely on you and others in your line of work to help create a healthy, enjoyable and sustainable environment and I thank you on behalf of all Delawareans. However, as you know, our responsibility to the environment does not end with the borders of our state. It is for this reason that you are being recognized on a national level for your efforts.

Working in the footsteps of Bill Bilkovich, you clearly possess "a unique blend of imagination, wit, intelligence, and technical competence." I want to again thank you for myself, but also on the behalf of all Delaware because your work has been something that benefits everybody.

Sincerely,

Michael N. Castle
Member of Congress

<http://www.house.gov/castle>

