



2004 EnviroGuard Company Profile

Large Business Category

CH2M HILL is an engineering and consulting firm that expresses its dedication to environmental issues through a formal environmental sustainability policy. More than half of the CH2M HILL offices across the country have Green Teams, volunteer-based groups that work to increase environmental awareness and sustainable business practices. The Boise CH2M HILL Green Team's mission is to "improve our environment by providing a forum to enhance understanding of environmental issues, improving and modifying our activities at work and home, and providing educational opportunities to consider and reduce our personal and collective impacts on the environment." The team sponsors guest speakers, employee awareness events, and discussion groups on environmental topics of interest.

Pollution prevention efforts at the Boise CH2M HILL office include:

- GEMStars Tier 1 recipient;
- Office Equipment – All copiers default to double-sided reducing paper purchasing by 22 percent. Faxes are received by e-mail and confirmations are only printed for failed faxes. Computers have larger memories so more e-mails can be stored. Unwanted computers and cell phones are donated.
- Office Recycling – Includes paper, newspaper, magazines, cardboard, batteries, aluminum, compact disks, toner cartridges, and tyvek envelopes. In 2003, 11,135 pounds of paper, 1200 pounds of cardboard, and over 900 pounds of other materials were recycled.
- Office Remodel – Recycled-content carpet and low-VOC paints were used. Used office furniture was purchased. HVAC system overhaul improved efficiency and energy savings.
- Paper – Recycled paper hand towels and napkins are used, resulting in a cost savings of \$17 per box delivered. All office equipment uses 30 percent post consumer recycled paper.
- Energy Conservation – Idaho Green Power participant. All common areas are equipped with motion sensors that operate lights. Office equipment has energy savings features. Upgraded lighting results in a 12 to 20 percent savings. Computers are Energy Star compliant.
- Policy Changes – Forms, timesheets, weekly memo, training, and yellow pages available online. Documents and reports available online or as a CD-ROM. Ceramic mugs are used. Binders and file folders are reused. Magazine subscriptions and laptop computers are shared.