



Environmental Achievement Award

The Ontario Stone, Sand & Gravel Association's (OSSGA) Environmental Achievement Award recognizes the efforts of individual operators who have proactively and successfully developed and implemented industry-leading policies, programs or projects that protect and/or improve the environment. The award is intended reward industry leaders and to raise members' awareness of environmental issues.

The Award's criteria are organized within ten sections:

1. Format
2. Background
3. Purpose
4. Proactive Action
5. Planning
6. Goals
7. Objectives
8. Exceeding Requirements
9. Implementation
10. Ongoing Commitment

For the purposes of this award, environment refers to natural heritage including: air, land, water, flora and fauna and ecological systems.

Site specific rehabilitation, property improvement and community relations activities are given separate awards by OSSGA, and, on their own, are not eligible for this award.

However, environmental policy/program/projects that incorporate rehabilitation/property improvement or community relations as part of their overall programs or projects may be considered for the OSSGA Award for Environmental Achievement.

OSSGA Environmental Achievement - Award Criteria

1. FORMAT

1) One colour paper copy of the award submission, stapled at the top left corner, and a compact disk containing an electronic copy of the award submission, in PDF format, including high resolution digital photographs, in JPEG format (minimum 600 x 800 dpi).

2) Title page listing the: award being applied for; company name; site name; lot and concession; municipal address of the site; name of site/plant manager; and name/contact information of the person coordinating the submission (including phone number and email address).

2. BACKGROUND

1) A brief description of the site, including the history of the site.

2) Identification of previous OSSGA Award(s) and year(s) of the Award(s) received for the site.

3. PURPOSE

1) An explanation of how the environmental policy/program/project meets the purpose of protecting or improving the environment, include supporting information and photographs, where appropriate.

4. PROACTIVE ACTION

1) A description of how and why the environmental policy/program/project was conceived, i.e., what environmental issue(s) is it intended to address.

2) A description of how the applicant responded proactively to the identified environmental issue, problem or concern.

Notes:

The environmental policy/program/project should be proactive (i.e., initiated by the applicant as opposed to something that is required by a regulatory agency to address basic environmental compliance).

5. PLANNING

1) A description of the planning process used to develop the environmental policy/program/project.

2) A description of how the policy/program/project was communicated and promoted internally and externally.

6. GOAL(S)

1) Identification of the goal of the policy/program/project.

7. OBJECTIVES

1) A description of the measurable objectives developed for the policy/program/project and how success is defined.

2) A description of how the policy/program/project contributed to the protection or improvement of the environment, i.e., how the policy/program/project was monitored, and a demonstration that the policy/program/project was successful.

8. EXCEEDING REQUIREMENTS	
1) A description of how the policy/program/project exceeds industry standards and regulatory requirements.	
2) A description of how the policy/program/project compares with or exceeds industry best practices.	
9. IMPLEMENTATION	
1) A description of the implementation of the policy/program/project.	
2) An indication of whether the policy/program/project received other awards or recognition from the community or other organizations.	
10. ONGOING COMMITMENT	
1) A description of proposed future action that furthers the goal(s) and objectives of the policy/program/project.	
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Examples

Following is a list of examples of policies/programs/projects that would be eligible for OSSGA's Environmental Achievement Award:

- Waste reduction (includes energy, resources and product waste);
- Efficiency improvements which can be linked to environmental protection/conservation (i.e., reconfiguring a process to reduce material flows that result in an associated reduction of energy costs and greenhouse gas emissions);
- Reduction in environmental impacts or discharges to the environment (i.e., reduced noise and/or dust emissions);
- Enhanced protection of the environment (i.e., protection of water, soil, species at risk);
- Stewardship of environmental features;
- Enhanced environmental performance through education and awareness program(s) and/or incentive program(s); and,
- Conservation of renewable and non-renewable resources.