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Engineered Sintered Components in Troutman Recognized As 2009 Environmental Steward

RALEIGH – The N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources today recognized Engineered Sintered Components as a 2009 Environmental Steward. The award recognizes the Troutman facility's superior environmental performance, commitment to continued reduction of its environmental impact and demonstrated commitment to go beyond compliance.

The state's Environmental Stewardship Initiative, designed to promote and encourage superior environmental performance by North Carolina's regulated community, began in 2002. An "Environmental Steward" is an organization that has demonstrated environmental leadership through its commitment to exemplary environmental performance beyond what is required by regulation. As an Environmental Steward, the organization commits to reporting annually on its environmental performance.

"The Engineered Sintered Components facility serves as an example of strong leadership in environmental performance by setting and achieving environmental performance improvements, and proactive communication of environmental goals and impacts to its employees and the public," said DENR Secretary Dee Freeman. "Engineered Sintered has excelled in developing management systems for efficient and environmentally friendly manufacturing."

A 12-member advisory board appointed by Secretary Freeman provides program direction and implementation and recommended the Engineered Sintered Components facility be selected as an Environmental Steward. Advisory board membership consists of individuals from industry, industry trade groups, environmental and citizen nongovernmental organizations, government, academia and small business. (Advisory board members are listed on p. 2.)

Reasons cited by the advisory board in its selection of Engineered Sintered Components include:

- Integration of environmental management into core business operations through multiple processes for internal communication of environmental issues, and driving environmental awareness through efficiency improvement and employee ownership of environmental projects;
- Its practice of operating well below permitted limits and implementing management techniques beyond those required by regulation;
- Reduction of volatile organic compound air emissions by 47 percent;
- Reduction of landfill impact by 60 tons annually; and
- Reduction of water usage by 40 percent.

The ESI program has two additional levels of participation and recognition: Environmental Partner and Rising Environmental Steward. The Environmental Partner level is designed for adoption by a broad range of organizations that are interested in beginning the process of developing a systematic approach to improving their environmental performance. Partners must demonstrate a commitment to maintain compliance, commit to establishing an environmental management system and set environmental performance goals. The Environmental Rising Steward level is recommended to organizations that have a mature environmental management system in place and have set site-specific measurable environmental performance goals.

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For more detailed information or to apply for the program, please visit the Environmental Stewardship Initiative Web site at <http://www.p2pays.org/esi> or contact Lisa Shanklin or Angela Barger with the N.C. Division of Pollution Prevention and Environmental Assistance at (919) 715-6500 or esi@ncdenr.gov .

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