

## Special Considerations for Small Businesses

The AzEPT program will modify the membership requirements for small businesses with fewer than fifty employees.

## Small Community Compliance Assistance Program

AzEPT program supports the ADEQ Community Liaisons' Small Community Compliance Assistance Program which assists small communities in meeting the requirements of the law, especially small communities in rural Arizona. The goal is to provide small communities with the assistance they need in light of their limited resources. The Small Community Policy, program details and guidance materials are available at: [www.azdeq.gov/function/compliance/smallcomm.html](http://www.azdeq.gov/function/compliance/smallcomm.html)

## Membership Is Not A License

Because membership in Arizona Performance Track is not required by law, it does not constitute a license or a permit. As a result, the Participating Departments' review of a Performance Track application is not subject to the licensing timeframes and a denial, suspension, revocation, or annulment of Performance Membership does not constitute the right to an appeal.

## How To Apply

AzEPT accepts applications twice a year: from April 1 through May 31 and from September 1 through October 31. We will coordinate review of your application with the other participating departments (the air quality departments in Maricopa, Pima, and Pinal counties). Applications can be found at: [www.azdeq.gov/function/about/track.html](http://www.azdeq.gov/function/about/track.html)



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## Participating Departments





## What is Performance Track?

Arizona Environmental Performance Track (AzEPT) is a program that encourages and rewards businesses and public entities that strive to be good environmental stewards.

The Arizona Environmental Performance Track program is a voluntary partnership between ADEQ; the air quality departments

of Maricopa, Pima, and Pinal counties; private businesses; and cities and towns that recognizes and rewards environmental leadership. The AzEPT Program is designed to encourage organizations to go above and beyond the minimum requirements of the law.

Membership in AzEPT provides recognition and special incentives in exchange for the commitment to continuous environmental improvement through the use of Environmental Management Systems (EMS's), for fostering public outreach, community involvement, and agreeing to aggressive performance measurement.

Members are eligible to receive benefits from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (and those receiving delegation of authority from ADEQ), and from the air quality departments in Maricopa County, Pima County, and Pinal County (Participating Departments). Membership in the program is at the discretion of the Participating Departments.

## Membership Benefits

- Reduced Inspection Frequency - *Provided frequency not prescribed by law, members conduct self-inspections, and violations discovered are reported to ADEQ.*
- Advance Notice of Enforcement - *24 hours before issuance.*
- Enforcement Discretion for Non-significant Violations - *Provided violations are self-disclosed and resolved by the member.*
- Notice Prior to Inspection\* - *24 hours before inspection.*
- Permit Flexibility\* - *where possible.*
- Reduction in Reporting Requirements\* - *where possible.*
- Multi-media Inspections and Permitting\* - *when possible.*
- Request Your Own Facility Specific Benefits.\*

## Facility Benefits

- Reduced Costs - *Based on achieving established goals*
- Distinguish the Facility - *Be recognized as an environmental leader.*
- Provide Public and Agency Recognition - *Link from ADEQ Web site to member organization Web sites.*
- Facilitate Networking with Peers - *interact with other leadership organizations.*

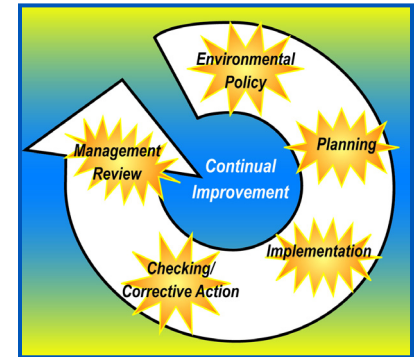
- Best Management Practices - *Learn from other members.*
- Mentoring Program - *Help non-member facilities improve their environmental footprint.*

## Requirements for Membership

- Environmental Management System (EMS)
- Independent EMS Assessment and Audit
- Pollution Prevention Program
- Preferable Purchasing Program
- Demonstrate Past Environmental Achievement
- Community Outreach
- Annual Progress Report

## Sustained Compliance

Members must have a record of compliance with environmental laws, be in compliance with all applicable environmental requirements and commit to maintaining the level of compliance needed to qualify for the program. Participants must also have:



### No Criminal Activity

No ongoing criminal investigation/prosecution or corporate criminal conviction or plea for environmentally-related violations of criminal laws involving the corporation, a corporate officer or an employee within the past five years.

### No Civil Activity

- Three or more significant violations by the company owning the facility in the past three years.
- Unresolved, unaddressed Significant Non-Compliance (SNC) by the company owning the facility.
- Planned, but not yet filed, judicial or administrative action against the company owning the facility.
- Ongoing federal, state, or county initiated litigation against the company owning the facility.
- The company owning the facility is not in compliance with the schedule and terms of an order or decree.

\*considered on a case-by-case basis