Join the Pollution Prevention (P2) Results Task Force!

- Network with national pollution prevention measurement experts.
- Share information on new systems and approaches to P2 measurement.
- Guide the National P2 Results Data System to the next level.
- Influence policymakers by demonstrating energy savings, climate protection, pollution reductions, cost savings, and other benefits of P2 projects.

**What Is the P2 Results Task Force?**

The P2 Results Task Force is an interactive and cooperative forum that allows members to exchange information on P2 measurement and demonstrate the value of P2. The Task Force strengthens collaborative efforts among federal, state, and local P2 assistance providers and enhances delivery of performance results, analytical tools, and metrics. Task Force members include representatives from local, state, and regional P2 programs; EPA Headquarters and Regions; P2 Resource Exchange Centers (P2Rx) (www.p2rx.org); the National Pollution Prevention Roundtable (NPPR) (www.p2.org); and other organizations.

The Task Force was established in 2003 to create a national system for tracking P2 results. The resulting National P2 Results Data System (www.p2rx.org/services/measurement.cfm) is an efficient and effective way to aggregate, analyze, and present the results of P2 for different regions and the entire country. The system also provides a way for an individual program to store and manage its own data. The system includes metrics on cost and energy savings; greenhouse gas (GHG) and waste reductions; air emissions; water use; and wastewater discharge, all of which help demonstrate the value of P2 efforts. NPPR produces a national summary report with aggregated data from the system highlighting P2 environmental and economic benefits.

The Task Force is currently leading efforts to share, shape, and strengthen P2 metrics initiatives and to increase the capacity and credibility of projects and activities that prevent pollution. In implementing its mission, the Task Force is contributing to the documentation of real environmental results, including increasing energy efficiency and minimizing GHGs that cause climate change.

**Why Measure P2 Results?**

Measuring GHG reductions, along with reductions in other air emissions, energy use, water use, waste generation, and water pollution, assists P2 programs in demonstrating the value of P2 as a tool for building a sustainable society and countering climate change. As the nation places increasing emphasis on fostering sustainability and combating climate change, P2 programs should continue to demonstrate their important contribution to these goals. Further, assessing, aggregating, and publicizing the cost savings associated with P2 projects helps counter arguments that climate and other environmental

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2.4 billion pounds of air pollutants reduced via P2 practices, 2004-2006


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protection efforts harm economic development. By integrating sustainability and climate change measures into ongoing measurement efforts, P2 programs demonstrate their vital importance and make the case for continued support of their projects.

**Task Force Accomplishments**

Since the Task Force began, it has achieved many significant accomplishments that have furthered P2:

- Assisted the P2 community in demonstrating P2 reductions of more than 7.7 billion pounds of pollution from 2004 to 2006, saving approximately $6.4 billion and the equivalent of more than 760,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide. More than 4,600 clients of P2 providers implemented recommended activities to help achieve these reductions.
- Obtained commitments from approximately 50 P2 program managers from around the country to pursue collection of P2 results data via a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) (www.p2.org/wp-content/memorandum-of-agreement.doc).
- Designed and deployed the National P2 Results Data System, which is used to capture data collected and managed by individual state and local programs, nonprofits, companies, and other P2 organizations. Currently, 81 members of the P2 community use this system.
- Facilitated a vital exchange among a variety of P2 organizations. Through this network, programs are better able to share P2 information, ideas, strategies, and results with one another.
- Provided training on the P2 Results System, analytical tools, and forums for discussion at the annual National Environmental Partnership Summits, which have been attended by hundreds of representatives from public agencies and private organizations over the past five or more years. The Task Force has also provided webinars and training at regional round tables to reach a wider audience.

**Why Should I Join?**

The Task Force invites you to join with us so you can:

- **Network with national measurement experts** associated with the P2Rx and NPPR. P2Rx is a nationally integrated network of regional centers dedicated to adopting P2 by disseminating information, providing networking opportunities, and encouraging the data collection process among local, state, and regional programs.
- **Share successes and lessons learned** from your experiences with others, and learn about best practices and new technologies and approaches for P2 measurement.
- **Guide the National Results Data System** to the next level and help expand the impact of the Task Force to new audiences and groups.
- **Influence policymakers** by demonstrating the value of P2 and its contribution to sustainability and climate protection.

**What Would I Do as a Task Force Member?**

As a Task Force member you would:

- Help elevate the importance of P2 and P2 measurement to wider audiences.
- Assist with developing and implementing strategic visioning for the National Results Data System.
- Network and share information with fellow P2 assistance providers in Task Force conference calls, which occur approximately every other month. The Task Force also occasionally meets in person.
- Review the national P2 results reports produced every few years by NPPR, and provide advice and comments.
- Stay current with EPA’s policies and programs for measuring P2, and provide suggestions and thoughts to key agency personnel involved with P2.
- Provide data, if available, to the National Results Data System, and sign the MOA on providing data (if you haven’t already).
- Encourage other P2 providers to sign the MOA and provide data.

**How Can I Join?**

1. Visit the NPPR Web site to find out more about the Task Force: www.p2.org/workgroups/results-task-force/.