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## Hendrickson recognized by state

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management has recognized the Hendrickson Trailer Suspension's Lebanon facility as an Environmental Stewardship Program member for its proactive environmental management achievements in 2008.

In 2008, the plant, which manufactures and assembles trailer suspensions, fulfilled its ESP commitment to a reduction in overall landfill waste. Through recycling programs, the Lebanon plant was able to reduce 978 tons of material that was being sent to landfills.

"At Hendrickson, we feel it is our obligation as an employer and responsible community member to lead activities like these that improve our environment," said Darrell Hart and Rayelle Sheets, who chair the Hendrickson Environmental initiatives, in a press release. "The effort by our ESP team demonstrates that the work they do serves as a benchmark, not only within Hendrickson, but for other businesses in the area as well."

The Hendrickson Lebanon plant continues to look for and implement ways to reduce their carbon footprint on the earth. What is particularly exciting about these efforts and others like them is the opportunity for employee participation.

Hendrickson not only promotes these improvements within their facilities, but encourages employees to take these skills and ideas and put them into practice at home.

This plant is one of only 46 Indiana businesses that are ESP members. ESP is a voluntary environmental performance-based leadership program. Each ESP member is committed to implementing and maintaining measurable environmental improvements such as reducing water, reducing energy use, decreasing waste and reducing air emissions.

To become an ESP member, businesses must maintain an exemplary compliance record, certify that they have adopted and implemented an approved environmental management system, and commit to specific measures for continued improvement in their environmental performance.

ESP members qualify for expedited permit review, flexibility in permitting, reduced reporting frequencies and coordination of compliance inspections. To maintain ESP membership, companies must report on their environmental initiatives every year and reapply for membership every three years.

"ESP members go beyond environmental requirements that protect Hoosiers and our environment," said IDEM Commissioner Thomas Easterly.