

EHCMA Principles for Cleaner Air

The East Harris County Manufacturers Association believes that cleaner air must be achieved while maintaining a strong economy. As such, the following outlines our principles for cleaner air.

Our member companies will:

- Pledge to provide industry leadership in the eight-county Houston-Galveston region to attain cleaner, healthier air.
- Encourage our members to reach "best demonstrated performance standards: by application of commercially proven technologies for reduction of NOx emissions in support of the Texas State Implementation Plan (SIP). (Currently available technologies can provide approximately 75% NOx reductions, in aggregate, across the broad spectrum of industrial applications.)
- Encourage members to promote the research and development of effective, emerging technologies to achieve further reductions in NOx emissions from all source categories. (Claims from emerging technologies in NOx reduction applications indicate 90% reductions are possible in some point source industrial applications.)
- Be advocates for sound science-based alternatives and technologies, encouraging member companies to promote improved air quality research and scientific measurements that ensure the accuracy of models and decision data.
- Support the implementation of national fuel and automobile standards and oppose regionally prescribed standards. (Nationally based programs offer environmental benefits comparable or superior to regional programs and assure adequate supplies to the consumer at the lowest cost.)
- Pledge to work with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to routinely assess, update, and report progress on the SIP, while continuing to seek innovative solutions for cleaner, healthier air.
- Participate in the ongoing public debate on cleaner air, which includes engaging community and political leaders as well as other stakeholders to find innovative, market-based solutions. (Stakeholders include employees, retirees, contractors, CAPs, civic and service organizations, chambers of commerce and media.)
- Lead efforts to educate the general public and attempt to influence public participation in solutions for cleaner air.
- Remain committed to continue to lead efforts to further improve air quality for our future.