

EPA's Smart Sectors program provides a platform to collaborate with industry sectors and develop creative solutions that better protect the environment and public health.

✓ Meaningful Collaboration

The Smart Sectors program engages at the national and regional levels with industry trade associations, individual companies, and other stakeholders to pursue opportunities for improved environmental performance.

The national program works with the following sectors.

- Aerospace
- Agriculture
- Automotive
- Cement
- Concrete
- Chemical Manufacturing
- Construction
- Electronics and Technology
- Forestry, Paper and Wood Products
- Iron and Steel
- Mining
- Oil and Gas
- Ports and Maritime Transportation
- Utilities and Power Generation

Each EPA Regional Office focuses on one or more sectors that drive economic growth and present opportunities for environmental improvement within the region.

Program leads for each sector:

- Serve as liaisons to participating trade associations to facilitate effective communication and engagement with the agency.
- Conduct educational site visits and host roundtables with EPA leadership and technical staff.
- Analyze data and pursue forward-thinking strategies to advance environmental progress.
- Maintain meaningful, open dialogue with members of the business community and other stakeholders to increase mutual understanding of sector-based issues.
- Develop reports and other information that profile the impact of each sector on the economy and the environment.

✓ Innovative Solutions

Smart Sectors' collaborative approach provides an opportunity for government, business, and other stakeholders to work together to explore new and better ways to achieve environmental progress. This can result in:

- Increased regulatory certainty and lower costs for businesses.
- Improved environmental compliance.
- Reduced litigation.
- Better environmental protection for vulnerable communities and the public.

✓ Multi-Media Perspective

The Smart Sectors program is led out of EPA's Office of Policy, which enables sector leads to work across EPA's land, water, air, and chemical program offices, as well as with EPA regional offices, on issues related to specific industry sectors. The program complements the work of other EPA offices by providing sector-specific expertise and a holistic, multi-media view of industry sectors and their environmental opportunities and challenges.

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