



Awards for Environmental Excellence

(A project-based award for the midstream industry)

Application Instructions & Requirements

Please comply with the following requirements when filling out your application. **Only those applications essentially in conformance with these requirements will be considered.**

- GPA Midstream member companies classified as O1 and O2 will compete for the Division I award. All other GPA Midstream member companies, including international companies and businesses which have GPA Midstream Associate memberships, will compete for the Division II award. GPA Midstream staff will sort the applications into Division I and II categories. Non-members may assist a company in the preparation of an application but are not themselves eligible for the award. Please complete only one application per project. **Only those sections of the application that are applicable to your project are required to be completed.**
- **GPSA member companies will compete for a single GPSA award.** Non-members may assist a company in the preparation of an application but are not themselves eligible for the award. Please complete only one application per project. **Only those sections of the application that are applicable to your project are required to be completed.**
- Applications can be submitted by mail or electronically. Completed applications can be sent to:

Mailed Submittal (typed or flash drive):

Stuart Saulters
GPA Midstream Association
Sixty Sixty American Plaza, Suite 700
Tulsa, OK 74135

Electronic Submittal:

Stuart Saulters
SSaulters@GPAmidstream.org

- **Your application must be received by June 5, 2026.**
- Type size must be no smaller than Times New Roman 10-point or comparable, and meet the word limits specified in the application.
- Support material (videos, brochures, press clips, photos, manuals, etc.) will not be accepted with the application. You may, however, be asked to submit additional materials at a later date.
- Award winners will be given an opportunity to give presentations on their project during the Environmental Forum of this year's GPA Midstream Convention.
- Projects must show measurable results to be considered. Projects must have been initiated or completed during the three (3) calendar years preceding the GPA Midstream Convention (e.g. for the 2014 convention, projects from calendar years 2011-2013) or begin to demonstrate measurable results during that period.
- Companies may submit up to three (3) applications for review per year.



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Judging Criteria

The winner(s) will be determined by an independent panel appointed by the Board of Directors of the GPA Midstream Association and GPSA. The Award for Environmental Excellence will recognize companies demonstrating initiative and/or leadership in managing their environmental affairs in midstream sector activities and GPSA companies that develop successful, innovative environmental solutions. The criteria used to evaluate applications may generally include, but not necessarily be limited to, the following:

- *Innovative solutions to an environmental problem*
Does the project contribute new information on how to improve the environment? Is it a new concept or process? Has it ever been executed successfully before? Is it the first time for a GPA Midstream Member? Is it a creative solution to a problem? Does it tackle a difficult task? Is it effective?
- *Environmental impact*
Does it make a significant contribution to protecting or improving the environment? Does it reduce health risk or conserve natural resources? Does it reduce a large volume or significant percent of air contaminants, hazardous/toxic or solid waste? Is it beneficial to the environment or local community?
- *Measurable*
Can its contribution to environmental quality be measured? Is the measure specific? Is there a significant pollution or waste reduction? How is the reduction accomplished? Are releases or discharges improved quantitatively or qualitatively?
- *Educational*
Does the project promote public awareness or education? Does it include employee training or technology transfer? Does it include “how to” guidelines/brochures/videos? Does it encourage other environmental efforts? Are employees involved in development and implementation? Does it serve as a model for other efforts? Are people participating?
- *Cooperative effort*
Does this project involve a cooperative effort between multiple entities or organizations (city/state government, industries, civic groups, schools, citizens, associations)?
- *Exceptional*
Does it go significantly beyond legal requirements? Does the project go beyond compliance? Does it address other social needs, such as environmental equity? Does it solve a serious environmental problem or result in a significant positive impact on the environment? Does the project take place in an environmentally sensitive or critical region?



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Environmental Excellence Award Application

Please complete the following information, as applicable, when submitting your environmental project for consideration for the GPA Midstream Association or GPSA Award for Environmental Excellence. Type size smaller than that used on this application will not be considered (Times New Roman 10-pt). Submit one (1) application per project. See “Application Instructions and Requirements” and “Judging Criteria” for guidelines on filling out the application. **Application must be received by June 5, 2026.**

General Information

Company name: _____

Type of business or organization: _____

Total number of projects submitted for judging (*maximum of three (3) projects per judging cycle*): _____

Contact person and title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Contact phone number: _____

Contact email address: _____

GPA Midstream/GPSA Classification (*check which applies*):

- GPA Midstream O1/O2 Member GPA Midstream International Member
- GPA Midstream Associate Member GPSA Member

Project Type (*check all that apply*):

- Recycling Waste Minimization Pollution Prevention
- Emission Reduction Water Quality General Environmental
- Climate Change Air Quality Other (please list): _____



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Project Information

Name of project:

1. Summarize the project in one paragraph. Who was involved? What was the activity and location? Why was the project initiated? (*Summarize in 100 words or less*)

2. Describe the project in detail (purpose, goals, history, description of the problem, accomplishments to date, how it is exceptional, etc.). *Review Judging Criteria for ideas about appropriate description to include. (Describe in 600 words or less).*



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Project Information

3. How is this project innovative or creative in its use or application of technology or personnel? Can the technology be transferred to a large number of similar sites or does it have applications in industrial sectors other than midstream sector activities? If so, please explain. (*Explain in 100 words or less*).

4. Describe how the project benefits the environment (for example, how it reduces hazardous waste; or air emissions; by source reduction, recycling, or water, energy, or other resources it conserves). Can the project serve as a model on how to achieve pollution reductions? (*Describe in 100 words or less*).

5. How do you measure the success of the project? (If applicable, include hard numbers: pounds or tons of diverted waste, resources conserved, cost savings, year-to-year comparison, etc.) What percentage of current pollution is being reduced? (*Describe in 100 words or less*).



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6. Describe any educational, training, or outreach component to your program (brochure, video, manual, classes, seminars, etc.). Have you worked with other companies or organizations to help them establish similar programs? (*Describe in 100 words or less.*)

7. Does this project involve the cooperation of different types of public, private, community, business, or citizen groups? If so, please explain the cooperative effort and list participating entities and their respective roles. (*Describe in 100 words or less.*)

8. If applicable, indicate the approximate cost magnitude of the project by selecting a range (<\$10K, \$10K-\$100K, \$100K-\$1M, \$1M-\$10M, >\$10M). (*Please do not include detailed cost breakdowns, unit costs, or pricing information.*)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$10K-\$100K | <input type="checkbox"/> >\$1M |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$100K-\$1M | |



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9. If applicable, describe in general terms the savings and/or value added to the company by the project. *(Please avoid disclosing specific prices, detailed costs, or future pricing plans. Provide information in 100 words or less.)*

10. Briefly describe the schedule or timetable of the project, including start date and dates of any major milestones. Will this be an ongoing project? What could you do to improve this project? *(Describe in 100 words or less.)*

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