



Idaho Department of Environmental Quality Pollution Prevention Champion

Ballard Medical Products

Pocatello, Idaho

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Environmental Commitment

Ballard Medical Products Environmental Policy states:

The employees of Ballard Medical Products are committed to be responsible community and corporate citizens by preserving the environment land, air and water. We are dedicated to reducing the use of toxic chemicals, fresh water, waste to landfills, and energy, while still meeting our business objectives.

Pollution Prevention Success

Hazardous Waste Reduction

Ballard Medical conducted several projects that reduced hazardous waste generation and lowered regulatory requirements.

- Installed an aqueous cleaning system using a neutral detergent to clean equipment. This process change reduced the amount of isopropyl alcohol waste by approximately 12,000 pounds per year.
- Replaced a chemical solvent used to clean plastic molds with a less hazardous citrus cleaner.
- Implemented a purchasing policy for hazardous materials, requiring review and pre-approval by environmental and safety staff. This procedure helps ensure the facility uses the least hazardous products available and manages those products effectively.

Recycling

Ballard recycles approximately 58% of its waste stream. Recycled wastes include plastic resin, plastic parts, cardboard, paper, plastic bottles, aluminum cans, and batteries. Ballard has implemented plans to be landfill-free before December 2005 by sending other wastes to a waste-to-energy incinerator.

Energy Conservation

Ballard uses energy-efficient, green-tip fluorescent bulbs. These bulbs contain less mercury than traditional fluorescents. In addition, Ballard recycles spent bulbs to prevent mercury from entering our environment.

Environmental Management

Ballard is implementing an Environmental Management System designed to incorporate environmental considerations into everyday business practices. As part of this system, Ballard audits its processes to identify pollution prevention opportunities.

Community

Ballard participates in the 3P (Portneuf Pollution Prevention) Organization and the Local Emergency Planning Committee.

For More Information

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