



## Idaho Department of Environmental Quality Pollution Prevention Champion

VISTA Outdoor, CCI/Speer Operations  
Lewiston, Idaho  
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### Environmental Commitment

VISTA Outdoor is a manufacturer of ammunition and heavy-duty construction equipment powder charges and has a large manufacturing facility located in Lewiston, Idaho. Each one of the hundreds of separate products that it manufactures requires the utmost attention to detail and exacting quality control standards. In the past, achieving these goals has generated hazardous waste streams; however, Vista Outdoor has found success in preventing pollution from its construction equipment product line.

### Pollution Prevention Success

VISTA Outdoor has used the knowledge and skill of its employees and its relationships with its suppliers to significantly reduce hazardous waste generation and total material use.

#### Reducing Hazardous Waste

Construction equipment operators need to know they are using the correct tool for the job. Powder-actuated tools are used in heavy-duty construction applications such as concrete work, and VISTA Outdoor produces a wide variety of gunpowder charges to operate these tools. Not every construction project requires the same capacity of charge, and to assist operators with identifying the right charge for their needs, VISTA uses paint as a visual cue to differentiate different types of charges. Applying the paint to the charges requires the use of paint thinner to accelerate the drying process. However, when a production run of a certain charge has been completed, any leftover paint and paint must be managed for disposal. VISTA Outdoor now uses a solvent recovery machine that allows the company to reuse paint thinner that was previously sent off for disposal. This practice has reduced the amount of acetone purchased for production by over 15,000 gallons per year and significantly cut down on hazardous waste generation. VISTA Outdoor has proven results that show that pollution prevention can be applied to any aspect of the production process.

### For More Information

For more information on VISTA Outdoor, CCI, visit their website at [www.cci-ammunition.com/general/about](http://www.cci-ammunition.com/general/about).