



OMNOVA's Sustainability Commitment

We at OMNOVA Solutions are committed to reducing the environmental impact of our operations and increasing our offering of products with sustainable features. We have set sustainability goals and put metrics and tools in place to help us reach significant milestones by the year 2014.

Guiding Principles:

1. We will make our best efforts to offer solutions that support customer needs and sustainability goals.
2. We will incorporate sustainability principles across our decision-making processes and strive to reduce our environmental footprint.
3. Our actions will be consistent with the business objectives of continuous improvement and financial performance.
4. Our efforts will promote health and safety and encourage environmentally responsible practices.

Operational Focus:

We have set continuous improvement goals related to:

- Total energy consumed
- Greenhouse gases generated
- Solid waste to landfill
- Hazardous waste
- Water usage
- Safety

Product Focus:

As an integral part of the development process, we seek to reduce the environmental impact of our products where possible. For example:

- Incorporating bio-based and/or recycled content
- Eliminating heavy metal content
- Reducing product VOC emissions (indoor air quality)
- Reducing the use of solvents in manufacturing our products
- Promoting recyclability, including the development of product reclamation programs where viable
- Reducing packaging and using recycled packaging materials

Community Focus:

We will continue our strong focus on community stewardship through grants and volunteerism, spearheaded by the OMNOVA Solutions Foundation.

This is a company-wide commitment, and our pledge to our stakeholders, to build a better business and a better world through sustainable technology and design.

Kevin McMullen, Chairman and CEO

