



## INDUSTRY RECOGNITION PROGRAM

# APCD-IEA Blue Sky Leadership Awards

The APCD – IEA Blue Sky Leadership Award recognizes the outstanding environmental accomplishments of local businesses in what can be a challenging regulatory environment. The San Diego Air Pollution Control District partnered with the Industrial Environmental Association to create the award in 2009. In its first year, only a single award was given. However, in 2010, the award was expanded to include small, medium, and large businesses so that additional deserving businesses and people are recognized for their exceptional efforts.

The San Diego County Air Pollution Control District thanks these award recipients for their extraordinary efforts in helping to make San Diego County's air quality better than ever!

## 2010 Winners

### Waste Management of San Diego (large company)

Jason Rose accepted the award for Waste Management of San Diego, recognized for improving the local environment through the use of a clean-burning alternative fuel in its trucks, cutting vehicle miles traveled, and utilizing solar energy in a unique way. The company's accomplishments include using 122 liquefied natural gas (LNG) fueled trucks that make up the nation's largest fleet of natural gas fueled collection trucks. The LNG is produced at their Altamont landfill where they have the world's largest plant converting landfill gas to LNG. The company also implemented the use of solar powered trash compactors that send a signal for pick up when full. This novel product will reduce the need for trash pick-ups by up to 80%, which greatly reduces fuel use and the number of truck trips needed for collection.



### Arena Pharmaceuticals (medium company)

Arena Pharmaceuticals, represented by Tom Evans, Ned Messer, and Rainer Holcomb, was recognized for improving the local environment through a comprehensive recycling program, their utilization of solar energy, water conservation practices, and supporting alternative transportation. Solar panels installed on their newest building provide a significant amount of electricity with corresponding air quality benefits. Arena also has a comprehensive recycling program on their campus, provide bike racks for employees who eschew petroleum fuel-based transportation, and have landscaped with low water use plants.



## John Hine Pontiac – Mazda Collision Center (small company)

Steve Ranck and David Miller accepted the award for the John Hine Pontiac-Mazda Collision Center. The facility was recognized for improving the local environment by utilizing green products, improving energy efficiency, providing staff training about the use of low VOC coatings, and putting those coatings to work in advance of regulatory deadlines. Specifically, the company provided energy efficient building lighting, trained eight paint technicians for the federal NESHAP 6H requirements in July 2010, and switched a majority of their automotive coatings to comply with Rule 67.20.1 which does not go into effect for existing facilities until June of 2011. .



Our sincerest congratulations and appreciation to these business enterprises, and to all the companies striving for a cleaner environment and better air quality.