



Annual Performance Report

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Facility Name: PRECIX, INC. formerly the Acushnet Rubber Company, Inc.
Performance Track ID #: A010011
Annual Performance Report #: 1
Reporting Year: 2001
Due Date: 07/01/2002

Section A. General Facility Information

Please supply or revise information in A.1 – A.8 as is necessary to ensure that it is accurate, complete, and up-to-date. Items A.9 and A.10 cannot be pre-completed; please respond as directed in A.9 and A.10 below.

A.1 Name of your facility: PRECIX, INC. formerly the Acushnet Rubber Company, Inc.

A.2 Name of your parent company: N/A

A.3 Facility contact person for the Performance Track program:

Name: Jack Bailey

Title: Director of EHS

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A.4 Facility's location

Street Address: 744 BELLEVILLE AVENUE

Address (cont.):

City: NEW BEDFORD

State: MA

Zip Code: 02745

A.5 Facility's Website address (if any):

<http://WWW.PRECIXINC.COM>

A.6 Number of employees (full-time equivalents) who currently work in the facility:

100-499

A.7 Does your company meet the Small Business Administration definition of a small business for your sector?

No

A.8 North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) Code(s) that are used to classify business at the facility:

326291 339991 NA

A.9 In your application and, perhaps, in previous annual performance reports, you described what your facility does or makes. Have there been any (additional) changes to your facility's list of products and/or activities? If so, please list them here:

Yes

OUR PRODUCT LINES REMAINED ESSENTIALLY UNCHANGED IN 2001. HOWEVER OUR VOLUME DECREASED APPROXIMATELY 25% FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR. IN 2002, WE BEGAN TO EXIT ADDITIONAL AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCT LINES.

A.10 Please update the list of environmental requirements that apply to your facility by listing any changes that have taken place during this reporting period. If you have no changes to report, please enter "No changes".

IN ADDITION TO THE VOLUME DECREASE, OUR PRODUCT MIX SHIFTED FROM LARGER SIZED MOLDED RUBBER PRODUCTS TO SMALLER HIGH PERFORMANCE O-RINGS WHICH USE LESS RUBBER BASED ON UNIT OF PRODUCT. THIS MAY INFLUENCE THE SAVINGS OBTAINED BASED ON POUNDS OF RUBBER MIXED AND USED. ALTHOUGH SALES VOLUMES HAVE NOT DECREASED AS MUCH AS POUNDS OF RUBBER USED, WE HAVE MINIMUM BASELINES OF WATER AND ELECTRIC CONSUMPTION FOR HEATING AND LIGHTING THAT DO NOT CHANGE WITH THE AMOUNT OF RUBBER MIXED AND USED.

**Section B.
Environmental Management System**

B.1 Environmental Management System Assessment. Please summarize EMS assessments conducted during the year.

a. Was an EMS audit or other assessment done by an independent third party?

Yes

If yes, please provide the type (e.g., ISO 14001 certification), the scope, and the dates (mo/yr) of each assessment.

Type	Scope	Dates (mo/yr)
ISO 14001	ORIGINAL CERTIFICATION OBTAINED IN NOVEMBER, 1996, THEN CONDUCTED ANNUALLY.	11/2000
ISO 14001	ANNUAL SURVEILLANCE FOR ALL U.S. FACILITIES, INCLUDED MANAGEMENT REVIEW, INTERNAL AUDITING, GOALS AND OBJECTIVES, ASPECTS REVIEW & POLICY.	02/2002

b. Was an internal or corporate EMS audit conducted? Yes

If yes, please provide the scope and dates (mo/yr) of each audit.

Scope	Date (mo/yr)
MONTHLY AUDITS ARE CONDUCTED BY TRAINED INTERNAL AUDITORS. ALL ELEMENTS OF OUR ISO 14001 PROGRAM ARE AUDITED IN EACH OPERATING DEPARTMENT AT EACH FACILITY THREE TIMES PER YEAR.	12/2001

c. Was a compliance audit conducted?

Yes

If yes, please provide the scope and the dates (mo/yr) of each audit, and indicate who conducted the audit(s) (e.g., facility staff, corporate groups, third party).

Scope	Dates	Who conducted the audit
AS PART OF OUR PLAN, COMPLIANCE AUDITS ARE CONDUCTED QUARTERLY FOR ALL U.S. OPERATIONS.	12/2001	THE DIRECTOR OF EHS AND THE COMPLIANCE SPECIALIST

d. (Optional) If you would like to describe any other audits or inspections that were conducted at your facility, please do so here.

AS PART OF INTERNAL AUDITOR TRAINING, CAPACCIO ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING, INC. OF SUDBURY, MA. AUDITS SELECTED DEPARTMENTS TO DEMONSTRATE METHODS AND CHECK INTERNAL AUDITOR PROFICIENCY. ALSO, A COMPLIANCE AUDIT WAS CONDUCTED BY IRWIN ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING, OF NATIC, MA. IN AUGUST 2000.

e. Briefly summarize corrective actions taken and other improvements made as a result of your EMS assessments and compliance audit

THE PURPOSE OF AUDITS IS TO DETECT AREAS OF NONCOMPLIANCE THAT CAN ALSO LEAD TO SYSTEM OVERSIGHTS. OUR MAJOR AUDIT DEFECIENCIES OR OPPORTUNITIES FOR IMPROVEMENT RELATE TO EMPLOYEE TRAINING,FOLLOWING PROCEDURES, PROCEDURE DOCUMENT COMPLETENESS AND THE WORK OF CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT TEAMS IN OBTAINING OBJECTIVES. WE RETRAIN, COACH AND FOLLOW UP TO INSURE IMPLEMENTATION. TRAINING PROGRAMS ARE UPDATED AND REVISED TO IMPROVE EFFECTIVENESS. PHISICAL IMPROVEMENTS AND PROCESS CHANGES WERE MADE TO REDUCE POLLUTION, EMISSIONS AND TO REDUCE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT.

f. Has your facility corrected all instances of potential non-compliance and EMS non-conformance identified during your audits and other assessments?

Yes

If no, please explain your plans to correct these instances.

WHEN NONCONFORMANCES ARE DETECTED, CORRECTIVE ACTION IS DETERMINED, SCHEDULED AND TRACKED UNTIL COMPLETION.

g. When was the last Senior Management review of your EMS completed?

03/2002

Who headed the review? Name: RICHARD BOWIE AND JACK BAILEY **Title:** DIRECTOR OF QUALITY ASSURANCE & DIRECTOR EHS

B.2 ISO 14001 Certification. Is your facility currently certified to ISO 14001?

Yes

B.3 Environmental Aspects Identification. When did your facility last conduct a systematic identification and/or review of your environmental aspects?

08/2001

B.4 Progress Toward Achieving Objectives and Targets. In the table below, please provide a narrative summary of progress made toward EMS objectives and targets. You may limit the summary to environmental aspects that are *significant* and towards which progress has been made during the *reporting year*. In cases where *progress* relates specifically to a Performance Track pe rformance commitment, complete the Environmental Aspect column, but in the *Progress* column simply refer to the performance commitment tables in Section C, i.e. "See Section C."

<i>Environmental Aspect</i>	<i>Progress Made This Year (e.g., quantitative or qualitative improvements, activities conducted)</i>
AIR RELEASES	AIR RELEASES OF VOC'S REDUCED FROM 1999 AND YEAR 2000 LEVELS. OUR TWO PRODUCTION FACILITIES HAVE REDUCED TO LESS THAN 10 TONS OF TOTAL VOC EMESSIONS REPRESENTING A 50% REDUCTION FROM 1999
WATER USE/ POTW	A 15% REDUCTION IN USE WAS COMMITTED TO FROM 1999 LEVELS BY 2003. A 38% REDUCTION WAS OBTAINED THROUGH 2001.SEE SECTION C. ORIGINALLY,1998 DATA OF 38,131,608 GAL. USAGE WAS USED AS THE BASELINE. THIS INCLUDED OUR WAREHOUSE WHICH WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM. SINCE A 35% REDUCTION WAS MADE BEFORE THE PROGRAM STARTED. WE ASSIGNED 1999 USAGE OF 22,919,274 AS THE NEW STARTING POINT AND HAVE REDUCED THAT MORE THAN THE 15% COMMITMENT BASED ON UNIT OF PRODUCT.
ELECTRIC ENERGY USE	A 10% REDUCTION IN USE WAS COMMITTED TO FROM 1999 LEVELS BY 2003. A 29% REDUCTION HAS BEEN OBTAINED THROUGH 2001. SEE SECTION C.
DBE DIBASIC ESTER SOLVENT USE	A 30% REDUCTION IN USE WAS COMMITTED TO FROM 1999 LEVELS BY 2003. AN 81.3% REDUCTION WAS OBTAINED THROUGH 2001. SEE SECTION C.

LEAD
COMPOUND
USE

ELIMINATION OF ALL LEAD COMPOUNDS USED IN PRODUCTS WAS COMMITTED TO BY 2003. A 7.6% REDUCTION HAS BEEN OBTAINED FROM 1999 LEVELS THROUGH 2001. SEE SECTION C.

**Section C.
Environmental Performance Commitments**

Please use the tables below to summarize your facility's environmental performance against your Performance Track performance commitments. Complete only those boxes related to the baseline, current year, and performance commitment.

C.1 Performance Commitment 1

a. Use this table to report data related to your first performance commitment.

Category:	Water Use				
Aspect :	Total Water Use				
	Aspect Specifics (Optional):				
	Baseline (as stated in your application)	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Performance Commitment (the goal stated in your application)
Calendar Year	1999	2001	2002	2003	2003
Actual Quantity (per year)	22919274	14148647			Optional:19481383
Measurement Units	gallons				
Normalizing Factor	1.0	0.776			Optional: 15117553
Basis for your Normalizing Factor	POUNDS OF RUBBER MIXED AND USED				
Normalized Quantity* (per year)	22919274	18232792.5			4686481
*Calculated for you					

b. Briefly describe how you achieved improvements for this aspect or, if relevant, any circumstances that delayed progress.

REPAIRED LEAKS IN RECIRCULATING WATER SYSTEMS. REUSED WASH WATER. INSTALLED WATER CONSERVATION PLUMBING FIXTURES.

If you have additional information that you would like to include please attach it here:

Any attachments will be located at the end of the report.

c. Please list any other EPA voluntary programs to which you are also reporting these data (e.g. Energy Star, Project XL).

N/A

C.2 Performance Commitment 2

a. Use this table to report data related to your second performance commitment.

Category :	Energy Use				
Aspect :	Total Energy Use				
	Aspect Specifics (Optional):				
	Baseline (as stated in your application)	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Performance Commitment (the goal stated in your application)
Calendar Year	1999	2001	2002	2003	2003
Actual Quantity (per year)	22368230	15986200			Optional: 20131407
Measurement Units	KwH				
Normalizing Factor	1.0	0.766			Optional:15420658
Basis for your Normalizing Factor	POUNDS OF RUBBER MIXED AND USED				
Normalized Quantity* (per year)	22368230	20869712.8			1498518
*Calculated for you					

b. Briefly describe how you achieved improvements for this aspect or, if relevant, any circumstances that delayed progress.

REDUCED LOAD BY IMPROVING EFFICIENCY OF PLANT WIDE COMPRESSED AIR SYSTEMS INCLUDING REPLACING THE COMPRESSOR AND MOTORS. REDUCED LOAD WHEN PLANT WAS OPERATING BELOW FULL PRODUCTION AND IMPROVED LIGHTING BY REPLACING HID TYPES WITH T-5 AND T-8 FIXTURES.

Attach:

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N/A

C.3 Performance Commitment 3

a. Use this table to report data related to your third performance commitment.

Category :	Air Emissions				
Aspect :	Emissions of VOCs				
	Aspect Specifics (Optional):				
	Baseline (as stated in your application)	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Performance Commitment (the goal stated in your application)
Calendar Year	1999	2001	2002	2003	2003
Actual Quantity (per year)	16295	3039			Optional: 11406
Measurement Units	lbs				
Normalizing Factor	1.0	0.847			Optional:9661
Basis for your Normalizing Factor	POUNDS OF URETHANE PROCESSED				
Normalized Quantity* (per year)	16295	3588			13659
*Calculated for you					

b. Briefly describe how you achieved improvements for this aspect or, if relevant, any circumstances that delayed progress.

A VACUUM RECYCLING STILL SYSTEM WAS USED TO RECYCLE AND REUSE MORE DBE. IMPROVED SPILL CONTROLS AND CONTAINMENT REDUCED LOSS SUBSTANTIALLY.

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c. Please list any other EPA voluntary programs to which you are also reporting these data (e.g. Energy Star, Project XL).

N/A

C.4 Performance Commitment 4

a. Use this table to report data related to your fourth performance commitment.

Category :	Materials Use				
Aspect :	Hazardous Materials Use				
	Aspect Specifics (Optional):				
	Baseline (as stated in your application)	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Performance Commitment (the goal stated in your application)
Calendar Year	1999	2001	2002	2003	2003
Actual Quantity (per year)	2184	2018			Optional: 2184
Measurement Units	lbs				
Normalizing Factor	1.0	0.766			Optional:1695
Basis for your Normalizing Factor	POUNDS OF RUBBER MIXED OR USED.				
Normalized Quantity* (per year)	2184	2634.5			-450
*Calculated for you					

b. Briefly describe how you achieved improvements for this aspect or, if relevant, any circumstances that delayed progress.

ALTHOUGH OVERALL RUBBER USE IN BOTH FACILITIES DECLINED ,LEAD CONTAINING PRODUCT LINES INCREASED SLIGHTLY. BETTER HANDLING OF CONTROLS AND WASTE REDUCTION TECHNIQUES WERE APPLIED. A 7.6% REDUCTION IN USE WAS OBTAINED EVEN THOUGH USE BASED ON TOTAL RUBBER PROCESSED DECREASED. THE AFFECTED PRODUCT LINE ARE BEGINNING TO DECLINE AS CUSTOMERS BEGIN TO CHANGE TO REPLACEMENT PRODUCTS. WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO ZERO BY YEAR END 2003.

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c. Please list any other EPA voluntary programs to which you are also reporting these data (e.g. Energy Star, Project XL).

N/A

**Section D.
Public Outreach and Performance Reporting**

D.1 Please briefly summarize the public outreach and reporting activities that your facility has conducted during the year. Feel free, but not obligated, to attach supporting materials (e.g., meeting agendas, public announcements).

THE COMPANY HAS COMPLETED ITS REQUIRED REPORTING TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS INCLUDING AIR EMISSION STATEMENTS AND TURA REPORTS. FEDERAL 313 REPORTING IS ALSO AVAILABLE. WE HAVE PRESENTED ENVIRONMENTAL RESULTS SEMINARS FOR THE TOXIC USE REDUCTION INSTITUTE AT UMASS LOWELL, SUSTANIABILITY MEASUREMENT PRESENTATIONS AT ENVIRONMENTAL EXPO, BOSTON, MA. AND PARTICIPATE IN A SUSTANIABLE NEW BEDFORD PROGRAM SPONSORED BY THE GREATER NEW BEDFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND UMASS DARTMOUTH.

WE HAVE APPLIED TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASS. ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

WE CO-AUTHORED AN ARTICLE ON SUSTANIABILITY MEASUREMENT PUBLISHED IN "CORPORATE ENVIRONMENTAL STRATEGY" VOL.8, NUMBER 4, ISSN 1066 7938.

Attachment:

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D.2 Please indicate which of the following methods your facility plans to use to make its Performance Track Annual Report available to the public. Please check as many as appropriate.

Web Site
Meetings
Community Advisory Panel

URL: [HTTP://WWW.PRECIXINC.COM](http://www.precixinc.com)

Other:

**Section E.
Self-Certification of Continued Program Participation**

On behalf of **PRECIX, INC. formerly the Acushnet Rubber Company, Inc.,**
(name of my facility)

I certify that

- I have read and agree to the terms and conditions as specified in the *National Environmental Performance Track Program Guide*. This facility, to the best of my knowledge, continues to meet all program criteria;

- I have personally examined and am familiar with the information contained in this Annual Performance Report. The information contained in this report is, to the best of my knowledge and based on reasonable inquiry, true, accurate, and complete;

- My facility has an environmental management system (EMS), as defined in the Performance Track EMS criteria, including systems to maintain compliance with all applicable federal, state, tribal, and local environmental requirements, in place at the facility, and the EMS will be maintained for the duration of the facility's participation in the program;

- My facility has conducted an objective assessment of its compliance with all applicable federal, state, tribal, and local environmental requirements; and the facility has corrected all identified instances of potential or actual noncompliance;

- Based on the foregoing compliance assessments and subsequent corrective actions (if any were necessary), my facility is, to the best of my knowledge and based on reasonable inquiry, currently in compliance with applicable federal, state, tribal, and local environmental requirements.

I agree that EPA's decision whether to accept participants into or remove them from the National Environment Performance Track is wholly discretionary, and I waive any right that may exist under any law to challenge EPA's acceptance or removal decision.

I am the senior manager with responsibility for the facility and am fully authorized to execute this statement on behalf of the corporation or other legal entity whose facility is part of the National Environmental Performance Track program.

Signature/Date

Printed Name

JACK BAILEY

Title

DIRECTOR EHS

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Appendix:**Do you want to add Appendix?****When adding additional comments, please refer to question number.****Comments:****Attachment:**

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