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Mack named green partner

ARLINGTON — By meeting eight standards geared toward waste management, pollution prevention and energy efficiency, Mack Molding's northern operations have been named an environmental partner by the state of Vermont, according to a news release issued this week.

Mack's northern operations have three manufacturing facilities, two in Arlington and one in Cavendish.

In addition to participating in an environmental assessment by the Vermont Small Business Development Center, Mack has eliminated process water discharge at the East Arlington facility, significantly reduced electrical usage by replacing 2,100 lighting fixtures with high intensity fluorescent fixtures and installed new high-efficiency air compressors in two facilities.

Every year, the company reuses or recycles 920,000 pounds of plastic resin, recycles 98,500 pounds of sheet metal and recycles 45,000 pounds of cardboard.

Mack has also reduced fuel oil consumption at the Cavendish facility by 51 percent over the previous year and participates annually in a number of environmental training programs and other pollution prevention best management practices.

The Vermont Business Environmental Partnership is a joint effort between the Department of Environmental Conservation and the Vermont Small Business Development Center. Businesses selected for the partnership use pollution prevention strategies and best practices to go beyond compliance with existing environmental regulations.

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