



# CHAPTER 6.

## CONTINUING TO IMPROVE YOUR PRACTICES



### EVALUATE YOUR PRACTICES PERIODICALLY

Periodically evaluating your practices and status as a hazardous waste generator and a source of air emissions is a good business decision.

The most important part of continually improving your operations and reducing your environmental liabilities is to evaluate pollution prevention opportunities and best management practices that have yet to be implemented. Make a point to evaluate at least one pollution prevention opportunity per year. These opportunities should be looked at during budgeting time because some of the opportunities may have a need for capital.

Best management practices that have not been checked off on your Best Management Practices Checklist also should be constantly evaluated. Your goal at this point is to make sure you are using all of the suggested BMPs.

Since your hazardous waste generator status depends on the monthly generation of wastes, it is important to quantify your wastes on a monthly basis. Use your inventory sheets and perform a quick calculation of wastes. As you continue to do this, calculations will become almost automatic.

Air emissions should be quantified on an annual basis rather than on a monthly basis. This can be done easily at year end with the aid of that year's invoices and the MSDSs of the products you purchased during the year.