

Survey: Utility Environmental Benchmarking Forum - 2011

Company name:

Representative(s) and title(s):

Questions:

1) Policy:

- How prepared is your company to report carbon emissions that meet regulatory standards? Please choose one.
A) We have systems in place to accurately report carbon emissions (or) we are already managing our carbon emissions with reliable systems.
B) We are currently determining the best options for carbon management, but we do not have an established system in place.
C) We have not yet addressed the issue of carbon management.

- What is your 2012 environmental risk with regards to meeting emissions compliance standards? Please choose one.
A) We are prepared to lower our environmental footprint and meet all compliance regulations.
B) We are not prepared to meet all compliance regulations and reduce our environmental footprint
C) We are still trying to determine our environmental risk.

- Has your company established a goal for additional nuclear generation as a means to, perhaps, reduce its environmental footprint? *Y or N*

- Are you subject to mandatory renewable energy production/sales requirement? *Y or N*

- Have you established a public, corporate goal to increase generation/sales from renewable energy sources? (e.g., 20% by 2025) *Y or N*
If you do have a goal, what is it? _____

2) Sustainability:

- What level of maturity is your company's sustainability program? Please choose one.
A) No Program in place
B) Beginning
C) Moderate maturity
D) High maturity

- If your company is beyond the "beginning" level does your company have a sustainability plan with defined goals to drive improvement in your company? *Y or N*

- In your company does sustainability primarily imply environmental? *Y or N*

- Based on your experiences, what is the greatest challenge in implementing a sustainability program? Please choose one.
A) Lack of clear regulatory policy
B) Insufficient customer demand
C) Limited financial capital
D) Other: _____

3) Metrics/Data:

- Does your company have a sound methodology to convey its environmental performance or "environmental footprint" to employees, stakeholders, etc? *Y or N*

- Have you had a third party verify your company’s carbon emissions or other metrics data to improve the quality of reported information, gain credibility and add value to your sustainability reporting? Y or N
- What does your company consider to be the top five metrics which impact your company’s “environmental footprint”? (i.e: CO2 Emissions, Water Use, Fines, etc.)
- In your company’s benchmarking efforts, which public or private database sources (i.e: Energy Velocity, private consultant data, etc.) do you find most credible for the following categories:
 - Air/Climate metrics: _____
 - Water metrics: _____
 - Land/Natural Resource metrics: _____
 - Waste metrics: _____
- Is water management a priority to your organization? Please choose one.
 - A) *Water management is a priority for our organization equal to carbon emissions.*
 - B) *Carbon emissions are more important than water management issues, but water management is gaining importance.*
 - C) *Carbon is a far greater priority to us than water management.*
 - D) *Water management is not an issue for our company.*
- Water Consumption data is derived from:
 - A) *Metered data*
 - B) *Engineering calculations*
 - C) *Another source such as _____*
 - D) *All of the Above*
 - E) *No data available*
- Do any of your preferred suppliers operate in water scarce areas? Y or N or Don’t Know

4) Industry Rank:

- Does your company have a clear understanding of how its “environmental footprint” compares to other industry peer’s “environmental footprint”? Y or N
- How often does your company perform comparative benchmarking of its critical environmental metrics?

5) Utility Environmental Benchmarking Forum:

- Why did your company decide to participate in this 2011 Benchmarking Forum?
- If you participated in the 2010 Utility Environmental Benchmarking Forum, how did it impact your focus on metrics:
 - A) *No change*
 - B) *More focus*
 - C) *Significantly more focus*

Please feel free to explain further and give examples: