

Clean Air Accountability

Greenhouse gas emissions, carbon trading and climate change are among the world's central environmental issues, and energy companies are being held accountable. Our communities are asking the industry to take a lead role in finding solutions and helping set the standards for reducing the amount of carbon we emit into the atmosphere.



It is a call we acknowledge and embrace with confidence earned through nearly two decades of experience. We began our emissions reduction effort in 1990, employing innovations designed to enhance efficiency and improve natural gas production volumes. A lot has changed from when emissions reduction was simply good business. Today, emissions reduction is also an opportunity to respond to concerns about the environment.

We take pride in our accomplishments, and we believe they will lead us to future achievements. Our participation in government-industry partnerships in the United States and Canada has created the foundation of a program that positions us to take on future challenges.

Devon has been diligent in its emission-reduction efforts in the United States and Canada for many years. These efforts reached a milestone in 2007, when we established a greenhouse gas emissions inventory system that includes all of our U.S. production sites. Information from the inventory allows us to identify opportunities to further reduce emissions through new technology. It also increases our accountability by providing current and accurate emissions information we can share with all of our stakeholders.

Devon's emissions inventory evolved from our participation in the EPA's Natural Gas STAR program. This voluntary program partners with energy companies to track the emission of natural gas, or methane, which is a greenhouse gas. Our corporate commitment to Natural Gas STAR originated in 2003 and threads its way from our executive offices to our field offices and to the men and women on the ground floor of our daily operations.

The results are impressive. Through technology and innovation, we prevented more than 6.4 billion cubic feet of natural gas from escaping into the atmosphere in 2007. That is enough natural gas to serve more than 90,000 homes for a year. In terms of air quality, it is equivalent to planting nearly 800,000 acres of trees or removing more than 570,000 cars from the road for a year.

Since Devon joined the partnership, the EPA recognized the company with its "Rookie of the Year" award in 2004 and its "Partner of the Year" award in 2005. In 2008, the EPA honored Devon with its "Continuing Excellence" award for its strong and consistent record of emissions reporting.