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#### **Best Practices in Implementing Green Supply Chains**



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### Green SCM integrates *environmental* and *supply chain* management.



**Green Supply Chain Management** 



Green SCM recognizes the disproportionate environmental impact of supply chain processes in an organization.





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### **Green SCM leverages the role of the environment in SC value creation.**

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## **Commercial firms have had early success using Green SCM principles.**



Texas Instruments: Saves \$8 million each year by reducing its transit packaging budget for its semiconductor business through source reduction, recycling, and use of reusable packaging systems (20% annual savings).

Commonwealth Edison: Produced \$50 million in financial benefits from managing materials and equipment with a life-cycle management approach.

Pepsi-Cola: Saved \$44 million by switching from corrugated to reusable plastic shipping containers for one liter and 20ounce bottles, conserving 196 million pounds of corrugated material.

Dow Corning: Saved \$2.3 million by using reconditioned steel drums in 1995. Also conserved 7.8 million pounds of steel.





# Green Supply Chain improves operations by employing an *environmental solution*.



- Improves Agility—Green supply chain management help mitigate risks and speed innovations.
- Increases Adaptability—Green supply chain analysis often lead to innovative processes and continuous improvements.
- Promotes Alignment—Green supply chain management involves negotiating policies with suppliers and customers, which results in better alignment of business processes and principles.



Source: *The Triple-A Supply Chain*, Lee, Harvard Business Review, October 2004 *Environmental Supply Chain Management*, Carter and Narasimhan, CAPS Research, 1998



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## The product life cycle is the basis of green supply chain management.



Supply Chain in the Environmental Life Cycle



**Typical Supply Chain Scope** 





### The environmental impacts of each LC stage are examined for reduction.





### Historically, GSC management focused on the upstream supply chain.



#### **Typical Green Supply Chain Analysis**



- Manufacturer encourages suppliers to adopt green practices, environmental management systems, etc.
- Focus is on the material content and environmental practices of suppliers.



### Now, GSC programs are moving from compliance to value creation.



Environmental, Safety, and Health Business Contributions





### **Companies are starting to view GSC as a strategic analysis tool.**



**Pollution Prevention Hierarchy** 



Source: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency





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### **Green supply chain best practices focus** on the business results first.



#### **Green Supply Chain Best Practices**

- Align green supply chain goals with business goals
- Evaluate the supply chain as a single life cycle system
- Use green supply chain analysis as a catalyst for innovation
- Focus on source reduction to reduce waste





# Aligning GSC improvements with your business goals creates strategic value.



- Before embarking on green supply chain improvements, you need to determine the role of the environment in your business.
  - Product Differentiation?
  - Managing Competitors?
  - Cost Reduction?
  - Risk Management?
  - Redefining Markets?
- When green supply chain programs are properly aligned to corporate goals, successes become leading indicators of business success.
  - Environmental indicators on the Balanced Scorecard
  - Greater drive for innovation
  - Stakeholder support



Source: Bringing the Environment Down to Earth, Reinhardt, HBR, July-August 1999 Environmental Supply Chain Management, Carter and Narasimhan, CAPS Research, 1998



### **Evaluating the supply chain as a system leads to life cycle optimization.**





## **Green supply chain management is a driver for process improvements.**



- In general, pollution and waste represent incomplete, ineffective, or inefficient use of raw material.
- Green supply chain analysis provides an opportunity to review processes, materials, and operational concepts.
- As with continuous improvement programs, green supply chain analysis targets:
  - Wasted material
  - Wasted energy or effort
  - Under-utilized resources

#### **Green Process Improvement Approach**



### Focusing on source reduction programs drives higher value improvements.





### The Army looked to using hybrid HMMWVs to reduce the fuel SC footprint.



#### **HMMWV Fuel Supply Chain**

- Army reviewed acquisition, maintenance, and fuel costs associated with conventional and hybrid HMMWV.
  - Fuel costs included cost of supply chain.
  - Evaluation based on military operations.
- Costs are break even for the two platforms
  - Hybrid technology lowers fuel cost but has greater maintenance requirements.
  - However, hybrid platforms can also serve as power generators in theater and can offer some operating advantages (e.g., silent operation).



Hybrid HMMWV ↑



## USPS worked with direct mail vendors to reduce supply chain cost and waste.





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# The Dutch flower industry greened its production to increase throughput.

- Netherlands produces 65% of the worlds cut flowers, yet has limited land.
  - Mass cultivation in a confined area resulted in fertilizer, herbicide, and pesticide contamination.
- To correct the problem, growing was shifted to rock wool and water vs. soil.
  - Fertilizer in the water is recycled through the system to reduce waste.
  - Water based growth also reduces the risk of infestation by weeds and pests, reducing the need for chemical treatments.
  - The new system also greatly reduced variations in growth conditions, greatly improving the predictability of output.



• Producers were able to increase output per space and further innovate to reduce costs (e.g., new harvesting methods).

Source: Green and Competitive, Porter and van der Linde, HBR, Sept.-Oct. 1995





# Xerox implemented a take-back program redefined customer's expectations.





- 70-90% (by weight) of machines reused
- 144 million pounds diverted from landfills (2003)
- In early 1990s Xerox launched a new initiative to take back used copiers as a source of material for new machines.
- Customers like the program because they no longer worry about machine disposal.
- Xerox estimates "several hundred million" dollar savings annually.

Source: Bringing the Environment Down to Earth, Reinhardt, HBR, July-August 1999 Environment, Health, and Safety Progress Report: 2004, Xerox Corporation

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# Green supply chain efforts need to rise above the *cost center* view.



- Green supply chain projects need to be clearly defined in terms of the *business* value to the organization.
  - Clear value will gain senior management support.
  - Clear value will help secure buy-in from other organizations
- Environmental programs are viewed as business cost centers.
  - Environmental, safety, and health (ESH) resources are often scarce in an organization.
  - ESH offices are targeted early during cost cutting programs.
- ESH offices have difficulty articulating their business value.
  - The inability to articulate the value of green supply chain effort in business terms lowers their profile.
  - Many executives have misconceptions of how green supply chain efforts will impact their operations.
  - Without a clear business value proposition, it is difficult to get executive support for projects.





# Consider the existing business model when planning GSC projects.



- Many businesses have internal hurdles that must be overcome for any improvement effort.
  - Inconsistency in supply chain operations (by unit, region, product, etc.)
  - Business viewed through existing operations—resistance to change
  - Focus on short term goals and short term results
  - Limited partnership experience—especially in the environmental office.
- To be successful, the project manager needs to understand the organization and plan for the applicable hurdles.
  - Develop communication/evangelization plan.
  - Build a project team with broad functional representation.
  - Clearly articulate project business value.
  - Use outside experts where in-house expertise doesn't exist.





### Use tools such as GreenSCOR to help define and analyze GSC problems.



#### **GreenSCOR Concept**



including compliance, emissions, and remediation



**GreenSCOR Model** 



#### Supply Chain Management

Managing the flow of material from supplier to end customer, including procurement, transportation, inventory management, and production



### **GreenSCOR** is a modification of the SCOR model that includes environmental elements.









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## Implementing Green supply chain properly will drive *real* business value.



- Green supply chain concepts manage environmental impacts where they occur—ideally before they occur.
- Best practices focus on the business, not social, value that green supply chain management creates.
  - Align green supply chain goals with business goals
  - Evaluate the supply chain as a single life cycle system
  - Use environmental analysis as a catalyst for innovation
  - Focus on source reduction to reduce waste
- Successful implementation requires raising the profile and perceived value of environmental projects.
  - Articulate project value in terms of business value
  - Create the project to work within the organizational culture
  - Use effective tools (e.g., GreenSCOR) to enable project execution





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