

Rear Admiral William M. Benkert



This environmental award is named for Rear Admiral William M. Benkert (1923 - 1989), who served at Coast Guard Headquarters in Washington, DC as Chief of the Office of Marine Environment and Systems from 1972 until 1974, and as Chief of the Office of Merchant Marine Safety from 1974 until 1978. He is fondly remembered as the father of the Coast Guard's Marine Environmental Protection Program



William M. Benkert Award for
Environmental Excellence

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The 2012 William M. Benkert Award for Environmental Excellence



Log onto our website at to get information on how to submit an application for the 2012 William M. Benkert Award for Environmental Excellence.

<http://homeport.uscg.mil/benkert>

William M. Benkert Awards

In our first William M. Benkert Awards of the new century we stress the importance of leadership in environmental protection. The William M. Benkert Award Program honors a great leader in the field of marine safety. It is therefore especially satisfying for the Coast Guard to be able to recognize leadership, great innovation and creativity of industry leaders who showcase their initiatives through this award program.

Prestige: The William M. Benkert Award is the premiere marine environmental protection award presented by the Coast Guard to members of Marine Industry. Gold level recipients have expended extraordinary effort into protecting the environment and it shows. This biennial award recognizes organizations for outstanding achievements in all aspects of marine environmental protection.

Benefit to society: Besides the prestige associated with the William M. Benkert Award, the process offers a venue for the creative exchange of ideas and innovations, which can benefit all of society.

Self-Challenge: This award application provides an excellent road map for organizations to assess management strengths and weaknesses in marine operations and environmental compliance.

Awareness: Completing the award application process heightens awareness and underscores the innovation required to achieve environmental excellence.

Objectives

The Award Objectives Include:

- Improving the environmental performance and overall quality of marine transportation related companies, through a detailed self-assessment process against award standards.
- Encouraging the use of the international environmental management protocol developed by the International Standards Organization.
- Increasing public awareness of the importance of protecting the marine environment and delicate marine ecosystems.
- Providing a means for sharing with other marine enterprises successful methods and techniques used by the winners.

Categories

- **Small Business**
Vessel Operations
Facility Operations
- **Special Small Business**
- **Large Business**
Vessel Operations
Foreign Vessel Operations
Facility Operations

NOTE: Please see website for category criteria.
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Eligibility

Any marine transportation related commercial organization owning, operating, or otherwise managing vessels, designated waterfront facilities, fleeting areas, oil spill removal organizations, or other entity engaged in maritime operations subject to Coast Guard regulations are eligible to become an award applicant. Applicants must complete the requirements posted on our website (listed on the reverse of this brochure) to be eligible for further consideration. The award categories that define the qualification criteria are included on the website.

2010 Benkert Award Recipients

Awards presented at API Tanker Conference 2010 in La Jolla, California – December 2010

Osprey:	Alaska Chadux	Anchorage, AK
Gold:	Norwegian Cruise Lines	Miami, FL
	Marathon Petroleum Company	Nashville, TN
	Holland America	Seattle, WA
Bronze:	Pacific Whale	Wailuku, HI
	General Dynamics	San Diego, CA
	NASSCO	
Honorable Mention:	Eagle Marine Services	San Pedro, CA

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