

“Greening” EclipseCon 2005

An incredible amount of waste is generated each year by conferences. The Organizers of EclipseCon 2005 have made a commitment to reduce the ecological footprint of this conference. EclipseCon 2005, with the assistance of Meeting Strategies Worldwide, has adopted green meeting practices to minimize our impact on the Earth.

Strategies adopted include:

- ✓ All communication has been electronic and paperless.
- ✓ Registration was online.
- ✓ Housing reservations were handled online.
- ✓ The Exhibitor Kit was online.
- ✓ The Paper Submission process was online.
- ✓ The Final Program was minimized by increasing the amount of information available on the conference website.
- ✓ Presentations are on the conference website instead of printing handouts.
- ✓ No disposable service ware will be used.
- ✓ All condiments were requested to be served in bulk containers.
- ✓ Local or organic foods will be used whenever possible.
- ✓ Water will be served in large containers or pitchers instead of individual plastic bottles.
- ✓ Ice water will not be pre-poured at meals.
- ✓ Name badges are made from recycled plastic and will be recycled at the end of the event.
- ✓ Signage was designed to be used again at future EclipseCon conferences.

The Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport was chosen, in part, due to its close proximity to the Airport to save on transportation. Shuttles are available to minimize rental car needs. The Hyatt Regency also has the following environmental policies in place:

- ✓ Recycles glass, metal, cardboard, paper.
- ✓ Linen and towel reuse program.
- ✓ Affiliation with the PG&E electric load reduction program.
- ✓ Recycling containers will be available in meeting rooms.