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EPA updates list of top 20 on-site green energy users

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Kimberly-Clark, the Dallas-based health and hygiene company, is the largest on-site user of alternative, green power, according to the latest statistics from the Environmental Protection Agency.

The EPA's Green Power Partnership is a voluntary program that supports the organizational procurement of green power by offering expert advice, technical support, tools and resources. The EPA program works with a wide variety of leading organizations — from Fortune 500 companies to local, state and federal governments, and a growing number of colleges and universities.

The EPA credits these green power purchases for helping to reduce the environmental impacts of electricity use and support the development of new renewable generation capacity nationwide. The combined on-site green power consumption of these organizations amounts to more than 736 million kilowatt-hours of green power annually, which is the equivalent amount of electricity needed to power more than 61,000 average American homes each year.

The following Top Partner Rankings highlight the annual green power purchases of leading organizations within the United States and across individual industry sectors. Purchase amounts reflect U.S. operations only and are sourced from U.S.-based green power resources. Organizations can meet EPA purchase requirements using any combination of three different product options: renewable energy certificates, on-site generation, and utility green power products.

Purchase figures are based on annualized partner contract amounts (kilowatt-hours), not calendar year totals:

Annual On-site Green Power Usage (kWh)	On-site % of total Electricity Use*	On-site Resources	Additional Purchased Green Power (kWh)
1. Kimberly-Clark Corporation			
192,730,000	7%	Biomass	0
2. Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts			
171,144,000	54%	Biogas	0
3. City of San Diego, CA			
69,043,000	27%	Biogas, Small-hydro, Solar	0
4. San Jose/Santa Clara Water Pollution Control Plant			
52,769,440	56%	Biogas	0
5. CalPortland			
50,000,000	11%	Wind	0
6. Nassau County, NY			
29,121,457	15%	Biogas	0
7. BMW Manufacturing Co. / Greer, SC Facilities			
27,831,000	19%	Biogas	0
8. City of San Francisco, CA			
25,033,977	3%	Biogas, Solar	0
9. Kohl's Department Stores			
19,126,000	2%	Solar	581,864,000
10. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. / California and Texas Facilities			
17,000,000	1%	Solar	226,328,000
11. City of Portland, OR			
15,521,660	9%	Biogas, Small-hydro, Solar, Wind	0
12. Johnson & Johnson			
11,626,910	1%	Biogas, Solar	374,828,801
13. U.S. Air Force			
10,484,000	<1%	Biogas, Solar, Wind	415,790,291
14. Macy's Inc. / California and Hawaii Stores			
10,400,000	3%	Solar	0
15. University of Iowa			
8,992,636	3%	Biomass	0
16. City of Ann Arbor, MI			
8,874,000	20%	Biogas, Small-hydro, Solar	0
17. Safeway Inc.			
4,500,000	<1%	Solar	90,000,000
18. Sierra Nevada Brewing Company			
4,203,840	38%	Biogas, Solar	0
19. City of Gresham, OR			
3,999,916	28%	Biogas	1,874,538
20. Alameda County, CA / GSA Facilities			
3,829,789	7%	Solar	1,677,242

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