



Anheuser-Busch

Houston Brewery Environmental Overview

The Houston brewery brews more than 12 million barrels of beer per year.

Helping the Environment In 2006, the Houston brewery recycled more than 99 percent of the solid waste it generated in 2006. Materials include grain, plastic strapping, stretch wrap, aluminum, glass, cardboard, plastics, office paper and metals.

Grain from the brewing process is collected and sold to area dairy farmers, providing enough feed for more than 50,000 head of cattle annually.

Houston brewery employees and their families annually participate in community environmental improvement projects, recently partnering with the Galveston Bay Foundation to restore marsh areas in Galveston bay tidal pools and with Jesse Jones Park for trail construction.

The brewery conducts an annual Environmental/Recycling/Energy Awareness Fair for employees to promote conservation at home and work.

BERS Operation

The Houston brewery utilizes Bio-Energy Recovery Systems (BERS) technology that converts nutrients in leftover water from the brewing process into renewable biogas. Anheuser-Busch is the world's largest operator of BERS.

Ninety-eight percent of the biogas produced at the BERS operation is returned to help power the brewery. In 2006, BERS provided 17.7 percent of the Houston brewery's fuel needs.

Energy Savings

The brewery is examining the use of landfill gas in its boilers to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and the company's reliance on fossil fuels.

Recent Awards

- 2007 EPA Blue Skyways Collaborative Partner Award
- 2006 City of Houston Proud Partners Award for Recycling Excellence
- 2006 City of Houston Pretreatment Gold Award
- 2005 Keep Texas Beautiful Certificate of Merit for "Sound Environmental Principles"
- 2004 Keep Texas Beautiful Award

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