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To All of Our Cleaning Times Subscribers:

### Proud to be a Green Champion

Nov. 19, 2008, Washington DC.

The Environmental Protection Agency recognized Multi-Clean as an "Environmental CHAMPION" at an awards ceremony held in the Ronald Reagan International Trade Building in Washington, D.C.. The EPA Safer Detergents Stewardship (SDSI) award program recognized a select group of companies as environmental Champions by their commitment to use only safer ingredients in their products.

The awards ceremony was attended by several EPA dignitaries, including EPA Administrator Stephen Johnson. He congratulated the CHAMPION award winners as a group that have gone beyond complying with regulations to pursue voluntary actions for the benefit of the environment.



"We strongly encourage other Jan-San chemical manufacturers to follow our lead in committing to use only safer surfactants in their formulations."  
~ Mike Tarvin,  
VP, Multi-Clean

"Companies are beginning to realize that what is good for the environment is good for business."  
~ Steve Johnson,  
EPA Administrator



In 2006, Multi-Clean completed a voluntary project that replaced all Nonyl Phenol Ethoxylate (referred to as NPE) Surfactant additives in products with equal performance alternatives that are safer for human health and the environment. Many millions of pounds of NPE's are still used in detergent formulations by manufacturers. These compounds can persist in the environment and harm aquatic life and may be linked to health problems in humans. To learn more about NPE and health concerns, click [HERE](#) to watch a video.

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**Survey Says...**

At ISSA 2008, Multi-Clean conducted a survey of show participants to gauge attitudes toward green cleaning. Most of the respondents were distributors, the results are below.

