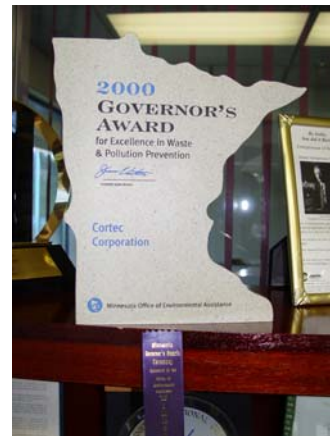


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### **Cortec Corporation Receives Governors Award for Excellence in Waste and Pollution Prevention**

In 2000, Minnesota Governor Jessie Ventura honored Cortec Corporation with the *Governor's Award for Excellence in Waste and Pollution Prevention*. We were chosen for our advancement of pollution prevention technologies with the acquisition and re-engineering of equipment to reduce our solvent emissions up to 80% (78,000 pounds per year) with our new manufacturing process. We also had a four-fold increase in production with the new process, resulting in a major labor savings. Boris Miksic, President/CEO received the award on behalf of Cortec Corporation.



Making a serious commitment to the environment, Cortec became one of the first companies in Minnesota to receive ISO 14001 Certification in 1998. With that, Cortec has also developed films that use biodegradable resins to provide the same degree of corrosion protection as non-biodegradable films, as well as water-based, biodegradable heavy-duty cleaners offering an environmentally preferable alternative to volatile solvent cleaners



Another major design accomplishment for Cortec is the development of a non-aerosol propellant spray can for application of industrial chemicals. In addition to eliminating explosive propellants and fill rates of up to 100 % of the product inside, this can was also designed to be recyclable through a "take back" system. Through this process, Cortec provides a forward thinking, recycling option to its customers.

Cortec's four plants also provide "Just-in-time" delivery to all customers and distributors in over 70 countries. This saves energy and money by reducing the customer's need for storage.

Through alliances with partners like the Minnesota Soybean Research and Promotion Council, University of Minnesota, Minnesota Technology Inc. and the Agri-Based Research Council, Cortec has developed, tested and proven its EcoFilm® and EcoLine™ products.

