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Third Party Study Shows Tennant Company's ec-H2O™ Technology Reduces Environmental Footprints

EcoForm study demonstrates environmental sustainability of ec-H2O chemical-free cleaning technology

MINNEAPOLIS, MN, October 5, 2009—Tennant Company (NYSE: TNC), a world leader in designing, manufacturing and marketing solutions that help create a cleaner, safer world, today announces that its ec-H2O technology has been shown to significantly reduce environmental footprints across seven key categories when compared to traditional cleaning with chemicals. The findings are the result of an independent study conducted by the environmental sustainability group EcoForm.

"Tennant Company's ec-H2O technology has been heavily lauded by both industry and environmental leaders for its benefits to cleaning performance and the environment," said Chris Killingstad, president and CEO of Tennant Company. "The findings of this study validate what we and leading-edge customers have known all along—ec-H2O is an environmentally sustainable cleaning technology."

To obtain footprint reduction calculations, the study compared a Tennant T3 20-inch auto-scrubber with ec-H2O technology to a conventional T3 using traditional cleaning chemicals over 25,000-square feet cleaning five times per week for education facilities and seven times per week for retail and healthcare facilities. If one would consider a larger machine or a larger cleanable area, the footprint reductions would be even more favorable. The analysis included an evaluation of the cleaning machine, the technology and the packaging, including materials used and processes employed during manufacturing. In the study traditional neutral pH cleaning chemicals were set as the base. Using ec-H2O technology will reduce the footprint significantly from that base. As an example, ec-H2O could reduce the energy footprint by 95%.

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Resulting footprint reduction percentages for ec-H2O technology are:

FOOTPRINT ↓	Retail	Healthcare	Education
ENERGY	97%	97%	95%
GLOBAL WARMING	96%	96%	93%
OZONE DEPLETION	94%	94%	89%
SMOG	98%	98%	97%
ACID RAIN	94%	94%	89%
WATER POLLUTION	77%	77%	57%
AIR POLLUTION	94%	94%	89%

"Typical footprint reductions on 'environmentally sustainable' cleaning technologies are between 10 to 20 percent compared to traditional methods. But even taking a conservative testing approach, Tennant's ec-H2O technology is achieving environmental footprint reductions as high as 98 percent—that's a 98 percent improvement in environmental sustainability over traditional cleaning with chemicals," said Killingstad. "This report reinforces that ec-H2O is effective, safe and sustainable."

Developed by Tennant researchers and engineers, ec-H2O technology converts plain tap water into a powerful chemical-free all-purpose cleaner that delivers proven cleaning results without the negative environmental and health concerns associated with producing, packaging, transporting, using, and disposing of traditional cleaning chemicals. The technology has been recognized and honored for its significance to safety, the environment and the cleaning industry by Sustainable Industries' Top 10 Green Building Products guide, the Premier Innovation Celebration, the European Business Awards, the Australian Business Awards, and R&D Magazine.

About Tennant Company

Minneapolis-based Tennant Company (NYSE: TNC) is a world leader in designing, manufacturing and marketing solutions that help create a cleaner, safer world. Its products include equipment for maintaining surfaces in industrial, commercial and outdoor environments; and specialty surface coatings for protecting, repairing and upgrading concrete floors. Tennant's global field service network is the most extensive in the industry. Tennant has manufacturing operations in Minneapolis, Minn.; Holland, Mich.; Uden, The Netherlands; the United Kingdom; São Paulo, Brazil; and Shanghai, China; and sells products directly in 15 countries and through distributors in more than 80 countries. For more information, visit www.tennantco.com.

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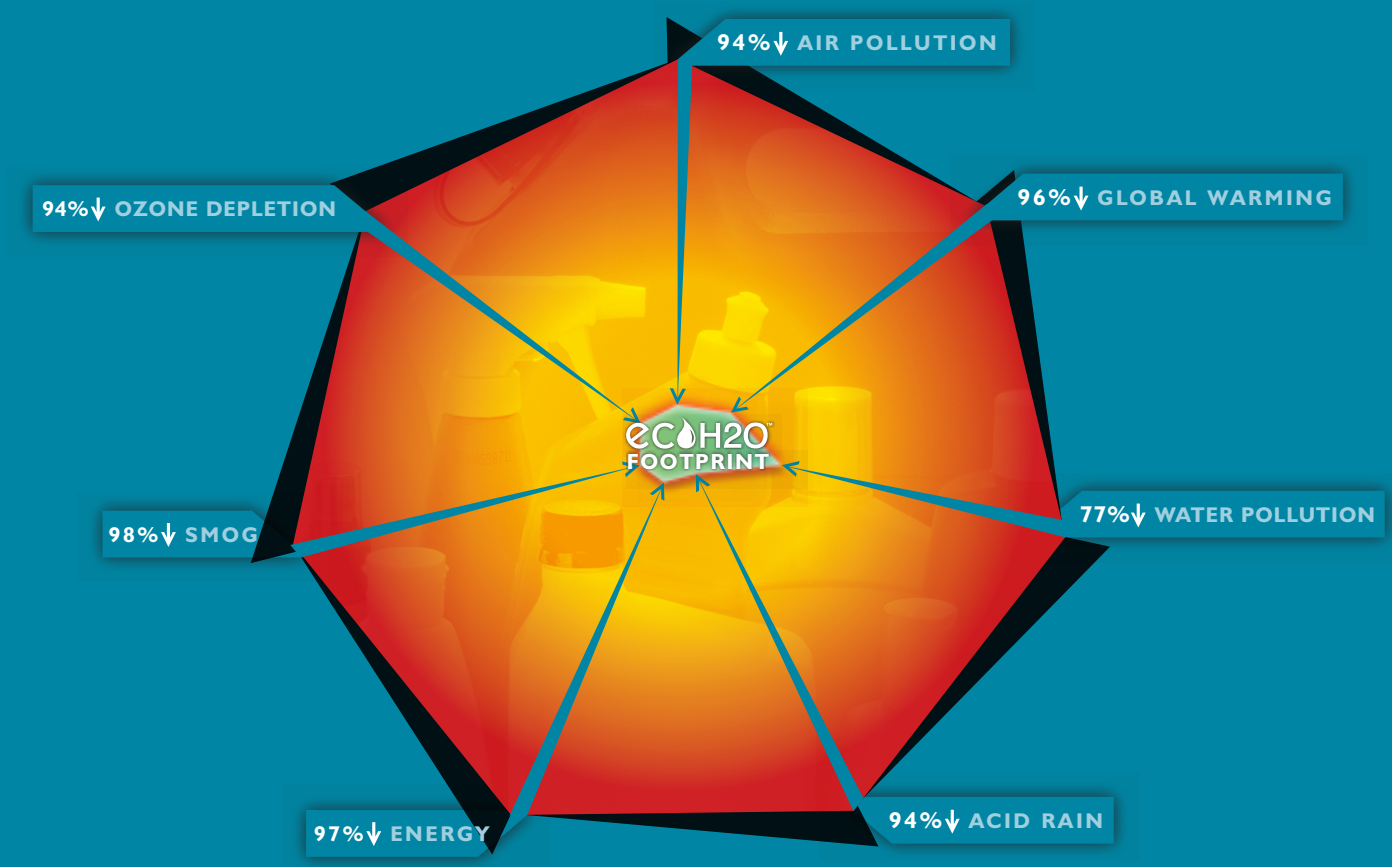
ecoH2O™ FOOTPRINT REDUCTION STUDY RESULTS



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STUDY CONDITIONS

Very conservative parameters used:

- 25,000 square feet
- Small 20 inch scrubber
- Chemical dilution: 1 oz / gallon
- Neutral pH daily cleaner
- 5 days a week for education
- 7 days a week for retail / healthcare

ecoform. *Study conducted by Ecoform on Tennant T3*