ECO·HERITAGE

A Heritage of Environmental Stewardship... No Spin, No Stopping.

1900
Milliken's first recycling policy documented

1912
Milliken's first hydroelectric plant opens using renewable energy

1947
Roger Milliken assumes chairmanship and demonstrates his passion for environmental excellence

Milliken Research Corporation established

1960
Roger Milliken mandates responsible use of natural resources

1962
Milliken builds waste water treatment plants before regulatory agencies are established

1963
Milliken starts tradition of naming plants for trees - Magnolia Finishing Plant, Live Oak and others

Major tree planting initiative at headquarters campus

1971
Milliken establishes formal measurement system to track all energy types and water use

1972
Milliken becomes first textile company to comply with Clean Water Act

1976
Milliken establishes formal worldwide environmental management system

1981
Milliken establishes corporate forestry division to manage Milliken forests

1985
Milliken verified as a carbon negative manufacturer

1986
Milliken introduces PVC-free carpet - removing 850 millions tons from the production cycle

1989
Comfort Plus® cushion carpet backing developed to enhance appearance retention and extend the product life

1990
Milliken establishes formal corporate environmental policy

First and founding UK carpet manufacturer to join GuT, the European carpet industry environmental body

1992
Milliken introduces Earth Square®, the first and only closed loop carpet renewal process

1993
Milliken becomes first UK manufacturer to be ISO 9000 certified

1994
All Milliken carpet meets CRI's stringent IAQ Green Label standards

1995
Lifetime Floor Compatibility warranty introduced for all Milliken PVC-free carpet

Milliken eliminates 87% of packaging through customer recycling programs

1996
First U.S. carpet manufacturer to obtain ISO 9000

1997
First textile plant to achieve ISO 14001 Environmental Management System

1999
Achieves ISO 14001 certification of all U.S. manufacturing plants

Roger Milliken establishes Noble Tree Foundation

2001
Textile Industries Magazine presents Innovation Award to Milliken & Company for commitment to research

2002
Milliken introduces No Carpet to Landfill policy

2003
Milliken introduces TractionBack® adhesive-free installation system

2004
National Arbor Day Foundation presents Frederick Law Olmstead Award to Roger Milliken in recognition of his environmental stewardship

Milliken becomes first textile manufacturer to be certified Cleaner and Greener by Leonardo Academy

2005
Trees for All program introduced

Milliken contributes carbon credits to neutralize impact of Greenbuild, Atlanta

180 Walls® introduced

Milliken Floor Covering achieves an 85% reduction in its eco-footprint since 1990

2006
Milliken announces National Arbor Day Foundation partnership

Milliken contributes carbon credits to neutralize impact of Greenbuild Denver

1865 1872 1892 1900 1905 1912 1916 1947 1958 1959 1960 1962 1963 1964 1968 1970 1971 1972 1974 1976 1977 1981 1982 1984 1985 1986 1987 1989 1990 1991 1992 1993 1994 1995 1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006

1865 Founded as Deering Milliken Company

1872 Yellowstone established as the first national park

1892 Sierra Club established

1905 U.S. Forest Service established

1912 National Park System established

1958 Roger Milliken sets aside land for future campus and arboretum

1959 Air-conditioning system installed at corporate HQ reuses fountain water

1964 Milliken Floor Covering begins operation

1964 The Wilderness Act signed into law

1970 Assumes leadership role with ATMI to develop EPA effluent guidelines for textile industry

An estimated 20 million celebrate the First Earth Day on April 1, 1970

Environmental Protection Agency established

Clean Air Act signed into law

1971 First U.S. manufacturer of bonded carpet, a process that produces more with fewer resources

1972 Water Pollution Control Act passed into law

1974 Capture® nonionic dry carpet cleaning system introduced – reduces water and energy used in carpet cleaning

1976 Milliken Research develops Millitron, using environmentally friendly dyes and water recycling

1977 Department of Energy commissioned

1981 Pursuit of Excellence (POE) launched, with environmental management as a core component

1982 Receives prestigious Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award from U.S. Department of Commerce

Wellington plant becomes the first UK textile plant to achieve BS5750 (now ISO 9002)

1984 Charter Member of Chemical Manufacturers' Association's "Responsible Care" Program

1987 Begins significant reduction of chlorofluoro-carbons or CFCs. Consumption of ozone-depleting CFCs reduced 85% over next 8 years

PCBs removed from transformers

Implements a smoke free work environment company-wide

1989 Milliken University establishes an Environmental Education Leadership curriculum for Associates and supply chain

Receives Canadian Quality Award based on physical, safety and social measures.

Milliken replaces chlorine with organic alternatives.

1990 Presented with British Quality Award

Implements a new waste management strategy to cover each step of product life from design to reuse. Priorities are to eliminate, reduce, reuse and recycle

1991 Receives European Quality Award

Milliken meets with USGBC founders and offers support for organization

1992 Collection sites established for Milliken Associates to recycle home wastes including newspapers, aluminum, glass and motor oil

Begins Partners in Education program to encourage use of renewed sites through purchase or commercial donation

USGBC founded April 6, 1993

Executive Order 12852 establishes President's Council on Sustainable Development June 29, 1993

1993 Earth Square wins Keep America Beautiful First Place Award for Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.

U.S. EPA ranks Milliken 'Environmental Champion' for outstanding results in the 33/50 chemical emissions reduction program.

Live Oak manufacturing plant rebuilt with occupancy sensors to conserve energy

Begins producing annual "Wish Respect for our Earth" reports

Wins GreenAward from the UK Association of Facility Managers.

Develops process to reuse coal ash, a boiler byproduct, to manufacture construction materials.

1994 Joins the ATMI's quest for the best workplace in safety and health

Association of Energy Engineers bestows Corporate Energy Management Award

Charter member of the ATMI's Encouraging Environmental Excellence (E3) program and meets strict recertification requirements each year

1995 National Association of Chemical Distributors Educational Foundation gives Milliken top honors for product stewardship program

All Milliken-owned underground storage tanks are removed and sites properly closed

1996 Achieves total of solid waste recycled level of 91% and reduces land filled to 9%

Horticulture in the Digital Era conference draws international horticulturists to Milliken Arboretum

1998 Milliken joins USGBC

First Appearances® entryway system introduced to trap dirt at the entrance way and extend the life of the carpet

Milliken attends first USGBC Membership Summit—the precursor to Greenbuild

1999 Receives first extended Total Productive Maintenance Awards (TPM) from the Japan Institute of Plant Maintenance

World Green Building Council founded November 12

Named Best Industrial Recycling Program by S.C. DHEC

Earth Square® selected Best New Product by the U.S. National Recycling Coalition

Bay Recycled Business Alliance, a partnership of the National Recycling Coalition, names Earth Square® the Most Outstanding New Environmental Product

2000 Earth Square® receives Environmental Recognition Award from the Society of Plastics Engineers

Earth Square® wins Environmental Innovative Solutions Award from Buildings & Building Interiors Magazine

Roger Milliken receives Frances K. Hutchinson Medal from the Garden Club of America for distinguished service to conservation

Begins partnership with Reuse Development Organization

2001 First UK carpet manufacturer to get BRE Environmental Profile Rating

Participates at USGBC's first Greenbuild in Austin, Texas

Becomes a founding member of the Carpet America Recovery Effort (CARE)

2001 Wins Best Paper Recycling Award from American Forest & Paper Association

Receives Responsible Care Leadership Award from American Chemistry Council

2002 Signs on the Mayor's Green Procurement Code with London RePlate

Milliken Arboretum accepted as member of American Association of Arboretes and Botanic Gardens—one of only three corporate arboretes to received this designation

Launches E5 (Engineered toward Sustainability) backing system with recycled content

Participates in Greenbuild, Pittsburgh

2004 Named in FORTUNE Magazine's Best Places to Work For listing

First U.S. company with 20+ facilities to achieve VPP STAR status

Commits to use eLCm System tools

Introduces paperless sample order program to save two acres of trees annually

Becomes a founding member of Alliance for Sustainable Built Environments

2005 CardBoard used in shipping reduced by 17,000 tons since 1995

First carpet manufacturer to use methane gas harvested from community landfill

Receives Best in Environmental Performance Award from Fedlo Kinko's

Receives Upstate Forever Environmental Innovation Award

Maintains a safety record 92% below the industry average

Named in FORTUNE Magazine's Best Places to Work For listing

Bio-based TractionBack® introduced

2006 TractionBack® honored as a finalist with the inaugural Metalfore Innovation Award

Joins NEWH Sustainable Hospitality Committee

Wins third consecutive Responsible Care® Leadership Award from ACC

Joins EPA's SmartWay® Transportation Partnership to save energy and reduce emissions

Wins Massachusetts Environmental Purchasing & Sustainability Award

Partners with Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics

Becomes a Hospitals for a Healthy Environment (H2E) partner

Supports "Making the Shade" pilot initiative with Georgia Forestry Commission and Troup County Schools to plant trees for healthy or indoors & out for K-12

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