



## **Ingram receives US EPA 2015 SmartWay Excellence Award**

***Award Recipients are Top Environmental Performers and Leaders for Freight Supply Chain Efficiency***

### ***News Release***

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Ingram Barge Company was honored today with a SmartWay® Excellence Award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as a true industry leader in freight supply chain environmental performance and energy efficiency.

“We’re so proud to be an industry leader in environmental stewardship, setting the industry standard of excellence,” said **Chuck Arnold**, Ingram’s VP of Business & Strategic Development. “For Ingram and for our barging customers, it means moving more cargo over greater distances using less energy and water and creating less waste.”

Ingram Barge Company is the first barge carrier in the history of the Partnership to receive this distinction, representing the best environmental performers of SmartWay’s nearly 3,000 Partners. The carrier Excellence Awardees are being honored at American Trucking Association’s Annual Management Conference & Exhibition in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on October 19, 2015.

“EPA is pleased to honor these SmartWay Partners with a 2015 Excellence Award,” said **Chris Grundler**, Director, EPA Office of Transportation and Air Quality. “SmartWay carriers work diligently to bring our families the goods we need each day, while contributing to a healthier, more sustainable future for our children.”

Ingram’s long-term commitment to emissions reduction spans nearly 20 years through a diesel engine upgrade and replacement program within their fleet of towboats. With diesel engines being the workhorse of the barging industry, Ingram’s focus is toward technologies and enhancements that accomplish these reductions. This focus was rewarded with a report from Emisstar (an emissions consulting services firm) which showed Ingram’s emission reductions ranged from 20 to 60 percent with no effect on engine performance and fuel economy due to the use of their DOC Kit equipment.

Through their diesel engine upgrade and replacement program, Ingram has increased fuel efficiency per gallon of diesel over industry averages, while emitting the lowest grams of CO<sub>2</sub> per ton-mile of any mode. The 100 million tons of cargo Ingram transports every year takes 5 million truck loads off the roadways.

### About Ingram Barge Company

Ingram Marine Group encompasses Ingram's operating units involved in transporting bulk commodities on America's inland waterways, terminaling bulk commodities, and delivering fuel and supplies to the towing industry. The largest of the operating units is Ingram Barge Company, which transports coal, aggregates, grain, fertilizer, ores, alloys, steel and chemicals with a fleet of 140 towboats and 5,000 barges. Other units include Custom Fuel Services (diesel fuel and supplies) and Triangle Fleet (ship anchorage in Louisiana). For more information, visit [www.ingrambarge.com](http://www.ingrambarge.com).

### About SmartWay

EPA's SmartWay Transport Partnership is a market-driven initiative that empowers businesses to move goods in the cleanest, most energy-efficient way possible, while protecting public health and reducing the impacts of climate change. Demonstration of a commitment to corporate sustainability and social responsibility through SmartWay provides for a more competitive and environmentally-friendly business environment. Since 2004, SmartWay Partners have saved 144.3 million barrels of oil and \$20.6 billion in fuel costs. SmartWay's clean air achievements (61.7 million metric tons of carbon dioxide, 1,070,000 tons of nitrogen oxides, and 43,000 tons of particulate matter emissions avoided) help to protect the well-being of citizens.

More information on SmartWay in general: <http://www.epa.gov/smartway/>

List of Excellence Award recipients: <http://epa.gov/smartway/about/sw-awards.htm#aboutawards>

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