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Sustainable Leadership

Do utilities get treated passively by your organization? Is somebody in your organization responsible for more than paying the utility bill?

Since 1999, Water, sewer and electricity costs have risen faster than the rate of inflation. In order to actively manage utility use, hands-on leadership is needed.

It takes a person to be responsible for the overall volume of use, someone that is willing to help change the behaviour of the people in your company that use utilities and understand how utilities are used. This is more than just turning the lights off.

Food and beverage processors with highly effective utility management practices have a champion. That champion needs some awareness training, some tools and skills. The Canadian Industrial Program for Energy Conservation (CIPEC) has a number of courses that are available across the country. It is no cost to join CIPEC. The courses are reasonably priced. You can learn more from their website. (See: <http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/energy/efficiency/industry/cipec/5153>)

Utility efficiency training also qualifies for Growing Forward 2 support. (See <http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/about/growingforward/gf2-index.htm>