



Safer Detergents Stewardship Initiative

Athea has always been known to be a leader in the development of environmentally preferable products. Athea was a leader back in the 80's in developing a complete line of d-Limonene or "citrus-based" products to replace harsh solvents like chlorinated solvents. Athea has always been and continues to be a leader in bacterial and enzyme technology as an alternative to other cleaners. Our bacterial line is as extensive as any in the industry.

We want to continue the tradition at Athea of developing innovative formulations that still meet the cleaning requirements of the industry. We plan to do this by using the CleanGredients database to choose surfactants for use in all of our cleaning formulations. We will also encourage all of our suppliers to apply to the CleanGredients database to get their surfactants approved.

Athea has already started using many surfactants on the CleanGredients list and has applied for several formulations to be approved through EPA's DfE program. Athea still has hundreds of formulations to review, but we feel we are up to the challenge and can accomplish this task by April 1st, 2009.