Our members are committed to sustainability, and so are we. We have met our goal to reduce the waste of selected AFRPA member products by 25 percent, which is reducing our impact on the environment.

**PROGRESS ON OUR SIX GOALS**

Here are some of our achievements:

- **Reducing waste:** Members work to reduce waste and improve efficiency.
- **Energy conservation:** Members are focused on reducing energy usage and improving efficiency.
- **Water conservation:** Members are working to reduce water usage in their operations.
- **Environmental stewardship:** Members are committed to protecting the environment.
- **Community involvement:** Members are active in their communities, supporting local initiatives.
- **Educational outreach:** Members are engaged in educational programs to promote sustainability.
Essico, best-in-class doctor blades, holders, and maintenance programs help some of the world’s largest and fastest paper machines deliver consistent, trouble-free performance. And materials recovered in the Southern Region, where we live and work, are 60 percent of the water in which our raw materials are reclaimed. People matter, too. Communities that support our recycling programs and school, and businesses that support the communities we serve encourage consumers about best recycling practices. Through programs like the Essico recycling program, we promote paper recycling and encourage recycling habits. We encourage and support programs that reduce the amount of waste we produce through the efficient use of our raw materials. As a result, we have reduced our environmental footprint and are committed to continuing our industry’s journey to sustainable practices.

Our commitment to sustainability extends beyond the manufacturing process. More than 60 percent of our industry’s output is returned to the marketplace, including recycled paper, pulp, and paper mill waste. We have reduced the use of raw materials and paper mill waste. We’ve reduced the use of water by 5 percent since 2003, the amount of water used at our paper mill, and paper mill waste. We have reduced the use of water by 5 percent since 2003, the amount of water used at our paper mill, and paper mill waste. We have reduced the use of water by 5 percent since 2003, the amount of water used at our paper mill, and paper mill waste. We have reduced the use of water by 5 percent since 2003, the amount of water used at our paper mill, and paper mill waste.