



## **ANNUAL NACA AWARDS - APPLICATION GUIDELINES -**

The NACA Awards are used to recognize and reward efforts towards achieving NACA's goal of clean air. The Awards are presented annually at the NACA Conference.

The award categories are as follows:

- Industrial/Mining Award
- Leadership in Air Quality
- Golden Award

A member, branch or council member may make nominations for the awards. NACA membership of the nominee shall not be a factor in either the nomination or the award itself. Nominations are in written form and include a portfolio of the nominee's work or achievements in the field of clean air.

The NACA Council shall appoint an Awards Committee, which shall evaluate nominations. This evaluation may include a site visit and/or interview with nominee, which shall be carried out by at least one member. Council reserves the right to make no award in a particular category if nominations are considered of insufficient quality.

The criteria below are used as guide by NACA council members for evaluating nominations for the various awards:

### **Industrial/Mining Award**

1. The nominee must have no outstanding notices from licencing authorities.
2. Nominee must have an Environmental Management System in place, including performance goals (objectives) to reduce the impact of airborne pollutants on the environment, as well as a monitoring programme to quantify the impact on the environment.
3. Continual reduction of the impact of airborne pollutants on the environment must be demonstrated.
4. Liaison with work force and broader community on environmental and air quality matters should be demonstrated and environmental performance should be reported to the stakeholders at regular intervals.



5. Nominee must demonstrate at least one of the following:
  - 5.1. World-class technology (design, engineering) and/or excellent performance of pollution control equipment either as new plant or as retrofit.
  - 5.2. A programme of research and/or development, which has led to marked improvement in the design of existing equipment.
  - 5.3. An effective air quality management system, which has resulted in significant reduction of the impact of airborne pollutants on the environment.
6. The award will be made for the nominee's entire industrial complex and not for one plant or section within a larger complex. An exception for this can only be made when the other plants on the site are not under the direct control of the nominee company.

### **Leadership in Air Quality Award**

Exceptional efforts in one of the following fields:

1. Research leading to improved understanding of the mechanism of air pollution in the broadest sense (chemistry, atmospheric sciences).
2. Research and/or development leading to improved methods or processes for the characterisation or reduction of air pollution.
3. The promotion of education/training in atmospheric pollution.
4. Service in a non-governmental organisation in an atmospheric pollution-related field. Enhancement of public awareness, management of air pollution at local or regional scale, or exceptional leadership to minimise the impact on the environment must be demonstrated.
5. Public service employees, for innovative, dedicated and/or long-term efforts in the reduction of atmospheric pollution.
6. A consistent effort at regional or local scale in the provision of high-quality monitoring results.

### **Golden Award**

Award for the achievement of "excellence" in any one or more of the following fields (it applies to an individual or group or organisation but is a single award) for:



1. Specific studies / involvement / implementation / dedication / etc. carried out in the field of atmospheric conservation.
2. For outstanding work in the field of atmospheric conservation carried out beyond the normal call of duty.
3. Public involvement / commitment / achievement in atmospheric conservation.
4. Involvement, locally / provincially / nationally / internationally in efforts and achievement of atmospheric conservation.

The Golden Award differs from the other awards, which focus on improvement, and pollution control but this covers the broader issues of atmospheric conservation. (This includes more efficient use of energy resulting in reduction of waste heat emissions, reduction in greenhouse gases and hence reduction in anthropogenic global warming and biomass combustion reduction etc. It also includes the interface with other environmental protection issues such as biodiversity, water and land.)

Nominations should be submitted in written format to the NACA Council, through Beverley Terry at email: [bev@naca.org.za](mailto:bev@naca.org.za).

Please acknowledge the contributions of those committed to improving air quality in South Africa, and make the effort to submit your nominations before **Monday, 1 October 2018** to ensure ample time for assessment.