

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

## Kikkoman Foods welcomed into Green Tier program

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WALWORTH - This week the Department of Natural Resources and Kikkoman Foods Inc. officials met at the company's Walworth facility to celebrate Kikkoman's acceptance into Green Tier.

Wisconsin's Green Tier program, which partners sustainably-minded organizations with the DNR, recognizes companies like Kikkoman who seek to grow their business while improving the health of the environment.

"We are pleased to have Kikkoman Foods in the Green Tier program," said DNR Secretary Cathy Stepp. "Their rich history of producing soy sauce in Wisconsin and their dedication to employees and the environment make them a welcome addition to the program."

In 2013, Kikkoman produced nearly 30,000,000 gallons of naturally brewed soy sauces at the Walworth plant while reducing their water use by nearly 2,000,000 gallons. Kikkoman also recycled 40 pounds of waste for every single pound of waste that was sent to the landfill. This aligns with the corporate motto of "make haste slowly."

At the Walworth plant all of the by-products of the natural brewing process are recycled or repurposed for other beneficial uses. As part of this continuing journey of sustainability, Kikkoman has worked with the DNR to analyze options for disposal of waste brine solution. It was discovered to be very beneficial for snow plowing operations and it is expected that the brine will be used next winter in plowing operations.

"One of our most important corporate objectives is protection of the environment. We strive to be a good steward of our precious natural resources. Kikkoman Foods, Inc. is committed to continuous improvement of our environmental programs to set a good example for Kikkoman's other operations around the world," said Mr. Kazuo Shimizu, president & CEO.

In exchange for a commitment to superior environmental performance, DNR grants benefits to Tier 1 participants, including public recognition of participation, a single point of contact at DNR, the use of the Green Tier logo in marketing materials and more.

If you would like to learn more about the company's sustainability efforts, please visit the DNR's [Green Tier web page](#) on Kikkoman or visit the [company](#) web site.

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