

Environmentally Sound Technologies (ESTs) encompass technologies that have the potential for significantly improved environmental performance relative to other technologies. Broadly speaking, ESTs protect the environment, are less polluting, use resources in a sustainable manner, recycle more of their wastes and products, and handle all residual wastes in a more environmentally acceptable way than the technologies for which they are substitutes. The adoption and use of ESTs implies careful consideration of both human resource development and local capacity building.

Information on ESTs is not always available in a form that can be easily understood by decision-makers and those without technical expertise. To encourage greater understanding of ESTs and their benefits, this booklet has been prepared using a minimum of technical jargon. We sincerely hope that you find the information in the booklet both interesting and useful.

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