

VISION

The INCARES program will develop and maintain an organized, prestigious, and meaningful compliance program for Indiana's best Automotive Recyclers.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Indiana Certified Automotive Recyclers Exemplary Standards (INCARES) program represents the highest achieving automotive recyclers in the state of Indiana. Serving as the environmental compliance program for the Automotive Recyclers of Indiana (ARI) Association, INCARES seeks to unite and protect member facilities committed to exceptional environmental and safety standards. This business collective assembles the most ethical automotive recyclers, forming an industry authority capable of affecting regulatory change and neutralizing illegal operators in Indiana.

INCARES certification is founded on a business' capacity and willingness to improve. Members are certified using a rigorous and dynamic auditing system developed by VET Environmental Engineering, LLC (VET). Annual audits score members based on 87 criteria. A score of 75% or greater earns certification as an INCARES medalist. VET will provide guidance for all actively certified INCARES medalists. Assistance for all facilities actively working toward INCARES Certification is included for a period of 24 months. At the conclusion of the initial 24-month period, facilities that have not been certified will be required to become certified immediately or will be removed from the program. There are three tiers of INCARES Certification:

PLATINUM Medal	95% - 100%
GOLD Medal	85% - 94.9%
SILVER Medal	75% - 84.9%

*Not Certified – Scores less than 75%

VET performs professional audits during odd-numbered years and INCARES members may elect to self-audit during even-numbered years. VET must perform the first audit at each facility in order to establish initial certification level and to maintain the integrity of the program. A professional audit is required for a facility to increase its audit score from the score awarded during the previous year. It is highly recommended that INCARES members use professional audits every year for the value that a third-party, comprehensive, non-regulatory assessment provides.

INCARES membership includes access to VET's environmental management and consulting services. VET advises member facilities on environmental and safety compliance standards, helping to protect against violations and enforcement. Implementing INCARES practices will pact and improve environmental and safety compliance, granting members business security and peace of mind.