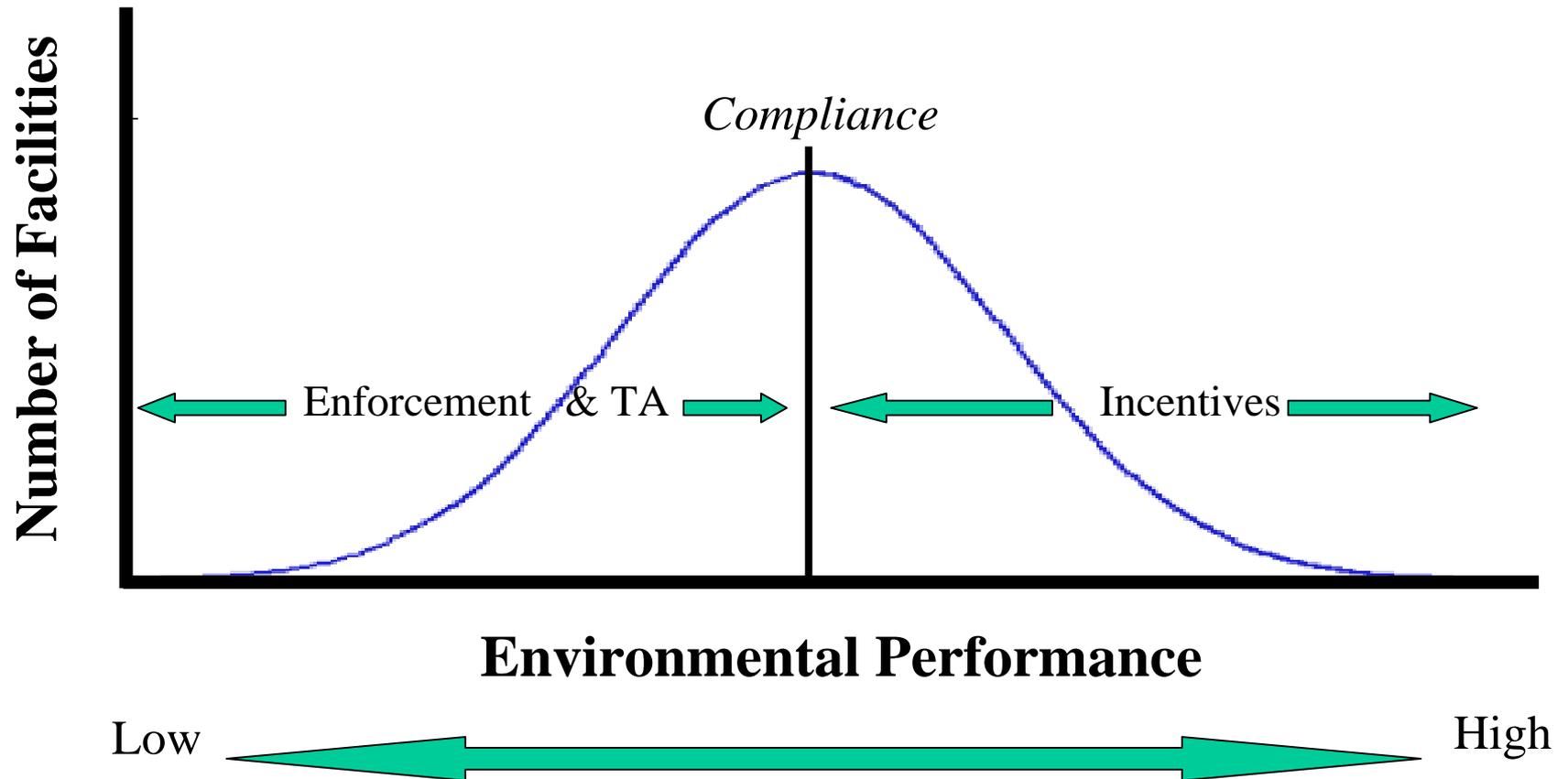


# Regulatory Agency Tools



# Encouraging Innovation through Green Permits:

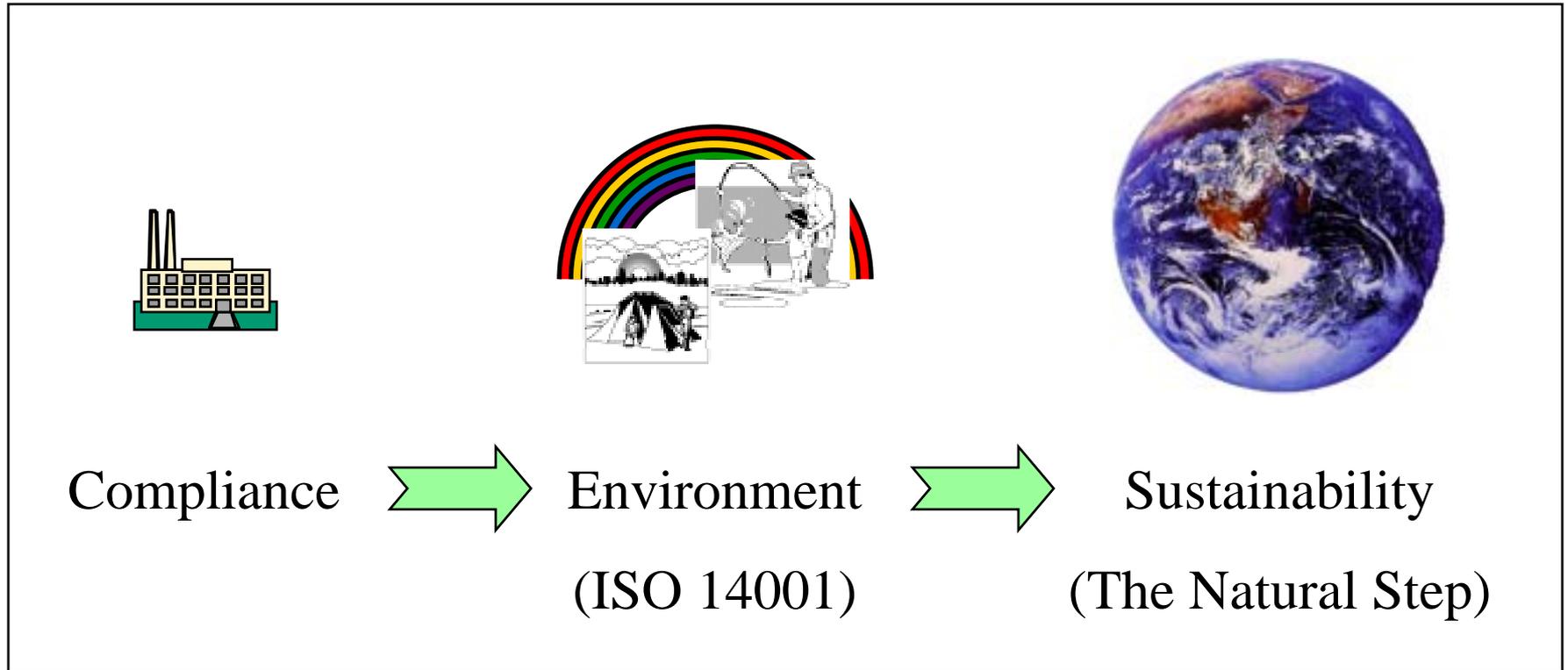
## Design Criteria

- Focus on Results (environmental impacts)
- Develop tiered approach to encourage continual improvement
- Base on ISO 14000 standards, EMS
- Ensure accountability, transparency
- Balance simplicity and certainty with flexibility and innovation

# Green Permits - Oregon Legislation

- Enacted in 1997 (HB 3457; ORS 468.501 et seq)
- “Encourages use of innovative approaches that achieve environmental results that are significantly better than otherwise required by law”
- Allows waivers of regulatory requirements

# Progressive Changes in a Company



*The regulatory system can help advance this progression*

# National Environmental Performance Track

- Voluntary program to motivate and reward top environmental performance
- Launched June 2000
- Two application periods per year
- First annual report from facilities due in May
- First program report planned for October

# Resources

- DEQ: [www.deq.state.or.us](http://www.deq.state.or.us). DEQ Green Permits Program Guide and facility green permits are on the DEQ website
- EMS resources:  
(<http://www.deq.state.or.us/pubs/general/emsfactsheet.pdf> ,  
<http://www.deq.state.or.us/programs/p2/resources.pdf>)
- Multi-State Working Group on Environmental Management Systems: [www.mswg.org](http://www.mswg.org)
- EPA: [www.epa.gov/performance-track](http://www.epa.gov/performance-track); [www.epa.gov/ems](http://www.epa.gov/ems)