

## 3M Receives Edison Award

*3M Condensation Management Film honored as top innovation*

Food processing facilities need to be fastidious about the cleanliness of their operations, and 3M innovation helps contribute toward businesses' sanitary practices. 3M™ Condensation Management Film was voted as a prestigious Gold winner of the 2016 Edison Award within the Applied Technology category for Food Manufacturing Process. 3M Condensation Management Film is adhered to surfaces in cooled food processing facilities to help reduce the labor associated with removing condensation droplets formed during the cleaning and sanitation process of operations.

Steve Swanson, Kurt Halverson, 3M Corporate Research and Development, and Jim Medek and Dave Peterson, 3M Corporate Ventures, accepted the award on behalf of the company, at an award ceremony held in New York City on April 21.

The surface of 3M Condensation Management Film contains microscopic capillary channels that increase the rate of evaporation by spreading the droplets, creating a self-drying surface that reduces the need to manually mop. It provides a labor-saving solution for food processing facilities due to the reduced need to mop or squeegee condensation formed during sanitation.

"Overall, 3M [Condensation Management Film](#) is an answer to help business owners increase productivity, cost savings and improve plant hygiene," said Medek, business development manager. "The 3M team is thrilled to be honored with an Edison Award for this scientific innovation that can help positively impact customers' operations."

3M's community is well known for its collaborative culture. Other members of this development team include:

Caleb Nelson  
Dave Slama  
Gregg Patnode  
Garth Antila  
Richard Lovelien  
Mark Stephenson

### About the Edison Awards

The Edison Awards, conducted by Edison Universe, are sponsored by Nielsen, *USA Today*, Science Channel and Discovery Communications. The awards are named after Thomas Alva Edison (1847-1931) whose inventions, new product development methods and innovative achievements literally changed the world, garnered him 1,093 U.S. patents, and made him a household name. For more information about the Edison Awards and its lists of winners, visit [www.edisonawards.com](http://www.edisonawards.com).

### About 3M

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