

FGI Member Spotlight

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The Liner Company

Environmental Protection, Inc. (EPI) was founded in Michigan in 1980 to manufacture 20-mil (0.5 mm) PVC geomembrane liners for the oil exploration industry. From those beginnings, the company steadily expanded into additional markets, including landfills, golf course water features, and wastewater lagoons. Today, **EPI** supplies fabricated geomembrane panels to end users, contractors, dealer-distributors, and professional installers.

For its first three decades, **EPI** provided both geomembrane materials and installation services. In 2015, the company made a deliberate strategic shift to discontinue installation activities and concentrate exclusively on manufacturing and fabrication. This decision sharpened **EPI**'s technical focus and strengthened its ability to support and collaborate with the professional installer market. Today, **EPI** is recognized for its expertise in the custom fabrication of high-quality geomembrane panels.



Photo of EPI's fabrication facility in Traverse City, MI

EPI has experienced consistent growth over its history, supplying materials and services for projects around the world. While **EPI** has supported international projects, its primary market today is North America. Our focus is

fabrication of flexible geomembrane rolls into custom panels for water and waste containment. EPI's core focus is the **fabrication of flexible geomembrane** rolls into custom panels for water and waste containment applications, with particular strength in large-scale containment projects where quality and performance are critical to long-term success. EPI fabricates and supplies a broad range of industry leading flexible geomembrane products ensuring the right material for the application.

Between 2011 and 2013, EPI supplied more than **37 million square feet (3.54 million m²) of geomembrane panels for the Columbus Upground Reservoir (CUGR)** in Columbus, Ohio. This project remains the largest single continuous lined reservoir in the world.



Installation of fabricated geomembrane panels

Environmental Protection, Inc. was a founding member of the PVC Geomembrane Institute (PGI) and is the only founding member still in operation. The company has remained an active contributor to the organization and has held various leadership roles since the institute's inception through the expansion to today's organization, the **Flexible Geomembrane Institute(FGI)**.



Factory fabricated PVC liner panels being installed for a golf course pond