

- *State Pollution Control Boards (PCBs)* provides for the planning and execution of state-wide programs for the prevention, control or abatement of water and air pollution; advises the state government on prevention, control and abatement of water and air pollution and siting of industries; ensures compliance with the provisions of the relevant Acts; lays down, modifies or annuls the effluent and emission standards; and develops methods for treatment, disposal and utilization of effluents.
- *National Environmental Engineering Research Institute (NEERI)* is a world class engineering research institution with more than 450 scientific and technical staff. NEERI is pursuing work on cleaner technologies, pollution monitoring and control, and related subjects. NEERI's experience with industry has focused on retrofitting industrial plants with end-of-pipe pollution control technologies.
- *Ministry of Non-Conventional Energy Sources (MNES)* administers the renewable energy program which aims to supplement conventional energy supplies and meet decentralized energy needs of the rural sector through the demonstration of renewable energy systems.
- *Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA)* was created by MNES to provide financing and encourage private entrepreneurs to undertake investments in the renewables sector. A major role for IREDA is to wean technologies away from heavy government grant subsidies and supply interventions, by providing both energy consumers and producers affordable credits that initially feature concessional terms but which progressively approach commercial market rates as the technology gains wider acceptance. IREDA has \$60 million in funding available for renewables.

### 3.1.5 Non-Governmental Agencies

Two key non-governmental agencies have a major footprint in India's environmental marketplace:

- *Confederation of Indian Industry*

The CII has about 3000 member companies from the private and public sectors. It provides information, advisory, consultative and representative services to both industry and government. It has 37 affiliated industry associations, and 22 divisions, including the Environmental Management Division (EMD). The EMD promotes eco-efficiency, the use of clean process technologies, waste minimization, and recycling technologies. It also provides education, training and information about appropriate environmental technologies. Goals include establishing a clean technology centre for each industrial sector, which would be focal points for international environmental cooperation.