

# MI Environmental Network News



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## Informational Forum – MI Environmental Network

This is your opportunity to make a connection by asking a question, providing feedback, and offering possible solutions. Take advantage of this collaborative effort now, by contacting Jeff Spencer, Network Facilitator, at [spencerj3@michigan.gov](mailto:spencerj3@michigan.gov) (unless otherwise indicated).

### **Connections = solutions**

Successful connections to date through this forum – 13

### **Help re-design the DEQ website. Find out how!**

<http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,4561,7-135--323499--,00.html>

### **Small Business Pollution Prevention Loan**

<http://www.michigan.gov/p2loan>

Cost reduction, risk avoidance and enhanced competitive advantage are goals of many small businesses in Michigan. The Department of Environmental Quality wants to help you achieve these goals through the Small Business Pollution Prevention Loan Program. If you are a small business with less than 500 employees and you are interested in eliminating or reducing on-site waste, conducting environmentally sound reuse or recycling of your generated wastes, or conserving energy or water then you should visit the Small Business P2 Loan Program website.

Program Contact - [Chad Rogers](#)  
517-284-6872

### **RETAP – Retired Engineer Technical Assistance**

<http://www.michigan.gov/retap>

Retired professionals are available through the Retired Engineer Technical Assistance Program (RETAP) to assist businesses and institutions in Michigan with pollution prevention (P2) and energy efficiency. Businesses of 500 employees or fewer in the state and institutions of any size are eligible. RETAP services are free of charge. There is no obligation to implement RETAP recommendations. However, significant cost savings can be achieved from employing P2 and energy efficiency techniques. Follow-up with companies assisted through RETAP has shown annual cost savings averaging over \$40,000 per facility.

Program Contact - [David Herb](#)  
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## Pollution Prevention News

**Clean Corporate Citizen Workshop** - Cascade Engineering will be hosting a Clean Corporate Citizen/Pollution Prevention workshop on April 30, 2014 at their facility located in Grand Rapids.

 **Workshop Registration**

<http://www.deq.state.mi.us/eforms/c3workshopregistration.html>

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We are looking for interested companies that would like to do a presentation about their company (i.e. a new process, recycling program, energy efficiency project, sustainability, etc.). For more information please contact me at [spencerj3@michigan.gov](mailto:spencerj3@michigan.gov). Feel free to invite others who might benefit from this networking opportunity (i.e. suppliers, vendors, customers). An agenda will be forthcoming, but we will start no earlier than 9:00 am and end no later than 3:00 pm with lunch provided and ample networking opportunities.

## **Free Mercury Collection Program for Michigan Businesses**

[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/deq-oea-flyer-mercurycollection\\_415542\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/deq-oea-flyer-mercurycollection_415542_7.pdf)

## **Clean Corporate Citizen Member Listing**

[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/deq-ess-p2tas-c3-list\\_245896\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/deq-ess-p2tas-c3-list_245896_7.pdf)

## **Clean Corporate Citizen – DTE Energy**

<https://www2.dteenergy.com/wps/portal/dte/aboutCR/crreport/details/Environment/Beyond%20Compliance>

## Environmental Awareness

### **Expanding Efforts to Implement Integrated Pest Management in Michigan and Indiana Schools**

<http://www.epa.gov/pestwise/ipminschoools/grants/mi-sipm-grant.html>

### **Michigan Guard Goes Green**

<http://www.dvidshub.net/news/123298/michigan-guard-goes-green>

### **Green M&M's & Hotel Sustainability**

<http://www.greenlodgingnews.com/green-mms--hotel-sustainability>

## Energy & Climate Change

### **Household Carbon Footprint Calculator**

<http://epa.gov/climatechange/ghgemissions/ind-calculator.html>

### **2014 ENERGY STAR Award Winners**

<http://www.energystar.gov/about/awards/2014-energy-star-award-winners>

### **Michigan Building Retrofits with PACE**

<http://leanandgreenmi.com/>

<http://www.energymanagertoday.com/michigan-building-retrofits-with-pace>

### **Change the World - Start with ENERGY STAR**

<https://www.energystar.gov>

### **Detroit Installs 3,200 New LED Street Lights**

<http://www.detroitnews.com/article/METRO01/Detroit-installs-3-200-new-LED-street-lights>

### **3.3 MW Solar System Tops San Diego Airport**

<http://www.energymanagertoday.com/3-3-mw-solar-system-tops-san-diego-airport>

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## **2G Cenergy CHP Plants Set for Ohio and Canada**

<http://www.energymanagertoday.com/2g-cenergy-099870/>

## **Ecova to Provide Utility Expense and Energy Supply Management Services to American Golf Corp**

<http://www.ecova.com/news-media/press-releases>

## **National Parks Roll on With Alternative Fuels**

<http://energy.gov/eere/articles/national-parks-roll-alternative-fuels>

## Community and Resource Conservation

### **Cost Among Hurdles Slowing New York City's Plan to Phase Out Dirty Heating Oil**

<http://www.nytimes.com/2014/04/07/nyregion/cost-hurdles-slowng-plan-to-phase-out-dirty-heating-oil.html>

### **Save Energy by Recycling**

<http://www.epa.gov/wastes/conserve/tools/iwarm/>

### **Travel Oregon Named Leader in Sustainable Tourism**

<http://www.greenlodgingnews.com/travel-oregon-named-leader-sustainable-tourism>

### **The Michigan Eco-Traveler**

<http://greatlakesecho.org/2014/03/27/new-book-highlights-eco-friendly-michigan-travel-destinations/>

## Water Quality & Conservation

### **EPA Ports Initiative**

<http://www.epa.gov/otaq/ports/>

### **Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative**

<http://www.glsccities.org/>

**WaterSense** - a partnership program by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, seeks to protect the future of our nation's water supply by offering people a simple way to use less water with water-efficient products, new homes, and services.

<http://epa.gov/watersense/>

**Perceptions of Water Use** - a national online survey, 1,020 participants reported their perceptions of water use for household activities.

<http://www.pnas.org/content/early/2014/02/26>



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## Training/Workshop/Conference Opportunities

### **Clean Corporate Citizen Workshop Registration**

**April 30, 2014**

<http://www.deq.state.mi.us/eforms/c3workshopregistration.html>

### **2014 Air Permit-to-Install Application Workshop Series**

**May 20, September 3, November 6, 2014**

[http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,4561,7-135-3308\\_3333\\_4169\\_21606-248512--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,4561,7-135-3308_3333_4169_21606-248512--,00.html)

### **32nd Annual Michigan Recycling Coalition Conference**

**April 29 – May 1, 2014**

<http://michiganrecycles.org/index.php/events/left-innerleft-center>

### **Michigan Inland Lakes Convention: Partnering to Protect Michigan's Inland Lakes**

**May 1-3, 2014**

<http://michiganlakes.msue.msu.edu/convention>

### **Green Infrastructure Conference**

**May 8-9, 2014**

[http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,4561,7-135-3308\\_3333-312197--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,4561,7-135-3308_3333-312197--,00.html)

### **2014 Main Streets Conference**

**May 18-20, 2014**

<http://www.preservationnation.org/main-street/training/conference/2014-detroit/>

### **U.P. Green Expo**

**May 22, 2014**

<http://www.upgreenrecycling.com/U-P--Green-Expo.html>

### **2014 Michigan Environmental Compliance Conference**

**May 29, 2014 (Traverse City) \* June 5, 2014 (Grand Rapids) \* June 10, 2014 (Livonia)**

[http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,4561,7-135-3308\\_3333\\_4169\\_21606-319661--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,4561,7-135-3308_3333_4169_21606-319661--,00.html)

### **Advanced Liquid and Hazardous Waste Characterization Workshop**

**June 24, 2014 (Kalamazoo) \* June 26, 2014 (Troy)**

[http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,4561,7-135-3308\\_3333\\_4169\\_21606-323656--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,4561,7-135-3308_3333_4169_21606-323656--,00.html)

### **Adaptation in the Great Lakes Region Conference**

**June 24-26, 2014**

<http://graham.umich.edu/glaac>

### **Michigan Energy Fair**

**June 27-28, 2014**

<http://www.glrea.org/>

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