

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 (unless otherwise indicated).

Connections = solutions

Successful connections to date through this forum – 11

P2 Program News

Mercury Collection Program for Michigan Businesses

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

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.

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Environmental Awareness

2014 TRI University Challenge

<http://www2.epa.gov/toxics-release-inventory-tri-program/2014-tri-university-challenge-0>

Notice of Data Availability on Hazardous Waste Management and the Retail Sector

<http://www.epa.gov/waste/hazard/generation/retail.htm>

Detroit's Belle Isle becomes a State Park

www.freep.com/article/20140211/NEWS/302110030/A-new-Belle-Isle-era-begins-under-control-of-Michigan-DNR

2012 TRI National Analysis

<http://www2.epa.gov/toxics-release-inventory-tri-program/2012-tri-national-analysis>

The Green Chemistry Checklist

<https://migreenchemistry.org/public/the-green-chemistry-checklist/>

EPA Carbon Pollution Standards

<http://www2.epa.gov/carbon-pollution-standards>

Energy & Climate Change

Interactive Map of Onshore Wind Turbines

<http://www.doi.gov/news/pressreleases/interior-releases-first-national-interactive-map-of-onshore-wind-turbines.cfm>

Funding and Financing – Department of Energy

<http://energy.gov/public-services/funding-financing>

IKEA: Aggressive Energy Goals Producing Business Boon

<http://www.energymanagertoday.com/ikea-aggressive-energy-goals-producing-business-boon-098634/>

134 Small Pennsylvania Businesses Win Energy-Efficiency Grants

<http://www.energymanagertoday.com/134-small-pennsylvania-businesses-win-energy-efficiency-grants-098661/>

Community and Resource Conservation

Mercury-Added Products Fact Sheets

<http://www.newmoa.org/prevention/mercury/imerc/factsheets/>

In Developing World, A Push to Bring E-Waste Out of Shadows

<http://e360.yale.edu/feature/in-developing-world-a-push-to-bring-e-waste-out-of-shadows/2736/>

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New Boardwalk Improves Coastal Public Access in St. Ignace

<http://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/MIDEQ/bulletins/a36d21>

Food Recovery Challenge

<http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/conservation/smm/foodrecovery/index.htm>

Don't Trash Your Old Clothes

<http://blog.epa.gov/blog/2014/02/dont-trash-your-old-clothes>

Banking on Nature – Economic Benefits to Local Communities

<http://www.fws.gov/refuges/about/refugereports/pdfs/BankingOnNature2013.pdf>

Green Communities Canada

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

Water Quality & Conservation

National Stormwater Calculator

<http://www.epa.gov/nrmrl/wswrd/wq/models/swc/>

WaterSense – An EPA Partnership

<http://www.epa.gov/watersense/commercial/bmps.html>

Water Resources Division

<http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,4561,7-135-3313---,00.html>

US Army Corps of Engineers – Detroit District

<http://www.lre.usace.army.mil/>

Boat US Foundation – Oil Product Tests

<http://www.boatus.org/findings/53/>

Training/Workshop/Conference Opportunities

Northwestern Michigan College Solar Training Opportunities

<https://www.nmc.edu/resources/extended-education/find-a-class/energy-construction/>

Building Operations Certification (BOC) Training Incentives Available

The Michigan Energy Office and participating utilities are offering significant incentives to attend upcoming [Building Operator Certification](#) (BOC) training. Past Rebuild Michigan participants (view a list [here](#)) are eligible for an incentive of up to \$350 from the Energy Office; they may also be eligible for an incentive of \$600 - \$950 from their utility (total tuition is \$1,450). For more information contact Karen Wieber at the Michigan Energy Office with any questions at 517-335-3756 or wieberk7@michigan.gov.

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Greenhouse Gas Accounting and Product Life Cycle Management February 19, 2014

<https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/480016865>

Michigan Green Communities 2014 Annual Conference - University of Michigan - Flint February 25-26, 2014

<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/2014-michigan-green-communities-conference-tickets-10063202309>

2014 Fugitive Dust Management Workshop Series March 18 (Livonia) and March 20 (Grand Rapids)

http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,4561,7-135-3308_3333_4169_21606-319031--,00.html

2014 Air Permit-to-Install Application Workshop Series March 18, May 20, September 3, November 6, 2014

http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,4561,7-135-3308_3333_4169_21606-248512--,00.html

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

2014 Main Streets Conference May 18-20, 2014

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

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

Advanced Liquid and Hazardous Waste Characterization Workshop (SAVE THE DATE)

June 24, 2014 (Kalamazoo)

June 26, 2014 (Troy)

Feedback

If you have not done so, please take a few moments to complete this short evaluation, thanks.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FYZVR8Y>

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