

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

Pollution Prevention 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

Clean, Green Breweries: Arbor Brewing Co.

<http://greatlakesecho.org/2014/02/05/clean-green-breweries-arbor-brewing-co/>

The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History

<http://elizabethkolbert.com/>

Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule - February 2014

<http://www2.epa.gov/enforcement/lead-renovation-repair-and-painting-rule-february-2014>

Forest Stewardship Council

<https://ic.fsc.org/global-strategy.13.htm>

The Guide to Sustainable Transport 2014

<http://blueandgreentomorrow.com/reports/the-guide-to-sustainable-transport-2014/>

Toxic Pollutants Initiative

<http://www.qlrc.us/initiatives/toxics/index.html>

Energy & Climate Change

After 30-Year Hiatus, US Builds 2 New Nuclear Plants

<http://www.energymanagertoday.com/after-30-year-hiatus-us-builds-2-new-nuclear-plants-098968/>

Fuel Cells Power Cameras for Daytona 500

<http://www.energymanagertoday.com/fuel-cells-power-cameras-for-daytona-500-098899/>

Ivanpah, World's Largest Concentrating Solar Power (CSP) plant is online

<http://www.csp-world.com/news/20140213/001314/>

Michigan Cities Bracing for Climate Change

<http://greatlakesecho.org/2014/02/19/michigan-cities-brace-for-a-changing-climate/>

Minnesota Town Surpasses Energy Savings Target

http://edinamn.gov/index.php?section=green_business

Community and Resource Conservation

Food Recovery Challenge

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

Hawaii Shifts Away From Petroleum-Fired Generation

<http://www.eia.gov/todayinenergy/detail.cfm?id=15091>

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H₂Otel Challenge

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

Life on Mekong Faces Threats As Major Dams Begin to Rise

http://e360.yale.edu/feature/life_on_mekong_faces_threats_as_major_dams_begin_to_rise/2741/

Don't Trash Your Old Clothes

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

Old Tires could Build Pothole-Resistant Roads, Solve Disposal Problem

greatlakesecho.org/2014/02/13/old-tires-could-build-pothole-resistant-roads-solve-disposal-problem

Association of Outdoor Recreation and Education

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

Water Quality & Conservation

In Flood-Prone New Orleans, an Architect Makes Water His Ally

http://e360.yale.edu/feature/photo_essay_in_flood-prone_new_orleans_an_architect_makes_water_his_ally/2737/

As Fracking Booms, Growing Concerns About Wastewater

http://e360.yale.edu/feature/as_fracking_booms_growing_concerns_about_wastewater/2740/

Deep Ocean Stewardship Initiative

<http://www.indeep-project.org/deep-ocean-stewardship-initiative>

Eaton Rapids Dam Removal Inches Closer

www.lansingstatejournal.com/article/20140223/EATONRAPIDS01/302230037/Eaton-Rapids-dam-removal-inches-closer

Michigan Water Plagued By Pathogens

<http://www.wateronline.com/doc/michigan-water-plagued-by-pathogens-0001>

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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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

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

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)

Michigan Energy Fair

June 27-28, 2014

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

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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