

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

Free 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](#)
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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

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

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

Green Business Toolkit

<http://sfgreenbusiness.org/toolkit/>

NASA's Kepler Telescope Finds 'Mother Lode' of 715 Planets

<http://www.latimes.com/science/sciencenow/la-sci-sn-kepler-discovers-planets-confirmed-nasa-2014>

Submerged Enbridge Pipeline Under Michigan's Straits of Mackinac Raises Spill Fears

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2014/03/03/enbridge-pipeline-mackinac_n_4890831.html

Tier 3 Vehicle Emission and Fuel Standards Program

<http://www.epa.gov/otaq/tier3.htm>

NatureServe - A Network Connecting Science with Conservation

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

Energy & Climate Change

After the Incandescent Light Bulb, What's Next?

<http://www.greenlodgingnews.com/after-incandescent-light-bulb-whats-next>

Top 8 Things You Didn't Know About Daylight Saving Time

<http://energy.gov/articles/top-8-things-you-didn-t-know-about-daylight-saving-time>

DTE is Busy Growing Solar Panel Field Beside I-96

<http://www.freep.com/article/20140310/NEWS06/303100020/dte-solar-panel>

The Nuclear Power Imperative

<http://thebreakthrough.org/index.php/programs/energy-and-climate/the-nuclear-power-imperative>

Plug Power

<http://www.plugpower.com/Home.aspx>

Lincoln Tunnel Gets \$2.1M LED Lighting Retrofit

<http://www.energymanagertoday.com/lincoln-tunnel-gets-2-1m-led-lighting-retrofit-098775/>

Community and Resource Conservation

New Report Finds Green Communities Act Creates \$1.2B in Economic Benefits

<http://www.cleanenergycouncil.org/blog/2014/03/04/>

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Disney World Sends Food Scraps to Digester

<http://www.energymanagertoday.com/disney-world-sends-food-scraps-to-digester-099232/>

Recycle with Paintcare

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

Grid Waste – Connect with Local Haulers

<http://www.gridwaste.com/>

Massachusetts Enacts Food Waste Recycling Mandate

<http://earth911.com/food/massachusetts-enacts-food-waste-recycling-mandate>

Community Recycling – People Recycling for People

<http://communityrecycling.biz/>

Water Quality & Conservation

Great Lakes Commission Calls for Immediate Action on Interbasin Transfer of Asian Carp

<http://glc.org/announce/2014-glc-immediate-action-carp/>

Grants Available for Volunteer Waterway Monitoring/Cleanup

<http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,4561,7-135--322798--,00.html>

Organizing the Ocean

<http://blog.epa.gov/science/2014/03/organizing-the-ocean/>

Greening CSO Plans: Planning and Modeling Green Infrastructure for Combined Sewer Overflow

http://water.epa.gov/infrastructure/greeninfrastructure/upload/Greening_CSOP_lans.PDF

Michigan Department of Natural Resources - Waterways Program Grants

http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,4570,7-153-58225_37985-124962--,00.html

Training/Workshop/Conference Opportunities

Northwestern Michigan College Solar Training Opportunities

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

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

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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.qlrea.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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