

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

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](#)
517-284-6863

We need your help to re-design the DEQ website. Find out how!

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

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

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Michigan Automotive Compressor, Inc. designated Clean Corporate Citizen

<http://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/MIDEQ/bulletins/aac5a6>

Radrick Farms Golf Course recognized for Environmental Achievement

<http://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/MIDEQ/bulletins/aac4e7>

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.

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. 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.



Workshop Registration

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

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>

Green Business Toolkit

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

President Signs Measure Protecting Sleeping Bear Dunes

<http://www.detroitnews.com/article/20140313/METRO06/303130104/measure-protecting-Sleeping-Bear-Dunes>

Energy & Climate Change

Steelcase Commitment to Renewable Energy

<http://www.steelcase.com/en/Company/Pages/steelcase-demonstrates-commitment-to-renewable-energy.aspx>

2014 USGBC West Michigan Battle of the Buildings

<http://www.usgbcwm.org/battle-of-the-buildings/>

Chrysler Takes ISO 50001 for a Spin at Canadian Plant

<http://www.autofocus.ca/news-events/news/chrysler-brampton-factory-sets-new-direction-in-energy-efficiency>

EPA Publishes On-Site Renewable Energy Generation Guide for Local Governments

<http://www.epa.gov/statelocalclimate/documents/pdf/OnSiteRenewables508.pdf>

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Detroit Airport Saves \$1.2M per Year with LEDs

<http://www.energymanagertoday.com/detroit-airport-saves-1-2m-per-year-with-leds-099605/>

Nanogrids - Global Market Analysis and Forecasts

<http://www.navigantresearch.com/research/nanogrids>

The Climate Reality Project

<http://climaterealityproject.org/about/>

\$80M Geothermal Energy Plant Serves Ball State University

<http://cms.bsu.edu/About/Geothermal>

National Parks Roll on With Alternative Fuels

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

Community and Resource Conservation

Recycling 25,000 Tons of Tires into Plastic Rubber Molding Pellets

http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,4561,7-135-3307_3515-314506--,00.html

How Marquette became the Livable, Walkable City to Follow

<http://up.secondwavemedia.com/features/marquettelivablecity12914.aspx>

Sterling Heights Recognized for Environmental Achievement

<http://www.sourcenewspapers.com/articles/2014/03/19/news/doc532999a2b6c0f933048135.txt>

New Law Simplifies Proper Disposal of Drugs, Batteries and other Wastes

<http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,4561,7-135--324629--,00.html>

Charlevoix Receives Gold Certification among Green Communities

<http://www.petoskeynews.com/charlevoix/news/community/charlevoix-receives-gold-certification>

First Landfill Mining Operation in the State Proposed for Richfield Township

http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2014/03/possible_buyer_wants_to_mine_r.html

City of Novi Recognized for Environmental Leadership

<http://www.hometownlife.com/article/20140319/NEWS13/303190017/>

Water Quality & Conservation

Public Meeting Notice: Michigan Coastal Zone Management Program Evaluation

<http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,4561,7-135--324541--,00.html>

Grants Available for Volunteer Waterway Monitoring/Cleanup

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

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Call for Presentations – Great Lakes Restoration Conference

<http://healthylakes.org/conference-updates/2014-conference-rfp/>

Training/Workshop/Conference Opportunities

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

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 (Early Bird Deadline – March 31)

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/>

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

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

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/>

Feedback - please take a few moments to complete, <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FYZVR8Y>

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