



Environmental Tidbits

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1. Join the **Michigan Business Pollution Prevention Partnership** (MBP3) – a free information network
<http://www.deq.state.mi.us/eforms/mbp3registration.html>
Contact Chris Affeldt at affeldtc@michigan.gov for more information.

Sustainability/Environmental Awareness

P2 Measurement Tools Methodologies Report – Prepared by the National Pollution Prevention Roundtable and the US EPA

<http://www.p2.org/2009/08/20/p2-measurement-tools-methodologies-report/>

'Green Chemistry' Movement Sprouts in Colleges, Companies

<http://www.nytimes.com/gwire/2009/03/25/25greenwire-green-chemistry-movement-sprouts-in-colleges-c-10287.html>

Understanding and Preventing Greenwash: A Business Guide

<http://www.greenbiz.com/research/report/2009/08/12/understanding-and-preventing-greenwash-business-guide>

Green Lodging Michigan recognizes facilities for implementing energy efficiency and green practices. AAA has announced that it will now identify green certified lodgings with an eco icon that will appear in the TourBook guides and in AAA.com listings. Green Lodging Michigan is being used as one of the reputable certification programs to determine "eco" status.

www.michigan.gov/greenlodging

<http://www.aaa.biz/approved/eco.html>

GreenXchange: Sustainable Innovation Meets the Creative Commons

<http://www.greenbiz.com/blog/2009/07/13/greenxchange-sustainable-innovation>

Steelcase Advances toward Goal to Shrink Global Footprint 25 Percent

<http://www.greenbiz.com/news/2009/07/29/steelcase-advances-toward-goal-shrink-global-footprint-25-percent>

Michigan Green Communities Challenge

http://www.mml.org/resources/educenter/green_challenge.html

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Energy Efficiency & Climate Change

Green Energy package of bills was unveiled in Lansing by a coalition of House Democrats, business leaders and clean energy advocates. The plan would require that 30% of the state's electricity come from renewable sources by 2025. The existing requirement is 10% by 2015. The package also would require utilities to work with their customers to decrease energy use by 2% per year, and require upgrades in building energy codes. The package includes 11 bills that will be introduced over the next several weeks. <http://www.detnews.com/article/20090727/POLITICS02/907270393/1409/METRO/State-Democrats-unveil-green-energy-bills>

Michigan Advanced Battery Awards

<http://www.michiganadvantage.org/news/detail.aspx?contentId=dfaf7f5b-7ae6-4d2a-b0e1-9bab938dc506>

Funding Opportunity for Renewable Energy Projects

<http://www.michiganadvantage.org/news/detail.aspx?contentId=2032b7ac-6e91-472e-b2c9-3ea5ada7ea10>

Recovery Act Tax Credits for Energy Manufacturers Announced

<http://www.michiganadvantage.org/news/detail.aspx?contentId=0ee1f87f-ff70-42ff-ba8c-0bc20709371a>

Unlocking Energy Efficiency in the U.S. Economy – A Report by McKinsey & Company outlining opportunities for consumers, businesses, and other institutions.

http://www.mckinsey.com/client-service/electricpower/naturalgas/US_energy_efficiency/

Governor Announces Launch of Michigan Academy for Green Mobility to Train Engineers for Renewable Energy Jobs

http://www.michigan.gov/dleg/0,1607,7-154-10573_11472-220012--RSS,00.html

How to Green Your Commute

<http://www.mnn.com/lifestyle/my-green-day/stories/how-to-green-your-commute>

Hudsonville Considers Powering City Buildings with Vegetable Oil-based Fuel

http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2009/07/hudsonville_considers_powering.html

Energy Works Michigan

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

Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance

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

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Recycling, Resource Conservation & Stewardship

New 'Single Stream' Kent County Recycling Center Will Put End to your Sorting

http://www.mlive.com/news/grand-rapids/index.ssf/2009/08/new_single_stream_kent_county.html

Counties Adopt Resolution on Unwanted Medicines

<http://eponline.com/articles/2009/08/04/counties-adopt-resolution-on-unwanted-medicines.aspx>

Partnership with Urban Options Will Create Recycling Opportunities in Michigan for Mercury Thermostats

http://michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-7251_7253-218217--RSS,00.html

Guides for Food Service & Food Containers

http://www.responsiblepurchasing.org/purchasing_guides/food_services/

Interested in AmeriCorps Funding

<http://www.michigan.gov/mcsc/0,1607,7-137--220328--,00.html>

Water Conservation & Quality

How Facility Owners Can Lower their Water Footprint

<http://eponline.com/articles/2009/08/24/how-facility-owners-can-lower-their-water-footprint.aspx>

Michigan receives \$1.7 million in economic recovery funds to improve water quality

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/D5BFE567863897E18525760900471ADD>

2009 Michigan Family Fish Consumption Guide now online for anglers

http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2009/07/2009_michigan_family_fish_cons.html

Training/Workshop/Conference Opportunities

Michigan DEQ Upcoming Workshops and Announcements RSS Feeds

<http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135----RA,00.html>

National Green Chemistry Founder to Speak at Michigan's Premier Green Chemistry Conference

http://michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-7251_7253-219828--RSS,00.html

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MI Green Chemistry Conference – September 25, 2009

www.michigan.gov/greenup

Conference Brochure:

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/deq-oppca-workshop-greenup-invite_287812_7.pdf

Agenda and Speakers:

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/deq-oppca-workshop-greenup-agenda_287811_7.pdf

Online Registration:

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

Sponsor Opportunities:

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/essd-greenup-sponsorspkg09_277362_7.pdf

Michigan Green Health Care Conference – October 22, 2009

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/deq-oppca-flyer-greenmiconference_289031_7.pdf

2009 Air Permit Application Workshop for First-time Applicants

http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-3308_3333_4169---RSS,00.html

Michigan Ports Collaborative - October 28-29, 2009

http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-3308_3333_4169---RSS,00.html

Midwest Industrial Energy Efficiency Exchange - September 9-10, 2009

<http://www.midwestexchange2009.govtools.us/>

Department of Energy Webinar, Energy Efficiency and Retrofit Jobs in the Buildings Industry—Workforce Overview - August 17, 2009

<https://www304.livemeeting.com/lrs/8000963084/Registration.aspx?pageName=p02xfkvkb9pgfl16&FromPublicUrl=1>

Feedback

As a pollution prevention partner or stewardship advocate your involvement is important to us, please take a moment to complete the following survey, thanks.

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=9IkHXUF9iifL6NjXBRHNag_3d_3d

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