



Environmental Tidbits

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Informational Requests

If you have information or comments regarding "Informational Requests", please send them to Jeff Spencer at spencerj3@michigan.gov or Chris Affeldt at affeldtc@michigan.gov (unless otherwise indicated).

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

Michigan Recovery & Reinvestment Plan Website

<http://www.michigan.gov/recovery>

Michigan International Speedway new suite and media center will make the racetrack one of the largest producers of green energy in American sports. The solar-powered, 31-suite building and media center will be outfitted with approximately 8,000 square feet of solar panels that will produce 40 kilowatts. The solar panels are from Uni-Solar in Auburn Hills. The existing suite building will be torn down this fall and replaced by the new green building over the winter.

Checklist: How Green is my Town?

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

Grass River Natural Area – The Heart of the Chain of Lakes

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

Ford Motor Company's Sustainability Issues Matrix & Report

<http://www.ford.com/microsites/sustainability-report-2008-09/issues-materiality-matrix>

EPA'S Guide to States' Best Practices in Clean Energy

<http://epa.gov/cleanenergy/energy-programs/state-and-local/state-best-practices.html#leadbyexample>

General Electric has announced that it will hire 1,100 workers at a research and production center in Van Buren Township in western Wayne County. The center will focus heavily on renewable energy, especially wind energy technology. GE officials indicated they would invest \$100 million to establish the Michigan operation, officially called the **Advanced Manufacturing and Software Technology Center**. GE will hire engineers, scientists, software developers & other "knowledge economy" workers for the new 100,000 sq. ft. site, which is supported by \$60 million in state incentives.

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Michigan Green Jobs Report

http://www.milmi.org/admin/uploadedPublications/1604_GreenReport_E.pdf

EPA Honors Recipients of 2009 Presidential Green Chemistry Challenge Awards

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/7EE90E5A7A60E380852575DD004BA625>

Michigan Green Communities Challenge

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

Energy Efficiency & Climate Change

EPA to Award \$10 Million in New Climate Change Grants to Communities

<http://www.epa.gov/air/grants/09-08.pdf>

ENERGY STAR for Congregations

http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=small_business.sb_congregations

Bureau of Energy Systems – DeLEG

<http://www.michigan.gov/dleg/0,1607,7-154-25676---,00.html>

DOE Announces Up to \$10.5 Million in Solar Energy Education for Local Governments

http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/progress_alerts.cfm/pa_id=198

Utility Energy Optimization & Renewable Energy Plans

http://www.michigan.gov/mpsc/0,1607,7-159-52495_53472---,00.html

More than 100 Ways to Improve Your Electric Bill

<http://www.eei.org/ourissues/EnergyEfficiency/Documents/100Ways.pdf>

Obama Administration Launches New Energy Efficiency Efforts

http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/progress_alerts.cfm/pa_id=194

Global Climate Change Impacts on U.S. - Midwest findings.

<http://www.globalchange.gov/publications/reports/scientific-assessments/us-impacts/regional-climate-change-impacts/midwest>

DOE Announces Solicitation for RD&D on Combined Heat and Power System

http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/progress_alerts.cfm/pa_id=199

Floating Wind Turbine installed by StatoilHydro and Siemens 12 km southeast of Norway

<http://www.statoilhydro.com/en/TechnologyInnovation/NewEnergy/RenewablePowerProduction/Onshore/Pages/Karmoy.aspx>

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Regional Renewable Energy Map

www.capitalareagreenmap.org

Recycling, Resource Conservation & Stewardship

Proposed General Permit for Bioengineering Practices for Stabilization of Inland Lake Shorelines

http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-3313_3681_28734---,00.html

MI Green Lodging Program

http://www.michigan.gov/dleg/0,1607,7-154-25676_25677_37026---,00.html

USDA Rural Development Community Programs

<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/mi/cp/cpmain.htm>

MI Recycling Coalition List Recycling on TV

<http://swocstudios.pegcentral.com/player.php?video=677662fb57be0f5d48ba4506274f6dab>

Water Conservation & Quality

New Mackinaw City harbor features 'green' marina

http://www.sootoday.com/content/news/full_story.asp?StoryNumber=40438

Summer Edition of Upwellings now available

<http://www.miseagrant.umich.edu/upwellings/index.html>

Google Earth now includes US "Third Coast" - The Great Lakes

<http://google-latlong.blogspot.com/2009/04/google-earth-now-includes-us-third.html>

Lt. Governor Cherry Announces \$10 Million Grant for Muskegon Lake Restoration Project

http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-7251_7253-217527--RSS,00.html

Training/Workshop/Conference Opportunities

New compliance outreach tool has been added to the DEQ Web <http://www.michigan.gov/deqworkshops>.

In order to access, "Online Learning", go to the Web site and click on "Online Learning". You can currently view and listen to a training module on air permitting. Please send comments and suggestions on other topics that would work well with this format to Jim Ostrowski (ostrowskij2@michigan.gov or 517-241-8057).

MI Green Chemistry Conference – September 25, 2009

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/deq-opcca-workshop-greenupflyer_276417_7.pdf

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Sponsor Opportunities:

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

Awards Nomination Packet:

http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-3585_49005-208350--,00.html

Michigan Green Health Care Conference – October 22, 2009

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/deq-p2ca-GreenHealthCareConference_282125_7.pdf

Great Lakes Islands Symposium of 2009 - August 28-30, 2009

<http://www.miseagrant.umich.edu/workshops/glislands2009/agenda.html>

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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