



# 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](mailto:spencerj3@michigan.gov) or Chris Affeldt at [affeldtc@michigan.gov](mailto: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](mailto:affeldtc@michigan.gov) for more information.

## Sustainability/Environmental Awareness

### **EMFACT - Energy & Materials Flow & Cost Tracker**

Released by the Northeast Waste Management Officials Association (NEWMOA) in January 2009, this free downloadable software is an environmental management accounting tool to aid companies and organizations in setting P2 priorities, identifying value-added opportunities for sustainable production, and implementing other materials and energy efficiency improvements. Please contact Chris Affeldt if you have experience using this software.

<http://www.newmoa.org/prevention/emfact/>

### **NPEP – The National Partnership for Environmental Priorities**

This is a voluntary program offered by the EPA to reduce any of 31 priority chemicals, including initiatives focusing on lead wheel weights and mercury. The Website contains information on the priority chemicals, partner success stories, and joining the program.

<http://www.epa.gov/osw/partnerships/npep/index.htm>

### **Thirteen Facilities Receive DEQ Neighborhood Environmental Partners Program Award**

[http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-7251\\_7253-218722--RSS,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-7251_7253-218722--RSS,00.html)

### **Green Economy Investments Bring 300 Percent More Jobs, Reports Find**

<http://www.greenbiz.com/news/2009/06/18/green-economy-investments-jobs>

### **Study Finds Successful Retailers Are Embracing Green Practices**

<http://www.greenbiz.com/news/2009/07/22/green-retailers-study>

### **Eight Tips for Getting Your Sustainability Project off the Ground**

<http://www.greenbiz.com/blog/2009/06/23/tips-for-new-cso>

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## **Four Steps to Becoming a Sustainable 21st Century Organization**

<http://www.greenbiz.com/blog/2009/07/06/21st-century-organization>

## **U-M to Study Impact of Traffic Pollution in Detroit**

[http://www.mlive.com/news/ann-arbor/index.ssf/2009/07/um\\_to\\_study\\_impact\\_of\\_traffic.html](http://www.mlive.com/news/ann-arbor/index.ssf/2009/07/um_to_study_impact_of_traffic.html)

## **GreenXchange: Sustainable Innovation Meets the Creative Commons**

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

## **AWWA Webcast Explains 'Chemicals: Best Practices'**

<http://wnn-online.com/articles/2009/07/14/awwa-webcast-explains-chemicals-best-practices.aspx>

## **Michigan Green Communities Challenge**

[http://www.mml.org/resources/educater/green\\_challenge.html](http://www.mml.org/resources/educater/green_challenge.html)

## **Social innovation and urban farming in Detroit**

<http://www.freep.com/article/20090625/BLOG2506/90624094/1068/OPINION/Social+innovation+and+urban+farming+in+Detroit>

## **John Hantz envisions vacant Detroit land as a working farm**

<http://www.detnews.com/article/20090723/OPINION03/907230340/1008/John-Hantz-envisions-vacant-Detroit-land-as-a-working-farm>

## **EcoLogo to Develop Environmental Standard for Toys**

<http://www.greenbiz.com/news/2009/07/07/ecologo-develop-environmental-standard-toys>

## **Energy Efficiency & Climate Change**

### **Michigan Announces Renewable Energy Grants for Small Manufacturers**

<http://www.michiganadvantage.org/news/detail.aspx?contentId=4e512ad0-cf94-419e-8cdd-110eb46dd6ee>

### **Secretary Chu Announces Nearly \$300 Million Rebate Program**

[http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/progress\\_alerts.cfm/pa\\_id=203](http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/progress_alerts.cfm/pa_id=203)

### **Treasury, Energy Announce \$3 Billion in Recovery Act Funds for Renewable Energy Projects**

<http://www.energy.gov/news2009/7623.htm>

### **General Electric's Wind Energy Center Could Fuel Michigan's Alternative Energy-based Revival**

<http://www.michiganadvantage.org/news/detail.aspx?contentId=5230d974-d653-4606-bce2-01c662d7b79e>

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## **Algae Farm Aims to Turn Carbon Dioxide into Fuel**

[http://www.nytimes.com/2009/06/29/business/energy-environment/29biofuel.html?\\_r=1](http://www.nytimes.com/2009/06/29/business/energy-environment/29biofuel.html?_r=1)

## **Solar House Opens to the Community at the Matthaei Botanical Gardens in Ann Arbor, MI**

[http://taubmancollege.umich.edu/resources/research\\_outreach\\_and\\_funding/miso\\_house/](http://taubmancollege.umich.edu/resources/research_outreach_and_funding/miso_house/)

## **Beneficial Biofuels: Leading National Experts Reach Consensus**

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2009/07/090716141219.htm>

## **Recycling, Resource Conservation & Stewardship**

### **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](http://michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-7251_7253-218217--RSS,00.html)

## **Water Conservation & Quality**

### **14 Grants Awarded Across Michigan to Restore and Protect Water Quality**

[http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-7251\\_7253-218565--RSS,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-7251_7253-218565--RSS,00.html)

### **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](http://www.mlive.com/news/flint/index.ssf/2009/07/2009_michigan_family_fish_cons.html)

### **EPA to Host Meetings about Great Lakes Restoration Initiative**

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/6142C92DF88DAAC3852575F5006F7529>

### **Special Report on Falling Great Lakes Levels, five part investigative report on theories**

<http://greatlakesecho.org/2009/06/15/on-the-lake-level/>

## **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).

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## MI Green Chemistry Conference – September 25, 2009

[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/deq-oppca-workshop-greenupflyer\\_276417\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/deq-oppca-workshop-greenupflyer_276417_7.pdf)

### *Sponsor Opportunities:*

[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/essd-greenup-sponsorspkg09\\_277362\\_7.pdf](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-p2ca-GreenHealthCareConference\\_282125\\_7.pdf](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>

## Exploring Michigan's Rare Wetlands - July 30, August 4, 11, 13, 2009

[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/deq-p2ca-ExploringRareWetlands\\_flyer\\_283891\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/deq-p2ca-ExploringRareWetlands_flyer_283891_7.pdf)

## 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](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=9IkHXUF9iifL6NjXBRHNag_3d_3d)

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