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## Sustainability/Environmental Awareness

### **Green Seal Sustainability Standard for Product Manufacturers Standard Development (GS-C1)**

[http://greenseal.org/certification/gs-c1\\_company\\_standard\\_development.cfm](http://greenseal.org/certification/gs-c1_company_standard_development.cfm)

### **Western Michigan University Adopts Cradle-To-Cradle Thinking With Facilities**

<http://www.mibiz.com/news/sustainable-biz/16120-sanguine-about-sangren-hall.html>

### **82-Year-Old Building Becomes World's First to Be Double-Platinum LEED-Certified – Located in Downtown Lansing**

[http://www.mlive.com/environment/index.ssf/2010/08/82-year-old\\_building\\_is\\_first.html](http://www.mlive.com/environment/index.ssf/2010/08/82-year-old_building_is_first.html)

### **US Green Building Council – W. Michigan, Students Compile Landmark Green Building Study**

<http://www.mibiz.com/news/sustainable-biz/16217-usgbc-wm-students-compile-landmark-green-building-study-.html>

### **Grand Rapids Community College Seeks Students for Green Job Training**

[http://www.mlive.com/michigan-job-search/index.ssf/2010/08/grand\\_rapids\\_community\\_college\\_seeks\\_stu.html](http://www.mlive.com/michigan-job-search/index.ssf/2010/08/grand_rapids_community_college_seeks_stu.html)

### **EPA Lays Down Concrete Steps to Address Chemical Risks**

<http://eponline.com/articles/2010/08/20/epa-lays-down-concrete-steps-to-address-chemical-risks.aspx>

### **EPA to Take Action on Chemicals Used in Dyes, Flame Retardants, and Industrial Detergents - Efforts to limit exposure and reduce harm to people**

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/effe922a687433c85257359003f5340/9d03d83bc262fdcc85257783005359ae!OpenDocument>

### **Green Chemistry: Scientists Devise New "Benign by Design" Drugs, Paints, Pesticides, More**

<http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=green-chemistry-benign-by-design>

### **10 Things I've Learned from Leaders in Sustainability – by William McDonough**

<http://www.greenbiz.com/blog/2010/09/07/10-things-ive-learned-from-leaders-in-sustainability>

### **EPA Awards Ten Environmental Justice Grants – Including Three in Michigan**

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/6010C547583CBEE08525779E0069F902>

### **MBI: De-Risking and Scale-Up of Bio-Based Technologies**

[http://www.mlive.com/environment/index.ssf/2010/09/mbi\\_de-risking\\_and\\_scale-up\\_of.html](http://www.mlive.com/environment/index.ssf/2010/09/mbi_de-risking_and_scale-up_of.html)

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**Industry/University Cooperative Research Centers** – National Science Foundation RFP. Areas of interest include: Energy and the Environment; and Advanced Manufacturing. \$1.6 million expected to be available. <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2010/nsf10601/nsf10601.htm>.

## Energy Efficiency & Climate Change

### **Michigan, Wisconsin Combine Efforts on Climate Change Issues**

<http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-3308-243041--,00.html>

### **West Michigan Wind Energy Supplier is Green and Growing**

<http://www.michiganadvantage.org/News/West-Michigan-Wind-Energy-Supplier-Is-Green-and-Growing/>

### **Kalamazoo County Program To Make Houses Energy Efficient Picks up Steam**

[http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2010/08/kalamazoo\\_county\\_program\\_to\\_ma.html](http://www.mlive.com/news/kalamazoo/index.ssf/2010/08/kalamazoo_county_program_to_ma.html)

### **New Wind Turbine Center of Energy Excellence Backed by State, Federal Funding**

<http://www.michiganadvantage.org/News/New-Wind-Turbine-Center-of-Energy-Excellence-Backed-by-State.-Federal-Funding/>

### **Two U.S.-China Clean Energy Research Consortia Picked by DOE – One led by U of M**

[http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/news\\_detail.cfm/news\\_id=16303](http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/news/news_detail.cfm/news_id=16303)

### **USDA Gives Boost To Feasibility Studies for Renewable Energy Systems for Ag. Producers**

<http://www.michiganadvantage.org/News/USDA-gives-boost-to-feasibility-studies-for-Renewable-Energy-Systems-for-Agricultural-Producers/>

### **Rural Energy for America Program Grants (REAP Grants) and Other Federal Opportunities**

<http://www.michiganadvantage.org/Recovery/Opportunities/Rural-Energy-For-America-Program-Grants-%28REAP-Grants%29/>

### **Vehicle Fleet Managers Prepare For New EPA and NHTSA Regulations for Greenhouse Gas Emission Reductions and CAFE Standards**

[http://www.mlive.com/environment/index.ssf/2010/08/post\\_37.html](http://www.mlive.com/environment/index.ssf/2010/08/post_37.html)

### **Using Solar to Build Electric: Ford to Revamp Wayne Plant with Focus on Sustainability**

[http://www.mlive.com/auto/index.ssf/2010/08/using\\_solar\\_to\\_build\\_electric.html](http://www.mlive.com/auto/index.ssf/2010/08/using_solar_to_build_electric.html)

### **Ford, DTE Energy Joins in to Produce Solar Power Systems**

[http://www.mlive.com/business/detroit/index.ssf/2010/08/ford\\_moves\\_forward\\_with\\_redeve.html](http://www.mlive.com/business/detroit/index.ssf/2010/08/ford_moves_forward_with_redeve.html)

### **Electric Vehicle Charging Station Opens in Detroit**

[http://www.publicbroadcasting.net/michigan/news.newsmain?action=article&ARTICLE\\_ID=1696010](http://www.publicbroadcasting.net/michigan/news.newsmain?action=article&ARTICLE_ID=1696010)

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## Michigan Manufacturers Look to Wind Energy for Economic Turnaround

<http://greatlakesecho.org/2010/09/15/michigan-manufactures-look-to-wind-energy-for-economic-turnaround/>

## Survey Shows 75% Would Consider Buying Alternative Fuel Car

<http://www.wasterecyclingnews.com/rss2.html?id=1283866189>

## A123 Systems Opens the Largest Lithium Ion Automotive Battery Manufacturing Plant in North America

<http://eponline.com/articles/2010/09/16/a123-systems-opens-the-largest-lithium-ion-automotive-battery-manufacturing-plant-in-north-america.aspx>

## GE has announced a \$200 Million Open Innovation Challenge

<http://challenge.ecomagination.com/ideas>

## The Clean Energy Prize Presented by DTE Energy and the University of Michigan

Awards \$100,000 in prizes to Michigan student-based teams [www.micleanenergyprize.com](http://www.micleanenergyprize.com)

## Recycling, Resource Conservation & Stewardship

### DNRE Encourages Visitors to 'Camp Green' at Michigan State Parks

[http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-10371\\_10402-242219--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr/0,1607,7-153-10371_10402-242219--,00.html)

### EPA Holding Public Hearings on Coal Ash Proposal

<http://michiganmessenger.com/41168/epa-holding-public-hearings-on-coal-ash-proposal>

### Detroit Introduces Environmentally Preferred Procurement Ordinance

<http://www.greeningdetroit.com/2010/08/19/detroit-introduces-environmentally-preferred-procurement-ordinance/>

### DEA Coordinates Prescription Drug Take Back Drive

<http://www.wasterecyclingnews.com/email.html?id=1282318657>

## Water Conservation & Quality

### EPA Unveils Strategy to Modernize Clean Water Programs

<http://thehill.com/blogs/e2-wire/677-e2-wire/115207-epa-unveils-strategy-to-modernize-clean-water-programs>

## MBP3 Partners in the News

### Dow Corning Begins Process to Install Biomass-Powered Energy Facility in Midland

[http://www.mlive.com/business/mid-michigan/index.ssf/2010/08/dow\\_corning\\_begins\\_process\\_to.html](http://www.mlive.com/business/mid-michigan/index.ssf/2010/08/dow_corning_begins_process_to.html)

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## Vampire Slayers: Steelcase Puts Phantom Power, Other Inefficiencies in Crosshairs

<http://www.mibiz.com/news/economic-development/16012-vampire-slayers-steelcase-puts-phantom-power-other-inefficiencies-in-crosshairs.html>

## Eaton Going Big with Hybrids

<http://www.mibiz.com/news/sustainable-biz/16312-eaton-going-big-with-hybrids.html>

## Training/Workshop/Conference Opportunities

### OakGreen Seminar Series Continues with Sustainable Sites

<http://www.greeningdetroit.com/2010/09/08/oakgreen-seminar-series-continues-with-sustainable-sites/>

### Air Permit-to-Install Application Workshop - 2010 Training Schedule

[http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-3308\\_3333\\_4169-225823--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-3308_3333_4169-225823--,00.html)

### Obama Administration to Hold 2010 GreenGov Symposium – October 5-7, 2010

<http://www.fedcenter.gov/calendar/conferences/greengov2010/>

### Green Growth Conference and Expo - October 13 & 14, 2010 at Grand Valley State University

<http://www.rightplace.org/green-growth-at-a-glance.aspx>

### 2nd Annual Michigan Green Chemistry Conference: A Catalyst for the Economy, Kellogg Center, Michigan State University, East Lansing - October 20, 2010

[http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-3308\\_3333\\_4169-228367--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-3308_3333_4169-228367--,00.html)

### Michigan Green Healthcare Conference - October 22, 2010

[http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-3308\\_3333\\_4169-238782--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,1607,7-135-3308_3333_4169-238782--,00.html)

## 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.

## 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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