

What is RETAP (Retired Engineer Technical Assistance Program)?

Retired *professionals* are available through the RETAP to assist Michigan businesses and institutions with pollution prevention. Individually analysts have:

- 30-40 years of experience;
- Experience in diverse industries and institutions;
- Experience in numerous processes; and
- Experience with various wastes.

Since its 1994 inception, RETAP has assisted hundreds of facilities in multiple industrial sectors, including:

- Agricultural businesses
- Auto service
- Chemical companies
- Dry cleaners
- Electroplating
- Hospitals
- Lithographic printers
- Metal finishing
- Metal forming
- Painting & coating facilities
- Plastics
- Retail
- Schools
- Tool and die
- Wood products

What Does RETAP Offer and What are the Benefits?

- RETAP provides free, confidential, and nonregulatory on-site waste reduction assessments. All requests and reports are sent directly to and maintained by the Retired Engineer Technical Assistance Foundation (RETAF). The assessments are NOT compliance or regulatory audits.
- Assessments are conducted by a team of RETAP professionals. The teams review facilities for opportunities for source reduction, reuse, recycling, and energy efficiency.*
- Written, confidential reports contain specific recommendations to save money, increase efficiency, reduce need for costly waste disposal and treatment, reduce liability, and promote a positive public image.
- There is no obligation to implement the recommendations; however, significant cost savings can be achieved. Companies assisted through RETAP have saved thousands of dollars.

*For an energy efficiency assessment on a publicly owned building, please contact Rebuild Michigan Energy Services at 517-241-6281.

Who is Eligible?

- Businesses of all types with 500 or fewer employees in the state.
- Michigan institutions of any size. Examples: hospitals, schools, municipalities, county government, state government.

How do You Sign up or Get More Information?


Contact:

- RETAF at 888-749-7886, FAX 248-478-8192
- Environmental Science and Services Division at 800-662-9278, FAX 517-241-7966
- Your trade association
- Visit the web site at www.michigan.gov/deqretap
- Mail the attached reply card

RETAP Partners

The Environmental Science and Services Division (ESSD) of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality is a nonregulatory division that provides assistance and information leading to improvement in environmental quality with an emphasis on pollution prevention.

The RETAF is a nonprofit corporation staffed by dedicated retired engineers and scientists with extensive industrial experience in waste reduction and on-site assistance.

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Request for RETAP Information

YES! I want to know more about Michigan's free, confidential, on-site pollution prevention opportunity assessments.

Please provide additional information. Please contact me personally.

Name: _____ Title: _____
Company: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail Address: _____
Type of Business or Institution: _____
SIC Code (if known): _____ Number of Employees Statewide: _____
How did you hear about RETAP? _____

RETAP

ATTN: RETAP

32401 West Eight Mile Road
Livonia, MI 48152

**IMPORTANT
REQUEST!**

RETAP Customers Say It Best:

“The team spent a few days on campus and presented us with a very concise report summarizing waste and cost reductions.”

*William Blumhardt, Facilities Management
Michigan Technological University
Houghton, MI*



“With the assistance of the RETAP Assessment Team, we are now able to reduce our waste, improve our employees’ health and safety, improve our community air environment, and reduce some of our operating costs. I would strongly recommend that many other companies should take advantage of this service.”

*Dennis W. Stickney, Plant Chemist
Internal Grinding/Honing Abrasives, Inc.
Grand Rapids, MI*



“We found the 27 suggestions a great start on saving money and improving efficiency.”

*Thomas L. Green, Purchasing Project Supervisor
North Star Steel Company
Monroe, MI*



“The RETAP team was very professional, genuinely interested in helping us, and providing a valuable resource to the industrial community.”

*Dave Mathieu, Director of Manufacturing
L.E. Jones Company
Menominee, MI*

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Pollution Prevention
Assessment Services**

- ◆ Confidential ◆
- ◆ Free ◆
- ◆ Nonregulatory ◆

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