



# POLLUTION PREVENTION WEEK

## Director's Message



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The Department of Environmental Quality is committed to protecting and enhancing Michigan's environment and public health. A crucial element to this commitment involves education and outreach to foster environmental awareness and stewardship.

Pollution Prevention (P2) programs provide useful tools for reducing pollutants, toxic substances, wastes, and energy use. These tools can be used by individuals, businesses, government, and industry to be more sustainable, promote healthy communities, and save money.

This year, the national theme of P2 Week is "Pollution Prevention: The Clear Choice for Environmental Sustainability." This theme describes P2 as a fundamental approach to achieving environmental sustainability. For the benefit of our air, land, water, and economy, we can continuously improve our activities with P2.

Michigan has celebrated national "Pollution Prevention Week" since its inception in 1996. As stated in the Governor's Proclamation, "Pollution Prevention Week is an opportunity to create awareness and take action to meet the challenges of maintaining prosperous communities, a healthy environment, efficient government, and globally competitive businesses."

P2 Week allows us to celebrate our accomplishments and contemplate the challenges that still need to be addressed. I am confident we can continue to improve our quality of life while also sustaining the environment and economy.

The P2 Week Web site includes a planner that lists P2 activities for home, work, and school. There also are links to Michigan groups already practicing P2 and resources for those who want to begin.

Please join us in celebrating [Pollution Prevention Week!](#)