

MI Environmental Network News



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Informational Forum – MI Environmental Network

This is your **OPPORTUNITY** to make a connection by asking a question, providing feedback, and offering possible solutions. Take advantage of this collaborative effort now, by contacting Jeff Spencer, at spencerj3@michigan.gov (unless otherwise indicated).

Connections = solutions

Successful connections to date through this forum – 48



DEQ honors inaugural class of Environmental Leaders

This innovative community engagement project at GM Flint Assembly earned the plant recognition from the DEQ as one of the 20 facilities in the inaugural class of the Michigan Environmental Leaders. The program recognizes companies that demonstrate outstanding, voluntary environmental stewardship, community partnering and mentoring.

The DEQ created the program in hopes of encouraging more voluntary participation in green projects that engage local communities. It is designed to share success stories with other businesses and communities across Michigan, and remind companies that participation in community life is not difficult. Mentoring – like GM's work with students in Flint – is one of the simplest, most powerful tools available to change attitudes and encourage environmental stewardship.

The 2014 Environmental Leaders Report details the first group of facilities to receive this honor and can be found at http://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/Environmental_Leaders_Report_2014_484820_7.pdf

Companies received recognition after completing an Environmental Stewardship Partners Annual Performance Report, which provides an opportunity to share environmental stewardship efforts, community partnering activities and related mentoring successes.

The DEQ is currently calling for the next group of applicants to receive this recognition. The form is available at www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/OEA_Annual_Performance_Report_Form_456392_7.docm. The deadline to apply is June 1, 2015.

In addition, the highest performing facilities in the categories of Environmental Steward, Community Partner and Mentor – as judged by both the DEQ and an external group of their peers – will receive special recognition.

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To learn more about the DEQ's Environmental Leaders Program, visit www.michigan.gov/deq/0,4561,7-135-70153_70155_70157-312041--,00.html.



Registration is open!

Check out for the first time the [Summit & Conference brochure](#), including the Summit agenda, Conference keynotes, sessions, training and networking events.

[Register](#) to come to 1, 2, or all 3 days of the conference. Kick off the week on Tuesday with an overview of the challenges and opportunities facing Michigan's recycling industry. Wednesday's sessions will explore the nuts and bolts of program best practices to help you take action. The conference wraps up Thursday with even more in-depth sessions and training to ensure you have all of the tools you need to build bigger and stronger programs.

Pollution Prevention News

Clean Corporate Citizen Member Listing

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/deq/deq-ess-p2tas-c3-list_245896_7.pdf

Michigan Environmental Leaders Recognized

<http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,4561,7-135-3308-350485--,00.html>

Environmental Awareness

Bosch Awards \$35,000 to Educational Organizations in Kentwood, Michigan

<http://www.bosch-press.com/tbwebdb/bosch-usa/en-US/Presstext.cfm?id=670>

9 Reasons Your Sustainability Communications Fail

<http://www.environmentalleader.com/2015/03/26/9-reasons-your-sustainability-communications-fail/>

The Council on Environmental Quality Initiatives

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/ceq/initiatives>

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Michigan Officials Creating Expert Panel to Study Pros/Cons of Fish Farming in Great Lakes

<http://www.dailyjournal.net/view/story/130fca7ed7f24a588a6710317efe865e/MI--Great-Lakes-Aquaculture/>

Michigan Trash Increase Heightens Interest in Recycling

<http://www.macombdaily.com/special-news-reports/20150320/michigan-trash-increase-heightens-interest-in-recycling>

Disney Cuts Greenhouse Gas Emissions

<http://thewaltdisneycompany.com/sites/default/files/reports/FY14-Performance-Summary.pdf>

Ford Uses Recycled Materials in 2015 F-150

<http://www.at.ford.com/news/cn/Pages/Ford%20Brings%20REPREVE%20to%20the%202015%20F-150.aspx>

Energy & Climate Change

Shaheen-Portman Energy Efficiency Bill Passes Senate

<https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/114/s535/text>

Cree Debuts LED for Rural Applications

<http://www.energymanagertoday.com/cree-debuts-led-rural-applications-0110621/>

Wind Energy and a 'No Regrets' Energy Policy Vital to Michigan's Energy Security

http://www.mlive.com/environment/index.ssf/2015/03/wind_energy_and_a_no_regrets_e.html

24 Breweries Sign Climate Change Declaration

<http://www.triplepundit.com/2015/03/24-breweries-sign-climate-change-declaration>

Top 25 U.S. Cities with Most Energy Star Buildings

<http://blog.epa.gov/blog/2015/03/just-released-top-25-u-s-cities-with-most-energy-star-buildings/>

Snyder Pushes Waste Reduction for State's Energy Future

<http://www.battlecreekenquirer.com/story/news/local/michigan/2015/03/13/snyder-waste-reduction/70278476/>

Sustainable Communities

Governor's Recycling Summit Brochure

<http://michiganrecycles.org/images/Docs/SummitConferenceBrochureFinal1.pdf>

Michigan Municipal League's Community Excellence Awards

<http://cea.mml.org/>

Like a Good Neighbor

<http://www.comstocksmag.com/article/good-neighbor>

Sustainable Communities

<http://www.sustainablecommunities.gov/>

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Water Quality & Conservation

Watersense Resolve to Save Water Checklist

http://www.epa.gov/watersense/docs/ws_2015resolvetosavewaterchecklist_508.pdf

The Water Revolution is Here

<http://www.environmentalleader.com/2015/03/31/the-water-revolution-is-here/>

Terps Leave Tinier Water Footprints

<http://blog.epa.gov/blog/2015/03/terps-leave-tinier-water-footprints/>

Dow Chemical Joins the Value of Water Coalition

<http://www.watertechonline.com/articles/169688-dow-joins-the-value-of-water-coalition>

Water Tensions in US Intensify

<http://www.environmentalleader.com/2015/03/19/water-tensions-in-us-intensify/>

Training/Workshop/Conference Opportunities

2015 Air Permit to Install Application Workshop Series

May 19, September 1, November 10

http://www.michigan.gov/deq/0,4561,7-135-3308_3333_4169_21606-248512--,00.html

Small Town & Rural Development Conference

April 13-15, 2015

<http://rural.cedam.info/conference/>

Michigan Safety Conference

April 14-15, 2015

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

DEQ Wastewater Treatment Technology Webinar

April 23, 2015 - 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3356514694477518081>

Governor's Recycling Summit and Conference

May 5-7, 2015

<http://michiganrecycles.org/index.php/events/2015ac>

Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative

June 17-19, 2015

<http://www.sarnialambton2015.ca/>

Energy Efficiency Exchange 2015

August 11-13, 2015

<http://energy.gov/eere/femp/energy-efficiency-exchange-2015>

Feedback

Please take a few moments to complete this short evaluation - <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FYZVR8Y>

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