Overcoming Barriers to Toxics Use Reduction Implementation

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Overview

- Introduction
- Company case studies
 - > Siemens Healthineers
 - > ThermoFisher Scientific
 - > Stainless Steel Coatings
- Panel discussion



Introduction

OTA Barriers Report (7/2008) –

- > Survey of TURPs at CE Conference
- Barriers to practices identified as worth doing, but company decided not to implement

Top 10 Barriers –

- Quality
- Lack of Reliability
- Customer Requirements or Perception
- > Technical Uncertainty
- Capital Cost
- > Conformance to a Standard
- Operating Cost
- Technical Difficulty
- > Lack of Management Support
- Other Things Considered More Important



Introduction (cont'd)

Other Barriers Identified –

- Not Enough Benefit from Doing It
- > Resistance To Change Because of Invested Effort
- ➤ Not Enough Help to Do It
- ➤ Not Enough Reasons to Do It
- > Lack of Staff Support
- ➤ Not Enough Time to Do It
- > Physical Plant Limitations
- Regulatory Complications



One Less Regulatory Barrier

- January 25, 2018 EPA issued guidance memorandum withdrawing the "once in, always in" policy for the classification of major sources of HAPs.
- New guidance sources of HAPs previously classified as "major sources" may be reclassified as "area" sources at any time -
 - > Facility must limit its PTE to below major source thresholds.
- https://www.epa.gov/stationary-sources-air-pollution/reclassification-major-sources-area-sources-under-section-112-clean

