



TURI Newsletter

News from the Toxics Use Reduction Institute
at the University of Massachusetts Lowell

January 2014

Happy New Year from the Toxics Use Reduction Institute!

**We are looking forward to having you join us for many
informative and engaging events in 2014.**

Webinars

New in 2014, TURI webinars!

Our initial lineup for 2014 will be of interest to anyone involved with TUR and Resource Conservation, safer chemical alternatives, and sustainability.

Each webinar will include an expert presentation (slides available for download) along with time for a Q&A session.

There is NO Cost for this pilot series of three webinars described below and, however, registration is required.

For Toxics Use Reduction Planners, 1 TUR Continuing Education credit is available for each webinar. Individual registration and active participation are required for TUR credit.

Thursday, January 30, 2014, 11:00 AM-Noon EST

European Union Directive: REACH (Registration, Evaluation, and Authorization of Chemicals)

Learn about the current and future effects of this Directive on U.S. manufacturers from Dr. Chris Robertson of ERA Technologies. Dr. Robertson spoke on both REACH and RoHS at



TURI workshops in September. [Download Dr. Robertson's presentation from the Aerospace and Defense workshop.](#) [Download Dr. Robertson's presentation from the REACH and RoHS workshop.](#)

This webinar will provide fresh and updated content on REACH.

Thursday, February 27, 2014, 11:00 AM-Noon EST

Beyond the MSDS: Resources for Researching Safer Chemical Alternatives

Find out about databases and other resources for gathering hard-to-find chemical safety information from TURI's Research and Reference Specialist, Mary Butow. Ms. Butow will show you how to access extensive knowledge bases to make better choices for safer chemical alternatives.



Thursday, March 27, 2014, 11:00-Noon AM EST

Safer Alternatives for Janitorial Cleaning

Join Heidi Wilcox, TURI's Laboratory and Field Technical Specialist, and Rex Morrison, from Process Cleaning for Healthy Schools, to learn about safer and less costly processes for janitorial cleaning. This webinar will include practical techniques and products to get you quickly prepared to maintain a safer and healthier environment.



[Register for the European Directive: REACH.](#)

[Register for Beyond the MSDS: Resources for Researching Safer Chemical Alternatives.](#)

[Register for Safer Alternatives for Janitorial Cleaning.](#)

NOTE: TUR Planners who want credit must register.

Alternatives Assessment Guide!

On January 8, 2014, the Interstate Chemicals Clearing House (IC2) released a [Guide](#) to help businesses, governments and interested parties evaluate alternatives to toxic chemicals in products. TURI was part of the technical advisory committee for the development of this guide.

TURI Grants Available - Apply this Month!

Industry Incentive Grant

TURI's Industry Incentive grants are designed to help companies adopt safer technologies and share their experiences with other companies. The grant can help make implementation of your toxics use reduction project possible. We are currently accepting [letters of intent](#), due on or before January 24, 2014, for funding up to \$30,000.

For more information, contact Pam Eliason, 978-934-3142, or pam@turi.org

Wet Cleaning Grant

TURI is currently accepting applications for a \$15,000 equipment grant for a dry cleaning facility to switch from perc to dedicated professional wet cleaning operations. Visit our [dry cleaning page](#) to download the application and read case studies that document cost savings and health and safety benefits.

For more information, contact Joy Onasch, 978-934-4343, or joy@turi.org.

**Spring TUR Planner
Continuing Education Conference
Request for Session Proposals**

Experienced TUR Planners are always our best source for training sessions and presentation ideas. If you have an idea for a training session at the upcoming Spring Continuing Education Conference, or have a request for some training you would like us to offer, please contact Mark Myles at mark.myles@turi.org or 978-934-3298.

Watch for a Request for Training via email soon.

Save the Date!

April 3, 2014: Toxics Use Reduction Planners' Continuing Education Conference.

June 10, 2014: Champions of Toxics Use Reduction Event

Check the Calendar at www.turi.org for more details.

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