

Scientist Describes How Endocrine Disruptors Affect Hormones



A biologist trained in endocrinology, Laura Vandenberg, Assistant Professor in the School of Public Health and Health Sciences at UMass Amherst, discussed the effects of endocrine disruptors on health at the TURA Continuing Education Conference on April 25.

"At very low doses, endocrine disruptors affect how hormones do their jobs in the body," she said. "These chemicals interfere by blocking or mimicking naturally occurring hormones in the body."

The conference also featured sessions on reducing toxics in the food and beverage industries, minimizing exposure during 3D printing and reducing waste.

[View the presentations.](#)

Upcoming Events

Webinar: Safer Solutions for Methylene Chloride

Tues., June 5, Noon to 1 p.m.

[Learn more and register.](#)

Champions of Toxics Use Reduction Awards Ceremony

Tues., June 12, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.,

Great Hall, State House

[RSVP: Brenda@turi.org](mailto:Brenda@turi.org)

Toxic Release Inventory/Toxic Use Reduction Act Compliance Assistance Workshops

May 10, 22, 24, 31, 8 a.m to 4 p.m.

The TURA Program is offering a series of free workshops in locations throughout Massachusetts designed for the experienced TRI reporter.

[Learn more and register.](#)

Apply for a Grant by June 22

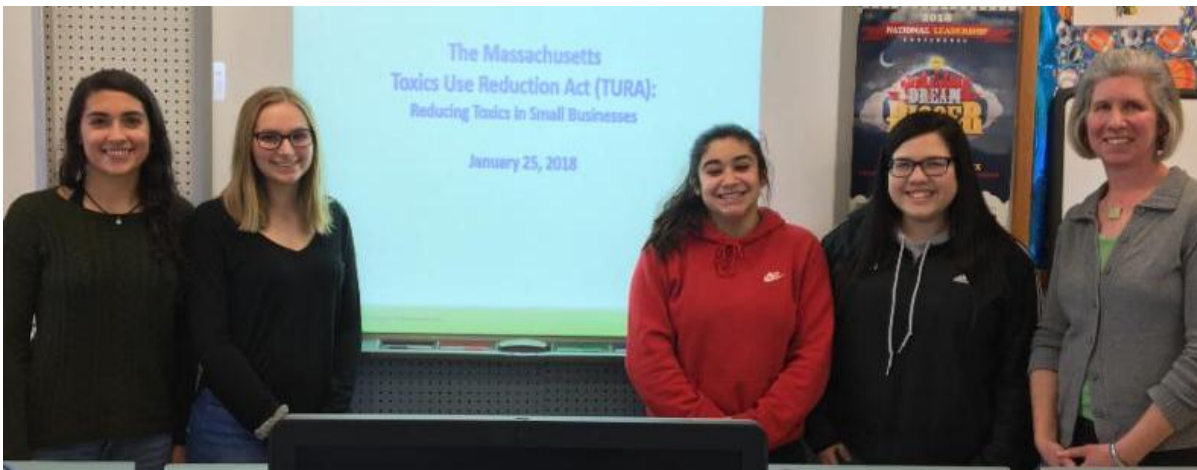
TURI is accepting applications for grants in all categories -- industry, small business, community and academic research. [Submit an application by June 22.](#)

Teens Produce Video About BPA



Transformative Culture Project (formerly Press Pass TV) in Haydenville received a community grant from TURI to create an educational video on how to reduce exposure to bisphenol-A (BPA) found in store receipts. The video uses humor to explain a complicated issue. [Learn more, watch the video and share.](#)

Four High School Students Mentored by TURI Win State Competition



Assabet Valley Technical High School students, shown in the photo above with Joy Onasch of TURI, won a state competition for their presentation on how small businesses can prevent environmental contamination. Joy visited the school to share information on how small businesses can reduce toxics. She answered questions and gave tips on how to present the information.

The students' teacher, Donna Groccia, reached out to TURI to help the students. "Joy came to class with compassion and a wealth of materials on how small businesses can prevent environmental contamination. They couldn't have won without her assistance."

Sponsored by Business Professionals of America Workplace Skills Assessment Program, the statewide competition provides business students with the opportunity to demonstrate workplace skills.

The students are now headed to Dallas, Texas, in May to compete at the National Leadership Conference. The team will be judged on their research, presentation skills, and technical competencies.

South Korean Delegates Visit TURI



As South Korea gears up to enact regulations similar to the Massachusetts Toxics Use Reduction Act, delegates from the country visited TURI to learn about best practices for chemical safety and the reduction of toxic substances.

TURI presented information on toxics use reduction planning, services offered to companies and examples of how Massachusetts companies maintain their competitive advantage while reducing use of toxics.

The Delegates for a Chemical Safety Community in South Korea consist of business leaders of major corporations, government officials, and representatives from environmental agencies and the Ministry of Environment.

TURI offers services & programs to reduce the use of toxic chemicals, energy and water while enhancing the competitiveness of Massachusetts businesses.

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