

Champions of Toxics Use Reduction Honored at State House Ceremony

State legislators joined TURI on June 12 to recognize Champions of Toxics Use Reduction at the State House. Companies, community groups and municipalities were recognized for their work to reduce the use of toxics such as solvents, flame retardants, endocrine disruptors, pesticides and more.

[Learn more about all honorees and their projects.](#)



Senator Anne Gobi, Co-Chair of the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, welcomes attendees.



Representative Jay Kaufman, left, recognizes Alan Smith, Health and Safety Manager of Lytron in Woburn, for working to phase out trichloroethylene (TCE) from its cleaning process.



Senator Joan Lovely, right, presents an award to the Silent Spring Institute and the Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition for their project to reduce high school students' exposures to carcinogens and endocrine-disrupting chemicals.



Senator Jamie Eldridge, left, with students from the Auto Collision Shop at Assabet Valley Technical High School in Marlboro. The auto body shop purchased water-based paint washing equipment that eliminated the use of hazardous solvents.



Tim Cunniff of Little Leaf Farms with UMass Lowell Provost Michael Vayda, Assistant Prof. Boce Zhang and Vice Chancellor of Research and Innovation Julie Chen. Little Leaf Farms worked with UMass Lowell researchers to test the effectiveness of a safer cleaning process. [View the Little Leaf Farms video.](#)



Joy Onasch of TURI presents an award to Robert Fricke of US Pack in Leominster. The company invested in capital equipment that reduces the use of acetone, ethylene glycol and methanol used in manufacturing automotive, industrial and household cleaning products.

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Seeking Your Input on Training Topics

While TURI staff is in the process of planning training events, we would like to hear from you.

What are your challenges and needs for the next 12 months regarding toxics use reduction and resource conservation? Would you like to see trainings on topics such as:

- Tools that would help you evaluate safer alternatives
- Techniques for getting upper management support to reduce toxics



- Safe, effective and affordable alternatives to higher hazard substances
- How to effectively engage with your R&D team

Send your input about these topics and others to [Pam Eliason](#), 978-934-3142.

Be sure to [bookmark the training website](#) and check back often. We'll be securing dates soon for the Fall Continuing Education Conference, Beyond the Safety Data Sheet workshops and demonstrations in lean manufacturing. The [TUR Planner Certification Course](#) begins on August 28.

