



# **TURI Alternatives Assessment: *Halogenated Solvents Used in Surface Cleaning***

**Massachusetts  
Toxics Use Reduction**



# Alternatives Assessment

A process for identifying and comparing potential chemical, material, product, or other alternatives that can be used as substitutes to replace chemicals of high concern.

## Goals

- Reduce risk by reducing hazard
- Move from problems to solutions
- Avoid regrettable substitutions
- Encourage transparency, common language, and documentation to communicate among stakeholders

# Examples of Factors to Consider

Is it Safer?	Is it Affordable?	Will it Work?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Flammability</li><li>• Human toxicity</li><li>• Eco-toxicity</li><li>• Ozone depletion</li><li>• Persistence</li><li>• Bioaccumulation</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Materials</li><li>• Regulatory compliance</li><li>• Insurance</li><li>• Training</li><li>• Equipment</li><li>• Utilities/energy</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Process changes</li><li>• Equipment changes</li><li>• Material compatibility</li><li>• Product quality</li><li>• Product longevity</li><li>• Customer specifications</li></ul>

# Brief History of TURI AAs

- As requested by the MA legislature: five chemicals of concern [lead, formaldehyde, perchloroethylene, hexavalent chromium, and di (2-ethylhexyl) phthalate (DEHP)] - 2006
- Sector specific: Alternatives to Perc in dry cleaning - 2012
- Materials based: Athletic playing field surfacing alternatives - 2018

# AA Tools Available

- There are many tools to help complete an alternatives assessment
- P2OASys was developed at TURI to help evaluate the EH&S factors considered in an AA



# What is the objective of this project?

- A place for industries using halogenated solvents to start when looking for safer alternatives
  - Provides performance, EHS and cost data.
- The document is what we hope to offer you in assistance



# How you can help...

- This AA is complex – whole classes of chemicals will be evaluated
- We want to make sure it is helpful to you, the end user
  - The type of information to include
  - Making the presentation of material user friendly
- Lessons learned from you, including:
  - Regulatory, performance, etc.
  - Common challenges to address



# Next Steps

## 4 Regional Meetings

Breakfast snacks will be provided  
1 CE credit for attendance

### December 3, 10am-12

MassDEP Central Regional Office –  
**Worcester**  
Assabet 107 and Concord 107 Rooms  
8 New Bond Street, Worcester, MA 01606

### December 10, 10am-12

**New Bedford** Public Library  
613 Pleasant Street  
New Bedford, MA 02740

### December 12, 10am - 12

**Springfield**  
John Shea Bright Nights Technical  
Training Facility Building / Forest Park  
293 Sumner Ave, Springfield, MA

### December 17, 10am – 12

**Lowell**  
TURI Office at 126 John St., Suite 14,  
Training room



# Other Next Steps

- Hope to have draft by spring with review and final document by summer 2020
- You're Invited!
  - Anyone interested in technical review from industry perspective?
  - Email invites to regional meetings are coming out within the week
  - There is sign up sheet at registration table and an info handout in your folders



# Contact us with any questions!

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