

TURA Program Update - April 2020



COVID-19 Pandemic

Note that all upcoming in-person events are on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the necessity for social distancing. Please check TURI's website for on-going updates on events and resources, and feel free to contact TURI, OTA or MassDEP staff with any questions. For the latest news, we encourage you to sign up for program newsletters from TURI (www.turi.org) and OTA (<https://www.mass.gov/orgs/office-of-technical-assistance-and-technology-ota>).

Upcoming Events (all available on the calendar at turi.org)

- Webinar-based Spring Continuing Education Conference
 - April 14: TUR Planner fundamentals and PFAS sessions
 - April 23: Economic Evaluation of TUR Options and Using Pharos to Evaluate Chemical and Material Options
- MassDEP Reporting Workshops: TBD

Resources Related to COVID-19 Cleaning and Disinfecting

- See TURI's website: https://www.turi.org/Our_Work/Cleaning_Laboratory/COVID-19_Safely_Clean_Disinfect

Recent Publications

- *Assessment and Effective Alternatives for Coating Removal Products* by Gregory Morose, et al, TURI Report 2020-001, Jan 2020.
https://www.turi.org/TURI_Publications/TURI_Reports/Assessment_of_Safer_and_Effective_Alternatives_for_Coating_Removal_Products

Video

- Why Become a TUR Planner? A mother –daughter perspective
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kXwcu_BI9_U
- [TURI Overview](#)
 - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rEEg7Mdv_8Y

TURI Youtube channel: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVzI_YequDRGua8K_zGXISA

- [Siemens Finds Safer Surfactant with Help from UMass Lowell Researchers](#)
- [Lytron Reduces TCE Emissions by 6,000 Pounds](#)
- [Assabet Valley Technical High School Replaces Solvents with Safer Solutions](#)

Guidance Update

The [TUR Plan and Plan Guidance](#) is updated as of December 2019.

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/toxics-use-reduction-planning-guidance-0/download>

New Reportable Substances for Reporting Year 2019

For **TURA reporting year 2019**, covered industry sectors that use a category of chemicals known as C1-C4 Halogenated Hydrocarbons/Halocarbons Not Otherwise Listed (C1-C4 NOL) will need to report usage in 2020.

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Companies in covered industry sectors that use chemicals in this category should track their use during calendar year 2019 and, if their total use of these substances exceeds the reporting threshold, they must submit TURA reports by July 1, 2020. The reporting threshold for the C1-C4 NOL category is 25,000 pounds if the substances are incorporated into products or manufactured and 10,000 pounds if they are otherwise used.

[https://www.turi.org/Our_Work/Training/Continuing_Education/Recent_Training_Presentations/Continuing_Education_Conference_Spring_2019/C1-C4_Halogenated_Hydrocarbon_Halocarbons_Not_Otherwise_Listed_NOL_Category/\(is_direct_download\)/1](https://www.turi.org/Our_Work/Training/Continuing_Education/Recent_Training_Presentations/Continuing_Education_Conference_Spring_2019/C1-C4_Halogenated_Hydrocarbon_Halocarbons_Not_Otherwise_Listed_NOL_Category/(is_direct_download)/1)

New Reportable Substances for Reporting Year 2020

Nonylphenol ethoxylates (NPEs) TRI/EPCRA category

- Category of 13 specific NPEs
- TRI/Federal: First reports due July 1, 2020 (for RY2019)
- TURA/State: First reports due July 1, 2021 (for RY 2020)

<https://www.epa.gov/toxics-release-inventory-tri-program/addition-npes-category-tri-list-final-rule>
<https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2019/04/04/turachanges.pdf>

New Federally Reportable Substances under TRI for Reporting Year 2020

National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA 2020) PFAS TRI listings

- EPA has identified 160 PFAS chemicals that will be added to TRI/federal reporting for 2020 reporting year, as required in the NDAA 2020 legislation. See EPA's website (below) and the draft PFAS policy analysis for more information. Regulations have not yet been published in the federal register.

<https://www.epa.gov/toxics-release-inventory-tri-program/list-pfas-added-tri-ndaa>

For more information, contact the TURA program. E-mail addresses are available on our websites and are the preferred method of communication while we are all working remotely:

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