

Implementing Toxics Use Reduction : Massachusetts Office of Technical Assistance

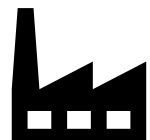
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MA Toxics Use Reduction Act (TURA) of 1989



Who reports?

Massachusetts manufacturers who:

- Operate under certain Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes
- Have >10 employees
- Manufacture or process $\geq 25,000$ lbs (or otherwise use $\geq 10,000$ lbs) of listed substances

Covers a little over 400 MA facilities



What TURA requires

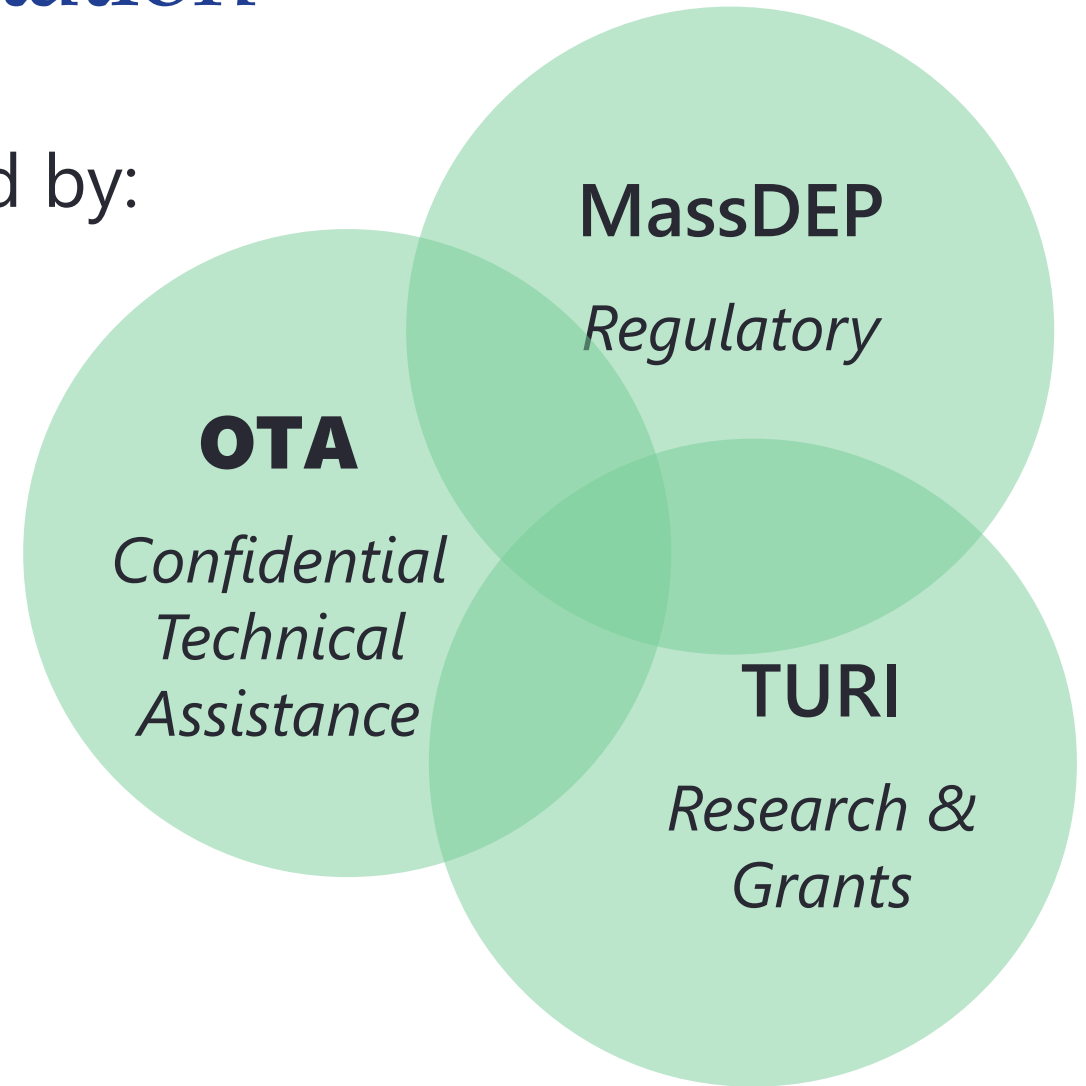
- Report to the state
- Pay a fee
- Create a Toxics Use Reduction Plan every two years

TURA does not prohibit companies from using listed chemicals.

TURA Program Implementation

The TURA Program is co-implemented by:

- The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
- The Toxics Use Reduction Institute at UMass Lowell
- The Massachusetts Office of Technical Assistance



Office of Technical Assistance (OTA)

- **Non-regulatory** agency
- Provides **free, confidential** technical and compliance assistance to MA businesses that use toxic substances
- Gives **concrete recommendations** for toxics reduction and resource conservation

OTA has conducted 3,500 site visits at 1,500 facilities, reducing **millions of pounds** of toxic chemicals and **millions of dollars** in operating costs.

OTA Technical Assistance

- OTA can assist facilities with:
 - Toxics use reduction
 - Environmental compliance
 - Energy efficiency
 - Resource conservation
- Both onsite and remote assistance are available
- After a site visit, OTA delivers a report with tailored recommendations



Frequently Asked Questions about OTA

Is OTA's work truly confidential?

Yes. OTA will **never** disclose anything about your company—not even that we worked with you—without your written permission.

What if I'm out of compliance with laws or regulations?

Then we'll help you get in compliance. We can't and won't report any violations.

What kinds of work has OTA done before?

Some companies have given us permission to talk about how we've helped them. Visit mass.gov/ota to see our case study library.

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