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Compliance Assistance Conference Announced



Ohio EPA will be hosting the fourth "Compliance Assistance Conference: Successfully Navigating Permits, Reporting and Inspections," at the Crowne Plaza Columbus North on May 28, 2008.

The full-day conference is targeted to small- to medium-sized businesses and others who need to know the basics about environmental compliance. Please note that if you represent a large operation looking for detailed information on more complex regulatory requirements such as Title V permits and reporting, the May conference does not cover these topics.

This event is similar to our conferences held in 2005, 2006 and 2007, covering a variety of environmental compliance-related topics, such as:

KEY POINTS FROM THIS ISSUE

- ☑ **May 28 compliance assistance conference**
- ☑ **New law mandates recycling for lead-acid batteries**
- ☑ **Reports due June 6 for minor source air permit holders**
- ☑ **Perc compliance notice due July 28 for dry cleaners**

- EPCRA, TRI and RMP Reporting;
- Air Permitting Basics and Reporting;
- Preparing for an Ohio EPA Inspection;
- Hazardous Waste Requirements Overview;
- Used Oil and SPCC Requirements;
- Reporting When Things Go Wrong;
- Solid Waste Basics;
- NPDES Permits and new Electronic (e-DMR) Reporting;
- Storm Water and Wetland Requirements for Construction . . . and more!

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We will also have staff from each program area available to answer questions throughout the day.

We hope you will consider joining us in May. The registration fee is \$75.00. You can get more information through our conference Web site at www.epa.state.oh.us/compliance_conference/.

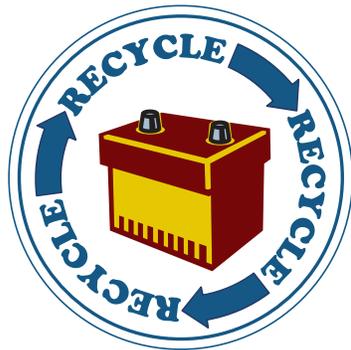
Space is limited, so register early! If you have questions, contact Laurie Stevenson by e-mail at laurie.stevenson@epa.state.oh.us or by phone at (614) 644-2344.



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New Law Requires Recycling for Lead-Acid Batteries

A new Ohio law, effective April 25, 2008, prohibits the disposal of some lead-acid batteries in solid or hazardous waste landfills. The law requires that these used lead-acid batteries are recycled in Ohio.



Batteries covered by the law include those batteries used in cars, motorcycles, boats and other forms of motive power. The law exempts batteries used in consumer products such as computers, electronic games, telephones, radios and similar electronics.

Specifically, the new law:

- prohibits anyone from mixing a used lead-acid battery with solid waste or disposing of a used lead-acid battery at a solid or hazardous waste facility;
- requires any person generating a lead-acid battery to deliver it to a retailer, a wholesaler, a secondary lead smelter, an automotive repair business, a household hazardous waste collection location or event or a lead-acid battery collection or recycling entity;
- requires retailers to deliver used lead-acid batteries to a wholesaler, a secondary lead smelter, a battery manufacturer (for delivery to a secondary lead smelter) or a lead-acid battery collection or recycling entity;
- requires wholesalers and retailers that sell lead-acid batteries to take back used lead-acid batteries from their customers; and
- requires retailers that sell lead-acid batteries to post a sign to inform customers about the new requirement to recycle batteries.

For questions and information about this new law, please contact Ohio EPA's Division of Hazardous Waste Management at (614) 644-2917 or view their fact sheet at www.epa.state.oh.us/dhwm/pdf/LeadAcidBatteryGuidance.pdf.

Air Emissions Reports Due June 6

If your facility received a blue "2006/2007 Non-Title V Air Emissions Report" in the mail, your emission report is due to Ohio EPA by June 6, 2008.



After receiving your completed report, the Agency will send you a fee invoice based on your emission levels. If you need assistance completing the report, contact the Office of Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention (OCAPP) at (800) 329-7518 or visit www.epa.state.oh.us/dapc/nontvfee.html for more information.

Dry Cleaners Compliance Notice Due July 28

All dry cleaners that use perchloroethylene (perc) must submit a Notification of Compliance Status Report to Ohio EPA and U.S. EPA by July 28, 2008. The report is required by U.S. EPA's regulations for perc dry cleaning facilities. OCAPP has a reporting form available in the 2008



Dry Cleaning Compliance Calendar and at www.epa.state.oh.us/ocapp/ocapp.html.

Wastewater Discharge Reporting Transitioning to New System

For entities using Ohio EPA's SWIMware for discharge reporting, this system is being replaced by a new online system called e-DMR, Electronic Discharge Monitoring Reporting System. The term, MOR (monthly operating report) is now being referred as DMR (discharge monitoring report).

The new Web-based reporting system is now available state-wide and accessible through any Internet connection. All SWIMware users are urged to transition to the new system within the next few submittals.

Ohio EPA's Division of Surface Water (DSW) is hosting several training events to help users understand the e-DMR system. For more information, visit

www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw/swims/eDMR/eDMR.html. See the Quick Links section for a drop-down box and DSW's upcoming training events.



What is Performance Track?

Environmental Performance Track (Performance Track) is a national program administered by U.S. EPA to help recognize companies that strive for continuous environmental improvement through environmental management systems, community outreach and measurable results.

Performance Track members strive for environmental excellence by going beyond their legal requirements. Members are required to set challenging yet measurable goals for their operations that will improve the environment, and report annually on progress toward their goals.



U.S. EPA places Performance Track members at low priority for routine inspections, and offers public recognition, networking opportunities and other benefits.

Since the program's inception in June 2000, Performance Track members report that they have collectively reduced their water use by 3.5 billion gallons; conserved more than 14,000 acres of land; increased their use of recycled materials by 135,000 tons; and reduced greenhouse gas emissions by more than 97,000 tons. Ohio facilities in the program currently committed to have some of the following environmental improvements:

- reduce water use by 64,500,184 gallons;
- reduce energy use or use renewable energy to eliminate 16,184 metric tons of carbon dioxide;
- decrease material use by 131 tons;
- decrease hazardous waste generation by 10.91 tons; and

- decrease air toxic emissions by 697 pounds.

Any U.S. facility, large or small, public or private may apply for membership in Performance Track. There are about 500 members in the program nationally including the following in Ohio:

- ✓ Arizona Chemical - Dover
- ✓ Battelle - Columbus
- ✓ Coca-Cola North America - Columbus Syrup Plant
- ✓ Ethicon Endo-Surgery, Inc. - Cincinnati
- ✓ Frito-Lay, Inc. - Wooster
- ✓ Georgia-Pacific Chemicals, LLC. - Columbus
- ✓ Marathon Petroleum Company, LLC - Findlay
- ✓ Mohawk Fine Papers Inc. - Beckett Mill - Hamilton
- ✓ Pfizer, Inc - Franklin
- ✓ Plastech Engineered Products, Inc.- Byesville
- ✓ PRO-TEC Coating Company - Leipsic
- ✓ Spartech Plastics - Paulding
- ✓ V&M STAR - Youngstown
- ✓ Xerox Corporation - Cincinnati
- ✓ YSI Incorporated - Yellow Springs

For more information about Performance Track, contact Mike Kelley of OCAPP at (614) 644-2930 or visit the Performance Track Web site at www.epa.gov/performance-track/about.htm.

Ohio Companies Receive Third Frontier Awards

On March 25, 2008, Lieutenant Governor Lee Fisher, chair of the Ohio Third Frontier Commission, announced more than \$12 million in grants to 17 Ohio entities to accelerate the development and growth of advanced energy from wind, solar, alternative fuel, energy storage and instruments, controls and electronics sectors.



The Third Frontier Advanced Energy Program is designed to help Ohio companies make technical progress toward the commercialization of advanced energy-related products for future applications. For more information about these awards, please visit www.odod.state.oh.us/newsroom/2008PR/releases/1877.asp.

Need Help?

Ohio EPA's Office of Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention is a non-regulatory program and one-stop location for information about environmental requirements, compliance concerns and pollution prevention. Services are free. Contact us at (800) 329-7518 or (614) 644-3469.

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