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P2 interns reduce environmental impact of 11 lowa companies

During the summer of 2018 the Iowa Pollution Prevention Intern Program placed 11 engineering students in companies across the state to complete assessments and provide recommendations on improving water conservation, energy conservation, and waste reduction.



These students hailed from

lowa State University and the University of Iowa, and are pursuing degrees in mechanical, chemical, industrial and electrical engineering.

The results are in and have been tabulated - in 2018, we had an exceptional group of students that recommended process and system improvements that could save lowa companies more than \$4.0 million dollars annually. Projects estimated to save host

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companies \$1.6 million annually have already been implemented or are in progress, and are expected to have the following environmental savings:

- 45 million gallons of water
- 323,760 kWh
- 763,005 therms
- 17 tons solid waste

Thank you to the host companies and students for continuing to make this program a tremendous success!

To request an intern project for 2019, download and complete a <u>request form</u> (pdf). Direct any questions or comments to Danielle Roseland, Intern Program Coordinator, at (515) 725-8363 or <u>danielle.dilks@dnr.iowa.gov</u>.

Upcoming Events

October 5 Iowa Groundwater Association Fall Conference Coralville

October 8 - 10 <u>Iowa Recycling & Solid Waste Management Conference</u> Council Bluffs

November 6 Strategic Goals Program Workshop: "RCRA E-Manifests" Des Moines

November 7 - 8 <u>lowa Energy Summit</u> Altoona

Hazardous waste container labeling standards



In October 2016, EPA finalized the <u>Hazardous Waste</u> <u>Generator Improvements Rule</u> (GIR), which provided an update to hazardous waste generator regulations to "...make the rules easier to understand, facilitate better compliance, provide greater flexibility in how hazardous waste is managed and close important gaps in the regulations." One update that came out of this new rule was more stringent container labeling requirements.

McCoy and Associates recently provided a well written summary of these more stringent standards in their *Compliance Corner*. <u>Click here</u> for access to their article. You can also find a more general summary of all the GIR updates, including the container labeling standards, in this recently published <u>EPA fact sheet</u>.

Looking to reduce your hazardous waste generation and associated costs? Not sure where to look, or even if it's possible? Let Pollution Prevention Services help you! Pollution prevention (P2) strategies consistently minimize waste generation by identifying source reduction strategies that reduce waste and make processes more efficient, thereby reducing costs. Contact us for more information about our no-cost assessment services.

Learn more about our program at www.iowap2services.com.

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