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**1. Pollution Prevention Services and the University of Iowa offering a Sustainable Systems course.** This class is also sponsored by the Center for Global and Regional Environmental Research and Pollution Prevention Services. To learn more please visit: [www.cgrer.uiowa.edu](http://www.cgrer.uiowa.edu)

**2. Iowa water quality standards have been approved by the EPA.** The revised standards adopted by the state December 15, 2004. The EPA approved revisions now can be implemented under the Clean Water Act. [more](#)

**3. The EPA is publishing the National Priority Chemicals Trends Report.** The Trends Report is used to track and analyze changes in the quantities of priority chemicals found in waste. The report evaluates the progress EPA and industry have made since 2001. To access the update and for more information:

[www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hazwaste/minimize/trends.htm](http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hazwaste/minimize/trends.htm)

**4. Area Source Exemption.** On December 9, 2005, the EPA issued a final rule to permanently exempt small facilities in five industries from the requirement to obtain federal operating permits. The facilities that would be exempted are known as "area sources" of toxic air pollution. To learn more please visit: [http://www.epa.gov/ttn/oarpg/t5/fact\\_sheets/asourceexem.html](http://www.epa.gov/ttn/oarpg/t5/fact_sheets/asourceexem.html)

**5. EPA is amending the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA).** Section 8(a) Inventory Update Reporting (IUR) regulations and extending the reporting cycle, modifying the timing of the submission period, further clarifying the new partial exemption for specific chemicals. For more information please visit: <http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/EPA-TOX/2005/December/Day-19/t24196.htm>

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 6. 2006 Annual Energy Analyst Workshop

is for Iowa licensed engineers and registered architects interested in being qualified to complete technical engineering analyses for DNR-sponsored energy management programs. Registrations are due February 10 for the workshop being held February 16. For more information please visit:

<http://www.iowadnr.com/energy/workshop/form.html>

### 7. Building A Sustainable Iowa Workshop Hosted by The Center on Sustainable Communities.

Marc Richmond, Vice President of What's Working, Inc. Boulder CO will teach the two-day training workshop for residential building professionals. The workshop will be February 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at the Hotel Fort Des Moines. For more information please visit:

<http://www.icosc.com/>

### 8. Food Processing Industry Efficiency

#### Initiative: A Workshop and Satellite Teleconference.

How will Your Organization Deal with Soaring Energy Costs? Attend the food processing workshop and teleconference to be held on March 9, 2006 at Kirkwood Community College at Iowa Hall, in Cedar Rapids. The workshop will provide information on energy efficiency, utility company programs and incentives and environmental management systems and pollution prevention. The teleconference focuses on sound, proven management strategies as well as innovative technologies and techniques used to reduce energy costs, increase productivity, and maximize profits. Please visit:

<http://www.ciras.iastate.edu/energy/nwfp.asp>

### 9. OSHA Regulatory Update: What's Hot ... and What's Heating Up.

Get up to speed fast in this regulatory update that's packed with late-breaking reports on today's evolving workplace issues, including ergonomics, violence in the workplace, the new needlestick and steel erection standards and other hot topics. Plus, you'll hear where regulators will be focusing in the near future, and you'll learn how to start preparing for tomorrow's challenges now. This conference takes place in Cedar Rapids on March 14, 2006. For more information or to register please visit:

<http://www.skillpath.com/seminfo.html/ST/CONOSHA>

### 10. Hazmat Transportation Workshops

provide a basic overview of the regulatory requirements – what they are, how they apply, and how to meet them – for shipping and transporting Hazardous Materials. A seminar is available at Des Moines Area Community College April 4. For more information please visit:

[http://hazmat.dot.gov/training/mods/Workshop\\_Schedule](http://hazmat.dot.gov/training/mods/Workshop_Schedule)

## FEATURED RESOURCE

### Solid Waste/Hazardous Waste

**11. Pollution Prevention Services** offers confidential and non-regulatory assistance at no cost. Companies can save money, increase profits, operate more efficiently and improve the environment through P2 practices. For more information, visit: [www.iowap2services.com](http://www.iowap2services.com)

### 12. The Solid Waste Alternatives Program

(SWAP) works to reduce the amount of solid waste generated and landfilled in Iowa. Through a competitive process, financial assistance is available for a variety of projects, including source reduction, recycling and education. The next application due date is April 1 For more information, visit:

<http://www.iowadnr.com/waste/financial/financialswap.html>

**13. Waste Matters** is published quarterly and includes articles and information relating to waste reduction and pollution prevention in Iowa. To view the current and archived issues, visit:

<http://www.iowadnr.com/waste/news/wastematters.html>

To sign up for a subscription please contact: Jill Cornell at [Jill.Cornell@dnr.state.ia.us](mailto:Jill.Cornell@dnr.state.ia.us)

**14. The Iowa Waste Exchange (IWE)** provides Iowa industries with smart solid waste management alternatives that result in both economic and environmental benefits. Free, confidential services are offered by contacting: 515.242.4906 <http://www.iowalifechanging.com/recycleiowa/exchange.html>

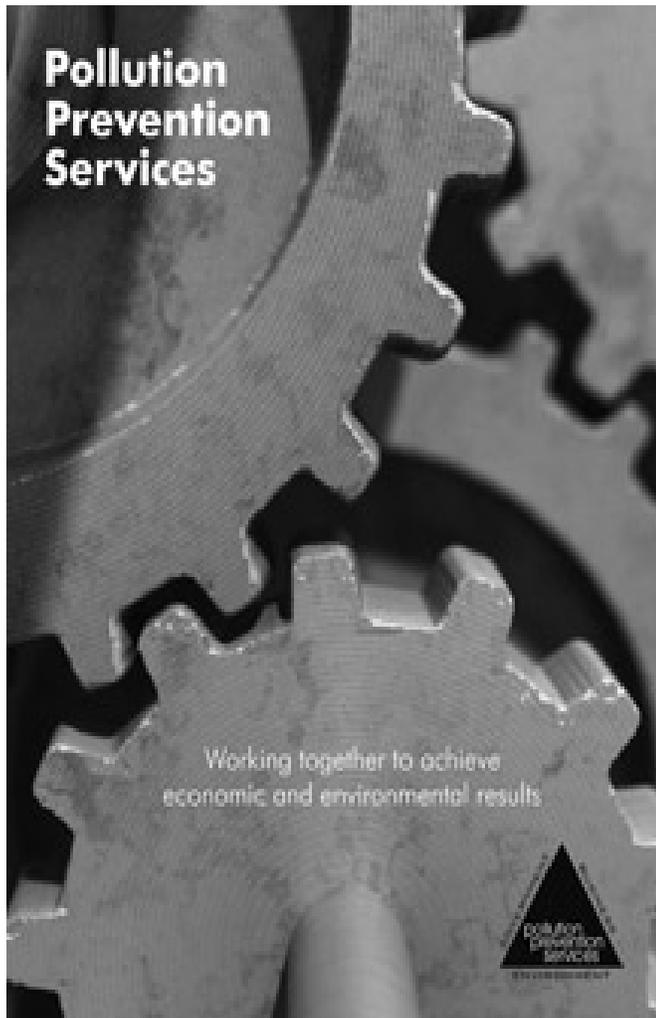
**15. The Iowa Environmental Assistance** page provides links to environmental compliance needs for your industry sector and frequently needed permit forms and guidance. For more information visit:

[http://www.iowa.gov/state/main/business\\_portal/regulatory\\_asis/environmental\\_asis.html](http://www.iowa.gov/state/main/business_portal/regulatory_asis/environmental_asis.html)

### 16. DNR Emergency Response & Homeland Security Unit (Environmental Hazardous Conditions)

The unit provides advice to local agencies and companies on how to meet emergency reporting requirements. A 24 hour Emergency Spill Response phone number 515-281-8694 or visit: <http://www.iowadnr.com/spills/index.html>

**17. The Materials Testing Service** works with Iowa's business and industry community in research and development of products containing recycled content materials. The service located at the University of Northern Iowa includes chemical, mechanical and physical property tests on a wide range of materials. For more information please visit: <http://fp.uni.edu/rtrtc/mts/default.asp>



**Pollution Prevention Services** is dedicated to saving clients money while having a positive impact on the environment. Visit our website to find out how our organization may be of assistance to you at [www.iowap2services.com](http://www.iowap2services.com)

If you no longer wish to receive this e-mail newsletter from Pollution Prevention Services, or have questions and input regarding the information provided, please contact: [Jeff.Fiagle@dnr.state.ia.us](mailto:Jeff.Fiagle@dnr.state.ia.us)  
We look forward to receiving feedback from you.

## **18. EPA Industrial Waste Management.**

American industrial facilities generate and dispose of approximately 7.6 billion tons of industrial solid waste each year. EPA and stakeholders developed tools to assist facility managers, state and tribal regulators, and the interested public in better addressing the management of land-disposed, nonhazardous industrial wastes. For more information please visit: <http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/non-hw/industd/index.htm>

**19. EPA National Partnership for Environmental Priorities Program (NPEP)** encourages public and private organizations to form voluntary partnerships with EPA that reduce the use or release of any of 31 [Priority Chemicals \(PCs\)](#). To learn more please visit:

<http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hazwaste/minimize/partnership.htm>

**20. EPA Subtitle C of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA)** regulates hazardous waste generators. A generator is any person, or site, whose processes and actions create hazardous waste. This site describes large quantity generators, small quantity generators and conditionally exempt small quantity generators with resources available in each category. For information please visit:

[http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/osw/gen\\_trans/generate.htm](http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/osw/gen_trans/generate.htm)

**21. RCRA Training Modules** is an archive of Call Center training modules that provide an overview of a specific regulatory topic. These modules are useful resources for people wishing to gain a general understanding of RCRA, but they are not comprehensive sources of regulatory information.

<http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hotline/rmods.htm>

**22. Environmentally Preferable Purchasing**

**(EPP)** products or services have a lesser or reduced effect on human health and the environment when compared with competing products or services that serve the same purpose. A number of web based tools are available. For more information please visit:

<http://www.epa.gov/opptintr/epp/tools/toolsuite.htm>

**23. Business Guide to Waste Reduction and**

**Recycling.** Learn how to assess current waste flow, evaluate local markets for recyclables, identify recycling opportunities for uncommon materials, and “close the loop” by purchasing recycled-content products. Please visit:

<http://www.greenbiz.com/resources/wastereduction/tools.cfm?LinkAdvID=7319>

**24. Solvent Alternative Guide (SAGE)** is a comprehensive guide designed to provide pollution prevention information on solvent and process alternatives for parts cleaning and degreasing. For more information please visit:

<http://clean.rti.org/>

**25. Hospitals for a Healthy Environment (H2E)** is

to educate health care professionals about pollution prevention opportunities in hospitals and health care systems. For more information on waste reduction, please visit: <http://www.h2e-online.org/tools/waste.htm>