



## OTA Outlook: August 2017

### Greetings!

If you work for or own a facility that uses toxic or hazardous chemicals in Massachusetts, the workshops and other resources below are designed to help you increase efficiency, prevent pollution and enhance compliance.

## Workshops and Events

### Next Toxics Use Reduction Planner Course Starts August 28, 2017

The Toxics Use Reduction (TUR) Planner course covers all aspects of Toxics Use Reduction Planning, and is a valuable learning experience for anyone interested in reducing material waste, reducing toxics use, and improving operational efficiency in any industry.

#### Attend if you are:

- preparing to take the MassDEP TUR Planner Certification Exam
- intending to become a General Practice TUR Planner
- intending to become a Limited Practice TUR Planner
- interested in the topics presented

[View more course details](#)

[Register for the 2017 Toxics Use Reduction Planner Course](#)

### Chemical Safety and Climate Change Resilience Trainings

#### About the trainings:

Through a grant from the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), The Massachusetts Office of Technical Assistance (OTA) and seven Regional Planning Agencies (RPAs) are conducting workshops designed to build awareness and educate Local and Regional Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs and REPCs), first responders, businesses and community

#### Who should attend?

- Local and Regional Planning Committees (LEPCs and REPCs)
- First responders
- City planners
- Department of Public Works personnel
- Municipal and state facility operators
- Local and state officials
- Publicly owned treatment works

stakeholders about toxic chemicals in their communities.

This effort will build sustainable and replicable models for incorporating toxics use reduction into emergency preparedness and climate change resiliency planning.

(POTWs)

- Public health personnel
- State HAZMAT teams
- Community groups
- Other interested parties

Note: These trainings have been approved for wastewater operator training contact hours.

[Learn more about the project](#)

[View the Training Schedule](#)

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## Central Massachusetts Business Environmental Network (CMBEN)

The Central Massachusetts Business Environmental Network (CMBEN) is a network of Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) managers and other EHS professionals serving industry in Central Massachusetts. They represent some of the region's largest businesses with years of experience in EHS management. Take advantage of this know how by attending informative sessions. **The next meetings are tentatively scheduled for:**



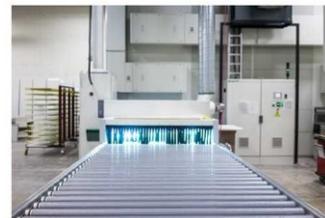
September 11, 2017 - ISO 14001:2015  
December 5, 2017 - Hazardous Materials Processing

[Join CMBEN to receive meeting invitations](#)

## Messages from OTA

### New Case Study: Toxics Use and Waste Reduction at Mark Richey Woodworking

Since 2008, Mark Richey Woodworking has purchased a solvent recycling unit, an ultrasonic spray gun cleaner, a robotic spray line, and prioritized the use of water based coatings to minimize the use and release to the environment of solvents and volatile organic compounds (VOCs).



[View case study](#)

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**Meet Jack Illingworth: OTA Environmental Analyst**

Jack Illingworth worked in the chemical manufacturing industry for over 40 years and joined the OTA technical assistance team in 2016.



He kindly agreed to respond to a few questions so that those who don't know him well can get a better idea of his background and personal interests.

[Read more](#)

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## About OTA

The Massachusetts Office of Technical Assistance & Technology (OTA) is the Commonwealth's center for technical information.

OTA's experts provide solutions that enable businesses to enhance their competitive position as they reduce the use of toxic chemicals, energy and water.

All OTA assistance is free and 100% confidential.

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