



OTA Outlook: April 2019

Greetings!

We've included resources to help facilities file annual toxics use reports, implement toxics use reduction and on-site renewable energy, and safely manage chemicals.

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TURA Reporting and Resources

Toxics Use Reports Due by July 1, 2019

Each Massachusetts facility subject to TURA is required to file an annual Toxics Use Report by July 1, 2019 for each TURA listed chemical used above reporting threshold during the previous calendar year.

For TURA, first reports for the use of hexabromocyclododecane (HBCD) over the 100 pound PBT Threshold, are due by July 1, 2019. This category includes both CAS # 25637-99-4 and 3194-55-6. First reports of this category for TRI were due July 1, 2018.

Get the MassDEP "[Changes to TURA Reporting for Reporting Year 2018](#)" document that has been updated as of April 2019.

[View TURA Reporting Information](#)

TURA Reporting Workshops 2019

Reporting workshops, offered at no charge annually to assist TURA filers, have been scheduled for the following dates and locations in 2019. Each workshop will offer the same content.

Dates and Locations:

April 25, 2019 - Fall River, MA
[Get Details and Register](#)

May 16, 2019 - Worcester, MA
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May 21, 2019 - Greenfield, MA
[Get Details and Register](#)

May 29, 2019 - Newburyport, MA
[Get Details and Register](#)

Free and Confidential TURA Reporting Assistance

For assistance with threshold determinations, chemical use calculations, and other TURA reporting questions, contact OTA at (617) 626-1080 or fill out this [request form](#).

Upcoming Events and Trainings

Webinar: Preparing Facilities and Communities for Severe Weather

May 1, 2019

Get a demonstration of an online mapping tool to identify climate change-related vulnerability factors near your facility and learn the importance and value of building strong partnerships between businesses and local government as part of emergency preparedness planning. TUR Planners can receive 1 credit for this webinar.



[Learn more and register](#)



"MassDEP's Multi-Media Inspection: What to Expect"

May 14, 2019

To get more information about this and other workshops available through the Central Mass Business Environmental Network (CMBEN), contact Marina Gayl at Marina.Gayl@Mass.Gov.

Save the Date: Champions of Toxics Use Reduction Event

June 13, 2019

The annual event honoring Champions of Toxics Use Reduction will take place at the Massachusetts State House.

[Stay tuned for updated information.](#)



Resources for Facilities



Toxics Use Reduction Grants

TURI invites grant proposals for projects that reduce toxic chemical use in businesses and communities. Funds can be used to offset the cost of technology, safer products, workshops, and materials. [Submit your proposal by Friday, June 21, 2019.](#)

Community grants can include those focused on outreach, training and technical assistance for facilities to improve emergency preparedness.

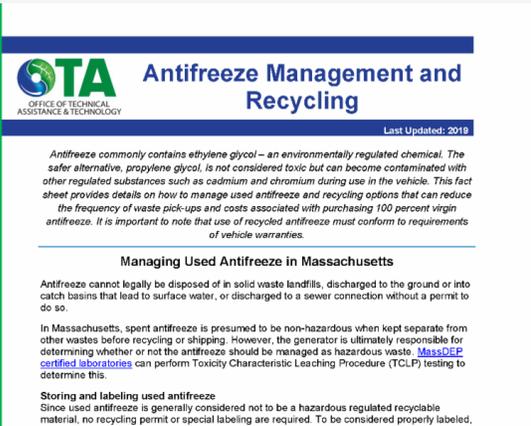
[See the list of funded projects from 2018.](#)

What You Should Know About Installing On-Site Renewable Energy for Your Massachusetts Business

The Office of Technical Assistance and Technology (OTA) is committed to helping businesses cut energy costs, reduce dependence on fossil fuels, and minimize greenhouse gas emissions by installing on-site renewable energy. This fact sheet addresses some of the most common questions regarding renewable energy systems in Massachusetts.



View and download the [What You Should Know About Installing On-Site Renewable Energy for Your Massachusetts Business fact sheet](#)



Antifreeze Management and Recycling

Produced as part of OTA's [Massachusetts Clean Auto Repair \(MassCAR\) Guide](#) for Auto Shops, this fact sheet has been updated with information about requirements for properly managing used antifreeze according to Massachusetts regulations.

Further questions about antifreeze management can be directed to Marina Gayl at Marina.Gayl@Mass.Gov.

[View and download the Antifreeze Management and Recycling fact sheet](#)

Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances

In May 2016, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a lifetime Health Advisory (HA) of 70 parts per trillion (0.07 ug/L) for the combination of two PFAS chemicals, PFOS and PFOA, in drinking water.

In June 2018, due to similar health concerns, MassDEP established an Office of Research and Standards Guideline (ORSG) level for drinking water that extended the EPA advisory to include the following three additional PFAS chemicals: PFNA, PFHxS, and PFHpA, because these compounds share very similar chemical structures and the available data indicates they are likely to exhibit similar toxicities. [Learn more about this group of contaminants in the environment, find out where they have been found and what Massachusetts is doing to address them.](#)

Since 2016, the [TURA Science Advisory Board](#) has reviewed available hazard information for PFAS. Summaries of the Science Advisory Board's findings are available on the [Toxics Use Reduction Institute website](#).

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The [Massachusetts Office of Technical Assistance & Technology \(OTA\)](#) provides solutions that enable businesses to enhance their competitive position as they reduce the use of toxic chemicals, energy and water.

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