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OTA News Summer 2020

Greetings!

This issue includes information about OTA services, important regulatory updates, and more.

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Now Available: Virtual Site Visits

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the Office of Technical Assistance and Technology (OTA) has continued to assist our clients with their environmental safety and compliance needs. Now, we're pleased to add virtual site visits to our roster of services. Contact one of our specialists to set up a virtual site visit to receive free, confidential assistance tailored to your needs.

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Additional relevant COVID-19 resources include:

- The Toxics Use Reduction Institute's (TURI) [Safer Cleaning and Disinfecting Fact Sheet](#) for manufacturers and businesses
- The State of Massachusetts [Safety Standard Guidance for Manufacturers](#)

PFAS Additions to the US EPA Toxics Release Inventory

172 PFAS chemicals were [recently added](#) to the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Toxics Release Inventory (TRI). **Companies are now required to track their use of these listed chemicals**, with reporting due to US EPA on July 1, 2021. The TRI also includes a [supplier notification](#) clause to help you identify which products contain

reportable PFAS chemicals. We've prepared a [notification letter template](#) to help you reach out to your suppliers about this

Your [OTA industry expert](#) is happy to provide free and confidential technical assistance and will be reaching out to companies with guidance in initiating contact with your supplier or reviewing your inventory.

TURA Deadline Updates

MassDEP has extended reporting and planning deadlines for the TURA Plan Summary and Report to **November 1, 2020**. Visit MassDEP's websites for updated [TURA reporting](#) and [TUR planning](#) deadlines, and for general [program information](#).

TUR Planner certifications that expire prior to July 10, 2020 are extended until **October 1, 2020**. For more information about emergency updates to licensure requirements, click [here](#).

If you have questions about TURA Program reporting or planning, click here to contact Lynn Cain.

TNEC Training: COVID-19 and Worker Safety

The New England Consortium (TNEC) at UMass Lowell is offering a [free 2-hour training course](#) to support businesses in protecting worker health and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic. The course will cover:

- Assessing And Controlling Risk
- Job Hazard Analysis
- Workers' Rights
- Workplace Exposure Control & Prevention
- Safely Using Cleaning & Disinfecting Solutions
- Chemical Safety / Chemical Safety Data Sheets
- Protecting Your Health At Work
- Personal Protective Equipment For Cleaning & Disinfecting
- Cleaning & Disinfecting Delivery Systems
- Mental Health & Well Being During Crisis

This course will be offered from 10am to 12pm on the following dates (follow links to register):

- [Tuesday, August 4th](#)
- [Thursday, August 6th](#)
- [Tuesday, August 18th](#)
- [Thursday, August 20th](#)
- [Tuesday, August 25th](#)

- [Thursday, August 27th](#)

Going Above and Beyond in the Time of COVID-19

The TURA Program thanks all the manufacturers, suppliers, and frontline essential businesses and workers who are going above and beyond the call of duty to protect the public during this health crisis.

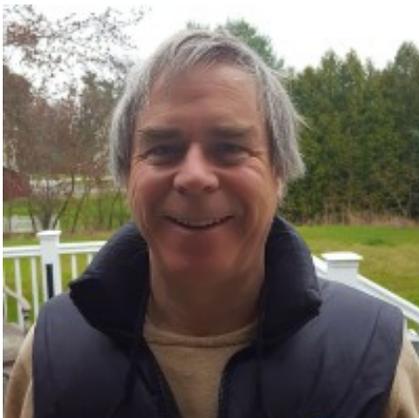
Special thanks to Massachusetts businesses who have been donating personal protective equipment and other needed supplies to local hospitals and other healthcare facilities, or who have shifted their operations to produce medical supplies.

[Blue Hills Regional Technical School](#) , [Checon](#) , [Gillette](#) , [North Atlantic Corp](#) , [Ranfac](#) , [Suffolk Construction](#) , and [United Solutions](#) are among the hundreds of Massachusetts businesses and organizations that have donated personal protective equipment and other equipment from their inventories to local healthcare facilities.

Companies including [Hazen Paper](#) , [Houghton Chemical](#) , and [MS Walker Inc](#) . have been manufacturing hand sanitizer and disinfectants. Other companies have begun manufacturing personal protective equipment, including [99 Degrees Custom](#) , [Batten Bros](#) . , [Dependable Cleaners](#) , [Joseph Abboud](#) , [Lovepop](#) , [Merrow Manufacturing](#) , [New Balance](#) , [Shawmut Corporation](#) , [Symmons Industries](#) , [Synventive](#) , and entrepreneurs at the [WorLab incubator](#) .

If your company is going above and beyond, OTA would like to recognize you! Click here to tell us your story.

Farewell and Congratulations, Rich



OTA and the entire TURA Program offer a fond farewell to Rich Bizzozero following his retirement in April. Rich was Director of OTA for 13 of his 29-year tenure at the agency, dedicating his life to making Massachusetts a safer place to live and work through helping companies pursue and accomplish toxics use reduction.

Rich has played key roles in several TURA initiatives and has worked collaboratively on projects with other state and federal agencies. He has developed and led numerous trainings on regulatory compliance and pollution prevention for industry, and

for state and federal personnel. In 2015, Rich received EPA's Environmental Merit Lifetime Achievement Award.

Massachusetts businesses appreciate the regulatory advice and recommendations, money-saving strategies, recommendations on improved working conditions, and technical solutions that have come from Rich's guidance. TURA Program partners admire Rich for his



hard work and dedication to businesses, the public and the environment. OTA staff honor Rich for his compassionate mentorship through encouraging staff leadership and creativity, while ever advancing progressive chemical policy and lasting partnerships.

Rich Bizzozero has been a model for outstanding service in state government. We thank Rich for his years of service and wish him all the best.

Welcome, Caredwen

We're pleased to welcome Caredwen Foley to OTA as our new Communications Analyst. Caredwen develops case studies, guidance documents, and other materials to support OTA staff and clients. She also coordinates outreach to prospective clients and manages OTA's communications and social media. Caredwen is a graduate student in Environmental Health at the Boston University School of Public Health, with a particular focus on toxicology and risk assessment. Prior to joining OTA, Caredwen worked for many years in elementary and secondary education research and consulting. She holds a bachelor's degree in Government from Smith College.



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