



OTA Outlook, an electronic newsletter produced by the Massachusetts Office of Technical Assistance and Technology (OTA), focuses on best practices in toxics use reduction, pollution prevention, energy efficiency and water conservation. The newsletter highlights information to help companies comply with environmental, health and safety requirements in ways that improve operational efficiency and competitiveness.

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Industry news

MassDEP Announces Toxics Use Reduction Program Reporting Amnesty

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) has announced an enforcement amnesty from **April 9, 2015, through June 30, 2016**, for facilities that voluntarily disclose past failure to file one or more Toxics Use Reduction Act, M.G.L. Chapter 21I (TURA) Annual Chemical Use Reports (Form S's). MassDEP recognizes that there may be companies that are subject to TURA that are not aware of the reporting requirements 310 CMR 50.00 and legal obligations, or that have been reporting under TURA but have inadvertently missed one or more chemicals. For more information on the enforcement amnesty, contact Walter Hope at walter.hope@state.ma.us or call (617) 292-5982.

Four New Higher Hazard Substances now Reportable

The newly classified Higher Hazard Substances are Cyanide Compounds (TURA #1016), n-Propyl Bromide (CAS 106-94-5), Dimethylformamide (CAS 68-12-2), and Hydrogen Fluoride (CAS 7664-39-3). Tracking the use of these substances is required beginning in calendar year 2016, and the first reports are due to MassDEP by July 1, 2017. The new reporting threshold for these substances is 1000 pounds for all uses. Find more information on reporting on the [MassDEP website](#) or contact [OTA](#) at (617) 626-1060 for confidential technical assistance.

nPB now Reportable under TRI

In November, EPA published a final rule that added 1-bromopropane (nPB) to the TRI list of reportable chemicals. nPB is reportable for calendar year 2016, with the first reporting forms due from TRI facilities by July 1, 2017. Find more information on the EPA [website](#).

TURA Program 25th Anniversary Video

Watch the TURA Program 25th Anniversary highlight video on YouTube [here](#)!



Publications Updates

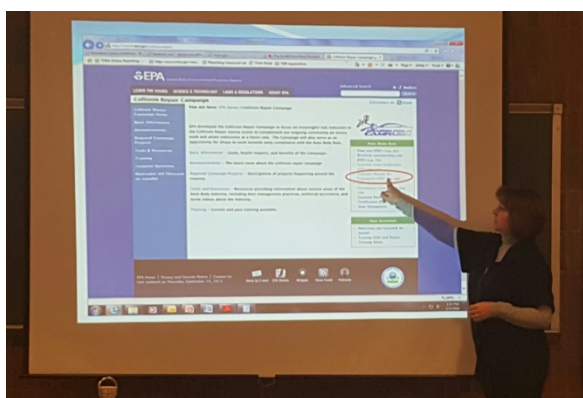
MassDEP Reporting Guidance on Cyanide Compounds now Online

As of reporting year 2016, Cyanide Compounds has been designated as a Higher Hazard Substance (HHS), lowering the reporting threshold to 1,000 pounds. The new threshold will apply to cyanide compounds use in calendar year 2016, which will be reported on Form S reports due July 1, 2017. MassDEP's document provides guidance on how cyanide use is reported in compliance with the Toxics Use Reduction Act and is available [here](#).

MassDEP Reporting Guidance on Hydrogen Fluoride now Online

As of reporting year 2016, hydrofluoric acid, also known as hydrogen fluoride (HF) will be designated as a higher hazard substance (HHS) under TURA, lowering the reporting threshold to 1,000 pounds. This is effective for reports covering use in calendar year 2016 and due July 1, 2017. MassDEP's guidance document explains the new reporting requirements and provides general reporting guidance for HF and is available [here](#).

Trainings & Events



MassCAR Trainings Offered by OTA

The Massachusetts Office of Technical Assistance (OTA) is proud to offer six MassCAR trainings on auto shop environmental health, safety and compliance. The trainings are categorized into auto body or auto repair. All trainings will be held from **6pm to 8pm** at vocational schools throughout the Commonwealth. The full schedule and more information are available [here](#).

Upcoming TUR Advisory Committee Meeting – February 4, 2016

The next meeting of the Advisory Committee to the TUR Administrative Council will be on Thursday, February 4 from 1 PM to 4 PM. The meeting will be held in the Saltonstall Building, 100 Cambridge Street in Boston, in Conference Room D on the 2nd Floor.

Resource Conservation Training Day 2 – January 27, 2016

This workshop provides specific guidance and examples for water and energy conservation, and reduction of materials found in solid waste. Full day attendance qualifies for the energy conservation and reduction of solid waste credits required for initial RC certification and may also be used towards RC recertification. For more information or to register for the training, go to the [TURI website](#).

Save the Date: Continuing Education Conference – April 14, 2016

The Continuing Education Conference will be held in Chicopee, MA. Share your ideas for the conference! Please send requests for topics you would like to see covered, or a presentation you would like to offer, to [Mark Myles](#).

ABOUT OTA

The Office of Technical Assistance and Technology (OTA) is the Commonwealth's center for technical information and assistance, and solutions that enable businesses to enhance their competitive position as they reduce the use of toxic chemicals, energy and water. For additional information about OTA's advisory services, which are provided on a confidential basis at no cost to Massachusetts businesses, call (617) 626-1060, or visit our web site: <http://www.mass.gov/eea/ota>.

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