



Pacific Northwest Pollution Prevention Resource Center

practical solutions for economic and environmental vitality

The Pacific Northwest Pollution Prevention Resource Center (PPRC) is the leading regional nonprofit providing practical, on-the-ground technical assistance to businesses, public agencies, and nonprofits seeking to conserve resources & improve economic performance.

OUR PROGRAMS:

- TOXICS & WASTE REDUCTION
- RESOURCE EFFICIENCY
- INFORMATION RESOURCES
- E3 (Economy, Energy, Environment)



CONTACT US FOR:

- Sector-based environmental certifications and trainings
- Free pollution prevention info, tools, and research
- Research into best environmental practices and alternatives, life-cycle impacts, toxics and greenhouse gas reduction options
- Green assessments with Lean and system approaches
- Fiscal agency and grant management as a 501c3 partner



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Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) Project

PPRC has partnered with Interstate Distributor, a large Tacoma-based trucking firm, and Freightwings, a manufacturer of aerodynamic skirts for tractor trailers, to help implement one of the trucking industry's largest installation of sideskirts. To date, 754 trailers were fitted with sideskirts, saving 1,706,547 gallons of diesel fuel and preventing 1,332 tons of GHG from reaching the atmosphere.

Spray Technique Applied Research (STAR) Training

STAR training provides painters with the skills needed to reduce paint usage. This in turn reduces air emissions and toxic material usage, as well reducing the risk of employee exposure and saving the company money. In 2010, the program provided STAR/NESHAP training to 250 students, industrial and automotive painters; estimated annual reduction in paint usage was 10,185 gallons; annual reduction in air emissions was 67,750 lbs; and savings to area businesses was \$3,062,500.

Lean and Green Services

PPRC provides free assistance to identify environmental opportunities that are synergistic and complementary to lean. PPRC serves as a networking "hub" of lean and environmental service provider for lean and environment projects in Region 10. Over the past several years, PPRC has assisted companies in projects that have saved these companies over \$500,000, reaping savings in energy, water, and wastes. PPRC also helps facilitate the National Pollution Prevention Roundtable's Lean and Environment Workgroup to help participants mesh lean strategies with sustainable business practices.

Oregon Eco-Logical Business Program

PPRC participates in Oregon's Eco-Logical Business (EcoBiz) Program via outreach to businesses in the automotive and landscape industries. This certification program promotes best management practices for air and water quality, and solid and hazardous waste. Additionally, it serves as a free information resource for businesses interested about the environmental impacts of operations. To date, EcoBiz has certified 130 automotive businesses and 19 landscaping companies.

PBT Reduction Plans and Training

PPRC is assisting the Oregon Association of Clean Water Agencies (ACWA) in developing pollution prevention (P2) plans to help implement SB 737, a state law requiring wastewater treatment plants to remove persistent bio-accumulative toxins (PBT) from their effluent.

Washington Hospital/Healthcare Sector Outreach

PPRC worked with the Washington Department of Ecology (WDOE) to develop a compendium of web-based tools helping health care providers (including clinics, dentists, veterinarians and day surgery centers) reduce toxic materials and resource inefficiencies, and incorporate non-toxic products into their operations and services.

Information Services

PPRC provides P2 information and solutions in a variety of formats, including a daily news feed, webinars, Requests for Proposals, and an events calendar. PPRC also hosts an annual conference providing businesses and agencies with practical information and networking opportunities.

Topic Hubs

PPRC collaborates with other P2 centers nationwide to develop 70+ sector-based compendiums of waste reduction information and resources. Our latest Topic Hub on Climate Change was published this year and is available on our website.

Rapid Response Service

PPRC offers businesses and agencies up to five hours of free research into the environmental aspects of a specific question. We've completed over 30 rapid responses this year on topics such as environmentally preferable purchasing, alternatives to toxic materials or processes, industrial checklists, climate change, green design, and more. Most can be found on our website.

P2 Results Measurement Tool

This web-based measurement tool meets the need for an effective, efficient way for analyzing and presenting P2 results regionally as well as nationwide. The tool utilizes data collected, managed, and synthesized by state and local government programs, nonprofits, companies, and other P2 organizations. This data has been used by federal EPA, states and municipalities to demonstrate the value to businesses and taxpayers of pollution prevention activities.

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