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NW non-profit helps regional surface coaters achieve reductions, compliance with training
PPRC approaching 100th training with seven months remaining before new EPA law takes effect

Seattle, WA—June 7, 2010 — The Pacific Northwest Pollution Prevention Resource Center (PPRC) is completing its 100th training to manual spray coaters in the Northwest region this month. This education helps local businesses achieve significant resource reductions while bringing them into compliance with new EPA laws.

Last year, the STAR (Spray Technique Analysis and Research) training program, developed and presented by PPRC's **Industry Outreach Manager Ken Grimm**, saved shops with manual spray coating operations almost **\$2.5 million; 10,000 gallons** of paint; and reduced **55,000 lbs** of toxic air emissions. In addition to the material savings, the training has helped minimize health and environmental impacts associated with the sometimes toxic industry.

"It's surprising how big an aggregated effect spray coating has on our air quality," said Grimm. "It's equally surprising how easy it is to reduce that impact and save money."

With seven months remaining before the January 11, 2011, deadline, all shops that have manual surface coaters on staff must have completed the STAR training to be in compliance with the new EPA/6H NESHAP (National Emission Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutants) laws.

For more information on the program, visit www.pprc.org/star.

JUNE STAR TRAININGS IN PACIFIC NORTHWEST

- June 9 - *Townsend Marine (multiple companies in attendance), Port Townsend, WA*
- June 10 - *Special Interest Autobody (multiple companies in attendance), Everett, WA*
- June 21 - *Spray Kustom, Boise, ID*
- July 14 - *GM Nameplate, Seattle, WA*

About PPRC

The **Pacific Northwest Pollution Prevention Resource Center (PPRC)** is the leading regional non-profit that provides practical, on-the-ground technical assistance to businesses, public agencies, and non-profits that are seeking to conserve resources and improve economic performance. **PPRC's** projects include lean and the environment for industry, various environmental

trainings in the form of webinars, environmentally preferable purchasing, green office training, fiscal agency, and the Spray Technique Applied Research (STAR) training for painters. PPRC also provides research that includes development of best management practices, life-cycle analysis, toxics and greenhouse gas (GHG) footprinting, and a free research program for a specific environmental issue or question.

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